



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK F. SCHAEFER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

A native of Deerfield, IL, LtCol Schaefer enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve after graduating High School in Feb 1995. After completing boot camp and Marine Combat Training, he reported to Ground Radio Repair School in 29 Palms, CA.

After completing school in July 1996, he was transferred into the reserves. LtCol Schaefer reported for duty with Marine Wing Communications Squadron-48, Fort Sheridan, IL as a Ground Radio Repairman (MOS: 2841). During the summer of 1997 and 1998, he attended Officer Candidates School through the Platoon Leaders Course. After completing a BS degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Western Illinois University, he was commissioned a 2ndLt on December 18, 1999.

Upon completing TBS in June 2000, he reported to Pensacola, FL to attend the Naval Cryptologic Officer Basic Course. In December 2000, LtCol Schaefer reported to 1st Radio Battalion as a Signals Intelligence Officer (MOS: 0206). During his tour at Radio Bn, LtCol Schaefer deployed in support of the 31st MEU A-03 and OIF II.

From January 2005 to July 2007, LtCol Schaefer commanded Company G, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, Menwith Hill, UK.

From August 2007 to November 2008, LtCol Schaefer was the S-2 officer at 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and graduated from MAGTF Intelligence Officers Course (MOS: 0202). Additionally, he deployed with 3d Battalion, 4th Marines to Iraq in support of OIF 08.1 as their S-2 officer. In November 2008, LtCol Schaefer assumed the duties as the S-2 officer for 7th Marine Regiment and from October 2009 to October 2010, he deployed with the Regiment to Afghanistan in support of OEF 9.2 and 10.1.

From December 2010 to April 2012, LtCol Schaefer was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency. From May 2012 to May 2014 LtCol Schaefer was a plans officer at HQMC Intelligence Department.

From July 2015 to May 2017, LtCol Schaefer was the S-2 officer at the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit and deployed with the MEU aboard the WASP Amphibious Readiness Group in 2016 supporting combat operations in Libya.

In June 2017, LtCol Schaefer assumed command of Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion.

LtCol Schaefer is a distinguished graduate from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and holds an MA degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma.

LtCol Schaefer is married to the former Dana Martin of Blue Springs, MO and they have two children: Luke (age 5) and Andrew (age 3).