



MSgt Christopher M. Thomason
Senior Enlisted Marine
Company I
Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



MSgt Thomason enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 1998 from Fort Worth, TX and attended MCRD San Diego. Upon completion of recruit training, PFC Thomason attended the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, CA where he was trained as an 0341, Infantry Mortarman. He then attended the Marine Corps Security Forces (MCSF) School in Chesapeake, VA. Upon completion of that training, PFC Thomason checked in to MCSF Co London, UK. There, LCpl Thomason served as a security guard in various US Navy facilities as a watchstander, and eventually, as Corporal-of-the-Guard. In May 2000, LCpl Thomason executed orders to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Weapons Co, 81mm Platoon on Camp Lejeune, NC where he served as an A-Gunner, Gunner, and Team Leader. While there, Cpl Thomason deployed with the 24th MEU in 2001 to the Mediterranean. In Feb 2002, Cpl Thomason ended his active service. During this period he worked in restaurant management. From Mar 2004 to Aug 2005, SrA Thomason served as a supply clerk in the US Air Force Reserves for the 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron on Barksdale AFB in Bossier City, LA. In Aug 2005, Cpl Thomason reenlisted in to the Active Duty Marine Corps, executing a lateral move to become a Special Communications Signals Collection Operator/Analyst.

Cpl Thomason was assigned to 2nd Radio Battalion aboard Camp Lejeune, NC where he served as a MIMMS Clerk, Operations Clerk, and Training NCO. In 2007, Sgt Thomason attended the Communication Signals Collection and Processing Course (450) in Pensacola, FL. In 2008, Sgt Thomason deployed to the Kandahar and Helmand Provinces in Afghanistan with the 24th MEU where he served as a Team Leader. In Feb 2009, SSgt Thomason executed orders to CID Corry Station, Pensacola, FL to be an instructor at the 450 course. While there, SSgt Thomason served as an Instructor, Platoon Commander, and Operations Chief. At the end of his tour there, GySgt Thomason attended the Joint Cyber Analyst Course to gain the additional MOS of 2611 (Cryptologic Digital Network Technician/Analyst). He then executed orders to MCSB Co B, Fort Meade, MD in Aug 2011. There he served as an Emerging Threats Analyst. In Nov 2011, GySgt Thomason was selected for a joint assignment to the Joint Communications Integration Element where he served as an Analyst and Team Leader. In Aug 2015, GySgt Thomason executed orders to 3rd Radio Battalion aboard MCBH Kaneohe Bay, HI. While there, he served as Platoon Sergeant, Company Operations Chief, and Future Operations Chief. In Aug 2018, MSgt Thomason received orders to his current assignment.

MSgt Thomason's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

MSgt Thomason is originally from Azle, TX. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Cyber Security from the University of Maryland University College, awarded in 2016. He is married to the former Carol Grooms from Beaufort, SC and has five children, Jeffrey (29), Ethen (27), Holden (21), Anna (15), and Olivia (14).