



Capt Thomas Koch was commissioned as a Combat Engineer Officer in the United States Marine Corps after graduating from the United States Naval Academy. His first fleet tour was at Marine Wing Support Squadron 272, where he served as a Combat Engineer Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer. During Operation Enduring Freedom 11.1, he deployed as a Detachment Officer in Charge of a mixed MWSS detachment in northern Helmand Province. Upon return from that deployment in October 2011, he reported to 2d Combat Engineer Battalion for duty as the Headquarters and Service Company Commander. From March to May of 2012, he temporarily trained with a Security Force Assistance Advisor Team which never deployed. In June 2012, he returned to 2d Combat Engineer Battalion for duty as the Company C Commander. He deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 12.2 in October 2012. Company C was in direct support of Regimental Combat Team 7, which was the Ground Combat Element for the OEF MAGTF. Upon return from this deployment, he reported for duty as a CY14 Marine Corps Congressional Fellow.