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Commanding Officer
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Colonel Falvey served as the Commanding Officer, Marine Forces Reserve, Legal Services Support Section, from November 2008 to November 2010. Colonel Falvey began his Marine Corps career as a Tank Officer in 1981 and served as a tank platoon commander, battalion adjutant, and Anti-Tank (TOW) Company Executive Officer. In 1984, he was selected for the Marine Corps Funded Legal Education Program and attended law school at the University of Notre Dame. As a judge advocate, Colonel Falvey was initially assigned to Camp Pendleton, California, where he served as a trial counsel or defense counsel in over 250 courts-martial. He also served as the Senior Judge Advocate for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). In 1990, he attended the Judge Advocate General's School of the Army. He was subsequently assigned as the Deputy Head, Military Law Branch, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Colonel Falvey left active duty in 1994. From 1994 to 1998, Colonel Falvey served as a special courts-martial judge for the Piedmont Judicial Circuit, Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In 1998, he served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for Operational Law at U.S. Central Command, and was mobilized from September 13, 2001, to September 30, 2002, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In this capacity, he worked closely with various agencies of the U.S. Government on matters related to the Global War on Terrorism and deployed to Afghanistan. Subsequently, Colonel Falvey served as an Appellate Judge for the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

In his civilian capacity, Colonel Falvey is the District Counsel, Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As District Counsel, Colonel Falvey supervises the District legal staff and is responsible for resolving issues related to statutory and regulatory compliance, government contracting and fiscal law, labor and employment law, environmental law, claims, real property, standards of conduct/ethics, procurement fraud, and litigation. Previously, Colonel Falvey served as an Assistant United States Attorney, in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. As a member of the National Security Unit, he was responsible for investigating and prosecuting matters involving national security including individuals and organizations that engage in foreign counter-intelligence, espionage, and those who plan, financially support, or carry out international and domestic terrorist activities. Colonel Falvey also served as the District Office Security Manager, the principal security official for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, responsible for implementing and overseeing the district's physical, information, personnel, computer, and communications security programs.

Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Colonel Falvey was a Professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law from 1999-2007 and the University of Detroit School of Law from 1994-1998, where he taught Evidence, Trial Advocacy, Military Law, National Security Law, and Criminal Law and Procedure. A recognized expert in international criminal law, Colonel Falvey, drafted rules of evidence and procedure for the International War Crimes Tribunal for Yugoslavia and he has written several articles pertaining to criminal law, the law of war, and the global war on terrorism.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (x2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Colonel Falvey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame Law School, and a Master of Laws specializing in criminal law from the Judge Advocate General's School.