



Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion Company D

Command Philosophy



Biography

Born in Long Island, New York, Major Carr enlisted into the Marine Corps and graduated Parris Island recruit training with a meritorious promotion to PFC in 1993. In 1994, after completing Marine Combat Training (MCT) and the Personnel Admin Course, PFC Carr was sent back to Parris Island as an 0151 administrative clerk where he processed recruits alongside Drill Instructors at the Recruit Admin Center (RAC). In the spring of 1994 Cpl Carr was then assigned to the Recruit Training Regiment (RTR) as the Regimental Safety NCO as well as administrative clerk for the S4. In search of greater opportunities Cpl Carr applied for the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program and after two attempts was selected to attend BOOST in Newport, Rhode Island. Subsequently, Sgt Carr attended Savannah State University and graduated with honors in 2001 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

After earning his commission under the Marine Enlisted Commissioning and Education Program in 2001, First Lieutenant Carr underwent the longest Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training pipeline attending The Basic School and Naval Flight Training. He was ultimately assigned to VMA-231 in 2006. After four years of flying a myriad of aircraft (Cessna, Turbo Mentor, Buckeye, Goshawk, and multiple variants of the Harrier) Capt Carr capitalized on an opportunity to take his aviation experience to the intelligence community. In 2007 Capt Carr attended the MAGTF Intelligence Officer's Course (MIOC) and obtained the 0202 MOS. Capt Carr was then assigned to the Intelligence Advisor billet for the First Brigade, First Iraqi Army Division (MiTT 0110) in Ramadi, IZ. Capt Carr's MiTT team, commanded by Col Charles Western, and Iraqi's initiated the 2008 Battle of Basra where he was awarded the combat action ribbon and Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (NMCCM) with combat "V" device for actions taken under multiple instances of enemy fire.

After 16 months with the MiTT Capt Carr was assigned to the 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division Intelligence Officer Billet under then Colonel Paul Kennedy. Nearly six months later Capt Carr was then assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment (2/2) as the Intelligence Officer under then Lieutenant Colonel John E. McDonough where he was awarded another NMCCM for actions performed during OEF in southern Afghanistan. Following Afghanistan Capt Carr was selected to be the first intelligence officer Monitor to run the newly created MAC-2331. After a rewarding and successful tour building MAC-2331 Maj Carr was subsequently selected on the highly competitive Commandant's Professional Intermediate-level Education Board (CPIB) where he attended Command & Staff College and attained his Master's in Military Studies Degree.

Maj Carr was then assigned to III MEF G2 as the Collections Manager where he provided collections support to Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Key Resolve and the Korea based Command Post Exercise. Additionally, during OPERATION DAMAYAN Maj Carr managed all collections assets as the JTF 505 J2 Collections Manager for the disaster response to the Philippines and was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his efforts. He also provided Collections support using organic, theater and national assets in December 2014 post Typhoon Hagupit in the Philippines, and during HADR support after the earthquake in Nepal.

As mentioned above, Maj Carr's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals with one Combat Distinguishing Device for valor, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, and a Combat Action Ribbon.