

Major Byers enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2000. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from The Citadel, a Master's degree in Management from The University of Maryland, a Master's degree in Public Policy from George Mason University, an honor graduate of the Amphibious Ship Loader Planning Course, a distinguished graduate from the Expeditionary Warfare School, and a graduate of the Command and Staff College.

From 2001 – 2006, he served as a Military Working Dog Handler; deploying to the Middle East in 2001 and 2004 in Support of Operation Desert Shift and Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2006 – 2008, he attended The Citadel and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and subsequently assigned as a Logistics Officer (0402).

From 2009 – 2012, he served as the Logistics Officer for 2D BN, 2D Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; deploying to Southern Helmand Province, Afghanistan in 2010 and in 2011 with Battalion Landing Team 2/2, 22D MEU, USS Bataan, in support of U.S. European, African, and Central Command areas of responsibility supporting operations in Libya and bilateral training in Djibouti and Romania.

From 2012 – 2016, he was assigned to 3D Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina as a Series Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander.

From 2016-2018 Major Byers served as the Logistics Officer and Executive Officer for MWSS-271, Cherry Point, NC. In 2017, he deployed for 10 months to Lash-Kar-Gha, Afghanistan as a Train, Advise, and Assist military advisor as part of Task Force South West in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel.

From 2018 – 2020, he served as a Logistics Officer for MAG-14, Cherry Point NC as well as the military representative for the Sight Activation Task Force (SATF) in support of the Joint Strike Fighter re-capitalization and military construction programs aboard the installation.

From December 2021 – January 2022, Major Byers served as the Department of Defense, U.S. Marine Corps, Congressional Fellow to Senator Joe Manchin III, (D – WV).

Major Byers is currently assigned to the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, as the Portfolio Manager for the Deputy Commandant for Information and the Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration.

Major Byers' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, The Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award and Combat "C" distinguishing device), The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (Bronze Star in lieu of second award), Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Volunteer Service Medal.

Major Byers is married to the former Ms. Kelsey Lingenfelder and they have two daughter, MacKenzie (17) and Madyson (15).

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