



**MAJOR DAVID M. SNIPES
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**



David M. Snipes enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1999 and earned the 2674, Spanish Cryptologic Linguist military occupational specialty (MOS), before reporting to Company B, Marine Support Battalion on Fort Meade, MD in 2001 for duty as an analyst with the National Security Agency. After two years in an analyst capacity, Sgt Snipes assumed instructor duties at the National Cryptologic School. In 2004, Sgt Snipes applied for and was selected to participate in the Marine Enlisted Education and Commissioning Program (MECEP). He then detached from Co. B in 2005 and reported to the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin).

Staff Sergeant Snipes graduated from UT Austin with a simultaneous major in Latin American Studies and Government and accepted a commission as a second lieutenant in 2007. From The Basic School, he completed the Marine Air/Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Counterintelligence/Human Source Intelligence (CI/HUMINT) Basic Course to earn the 0204 MOS. Second Lieutenant Snipes reported to 1st Intelligence Battalion in 2009 serving briefly as a Human Exploitation Team OIC, then as an action officer before detaching to the I MEF Headquarters Group (MHG) for deployment. In March 2010, 1stLt Snipes deployed for a year to Camp Leatherneck, Helmand, Afghanistan as the Intelligence Officer for the I MHG (Forward), supporting Regional Command-Southwest rear area operations and base security for Camp Leatherneck.

First Lieutenant Snipes returned from Afghanistan in March 2011 and assumed duties as Executive Officer of the CI/HUMINT Support (CI Support) Company, 1st Intel Bn. In October of that year, he completed the MAGTF Intelligence Officer's Course to receive the 0202 MOS. First Lieutenant Snipes was also selected that year by the inaugural Commandant's Career-Level Education Board and slated to attend Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) in Quantico, VA. In March 2012, Capt Snipes became the acting commander of CI Support Company until departing for EWS the following June.

After graduating EWS in May 2013, Capt Snipes reported to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in Okinawa, Japan as the Assistant Intelligence Officer (S-2A). During his two years with the MEU, Capt Snipes participated in Operation DAMAYAN and numerous theater security cooperation exercises with regional Asia-Pacific partners. He detached from the 31st MEU in June 2015 and reported to the III MEF G-2 section where he served as the Operations Officer, responsible for managing intelligence support requirements and operations across the Asia-Pacific region and preparing the G-2 section for Joint Task Force certification. Captain Snipes departed Okinawa in June 2016 for duty as the first USMC intelligence exchange officer to the Australian Deployable Joint Force Headquarters / Army 1st Division in Brisbane, Queensland. Major Snipes was promoted to his current rank in November 2017 and assumed command of Company D, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA in June 2018.

Major Snipes' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with gold star), and the Good Conduct Medal (with bronze star). Major Snipes is also graduate student at Western New Mexico University pursuing a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Spanish and Political Science expecting to graduate in 2018.

Major Snipes is married to the former Bonnie Walton of Hamilton, Texas with whom he has six children; Cooper, Ashlyn, Emmalyn, Fischer, Harrison, and Hollyn.