

Danielle E. Thomas

Lieutenant Colonel, USMC

Incoming Commanding Officer, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



Lieutenant Colonel Danielle Thomas was commissioned in May 2004 after graduating from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree of Science in Oceanography. Following completion of The Basic School, Tactical Cryptologic Communications Course, and the Naval Cryptologic Officer Basic Course, she reported to 3d Radio Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Headquarters Group (MHG) in May 2005.

From August 2005 to March 2006, she served as the Operations and Control Analysis Center Watch Officer, Collections Manager, and Assistant Platoon Commander deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In June 2006, 1stLt Thomas was assigned and deployed as the Signals Intelligence Detachment Officer-in-Charge (OIC) for 3d Radio Battalion in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Upon return from the MEU, 1stLt Thomas' platoon was deployed (July 2007) to Zamboanga, Philippines in support of Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM PHILIPPINES.

In June 2008, 1stLt Thomas was selected and assigned as a Junior Officer Cryptologic Career Program (JOCCP) intern at Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion (MCSB). While assigned to MCSB, she worked in various offices and deployed from July 2010 through January 2011 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM AFGHANISTAN.

Upon graduation from JOCCP in May 2011, Captain Thomas reported to 1st Radio Battalion, I MHG as a Company Commander. Captain Thomas served as the B Company Commander from May 2011 to March 2013 deploying in support of Regional Command Southwest and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM AFGHANISTAN. In March 2013, Captain Thomas was assigned as Operations Officer, 1st Radio Battalion.

In September 2014, Major Thomas reported to I Marine Expeditionary Force G2 as an action officer.

In June 2015, Major Thomas reported to Command & Staff College (CSC), Marine Corps University and subsequently graduated with a Masters in Military Studies.

After completion of CSC, Maj Thomas was assigned as the Headquarters Marine Corps Special Technical Operations Chief, Strategy and Plans Division, Plans, Policies and Operations. In June 2018, Major Thomas departed the Pentagon and assumed duties as the Intelligence Officer, I MEF Information Group (MIG).

After her promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in July 2020, LtCol Thomas assumed the duties of Executive Officer, I MIG.

She married her husband, Adam Thomas, in 2009 while both were active duty Marines. He has since left the Marine Corps and completed his third year in a Doctorate of Clinical Psychology program. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas and her husband, Adam, have two young daughters, Lorelei and Zara. They reside in Annapolis, MD.