

## Major Gary A. Keefer Commanding Officer Company I Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



Major Keefer graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in May 2005 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. After completing The Basic School and Ground Intelligence Officer training he reported to First Battalion, Third Marines in August 2006.

At First Battalion, Third Marines, Second Lieutenant Keefer served as the Scout Sniper Platoon Commander during the battalion's deployment to Haditha, Iraq from February to November 2007. Upon redeployment, First Lieutenant Keefer became Battalion Intelligence Officer in May 2008 through the battalion task force's deployment to Karmah, Iraq from July 2008 to March 2009.

In June 2009, Captain Keefer reported to The Basic School where he served for 10-months as a Warfighting Instructor, then as a Staff Platoon Commander for Company D. In December 2010, Captain Keefer was selected to serve as an instructor at the Infantry Officer Course (IOC) where he remained until July 2012 when he reported as a student to Expeditionary Warfare School.

Captain Keefer reported to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in September 2013, and deployed to Moron, Spain as the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Intelligence Officer for the Special Purpose MAGTF – Crisis Response from October 2013 to January 2014 where he participated in Operations NEW NORMAL and OAKEN SONNET.

Captain Keefer deployed again with the 24th MEU from Dec 2014 to July 2015 to Central Command as the MAGTF Assistant Intelligence Officer where he participated in the joint planning and execution in support of two U.S. personnel withdraws from Yemen and U.S. Ambassador visits to Yemen. Captain Keefer also served as the J-2 Intelligence Operations Officer for the Joint Combined Planning Cell, the organization responsible for providing U.S. support to the Saudi-led, Gulf Cooperation Council's Operation RESTORE HOPE.

After returning from deployment in July 2015, Major Keefer transferred to Expeditionary Operations Training Group where he served for 10-months as the Intelligence Officer. In August 2016, Major Keefer reported to Command and Staff College.

Major Keefer is a graduate of the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course and the MAGTF Intelligence Officer Course. He is a distinguished graduate of both Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College and holds a Master of Military Studies degree from Marine Corps University.

Major Keefer is married to the former Blythe Myers of Marietta, Georgia. They have two children, Jackson (4) and Annabelle (2).