



Brigadier General John K. Love **Director, Operations Division, Plans, Policies & Operations**

Brigadier General Love is the Director of Operations; Plans, Policies and Operations; Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

A native of Abilene, TX, he obtained the rank of Corporal in the Marine Corps Reserves before receiving a commission in 1984 following graduation from Texas Tech University.

In 1985 he was assigned to 1st Marine Division where he served in 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. In 1989 he transferred to Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Jacksonville, FL. In 1992 he attended the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, VA.



From 1993 to 1997 he was assigned to 2d Battalion, 8th Marines. In 1997 he attended the Army Command and General Staff College where he obtained a Master of Military Art and Science degree. From 1998 to 2001 he was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL where he served one year each as a Ground Plans Officer, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commander, and Deputy Director of the Commander's Action Group. During that period he graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College.

In 2001 he assumed command of Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry (West), Camp Pendleton, CA. In 2003 he served as the USMC Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC. In 2004 he was assigned as Head, Homeland Defense Branch, Security Division, PP&O, HQMC. From September 2005 to March 2006 he deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM as the Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Director of Operations, Iraqi Joint Headquarters. Upon return he served as Head, Ground Combat Element Branch, Operations Division, PP&O, HQMC.

In 2007 he returned to 2d Marine Division as Commanding Officer, 8th Marine Regiment. He deployed as Regimental Combat Team 8 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 09. From January through July 2010 he served first as the 2d Marine Division G-3 and then as the Division Chief of Staff.

Upon promotion to Brigadier General he served from 2010 to 2012 as the Chief of Staff, Naval

Striking and Support Forces NATO in Naples, Italy. From 2012 to 2014 he served as Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force and Commanding General, 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Brigadier General Love has been married for 28 years. He and his wife have two sons, a veteran Marine sergeant and a Marine second lieutenant, and a Marine second lieutenant daughter-in-law.