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**Expeditionary Warfare School**

*Graduation Ceremony*

**7 May 2026**

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# Lieutenant General William J. Bowers

*Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve  
Affairs*

Throughout his career, he has served in every Marine Expeditionary Force, in every element of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, and in most parts of the supporting establishment. He was commissioned in 1990 after graduating with distinction from Virginia Military Institute with a B.A. in History. After completing The Basic School

and Marine Corps Engineer School, he served in a variety of assignments in the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii from 1991-1994, deploying to Southwest Asia and locations in the Pacific. In June 1994, he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and served as a Series Commander, Company Commander and Regimental S-3A. After graduation from the U.S. Army's Engineer Officer Advanced Course in May 1997, he reported to 7th Engineer Support Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California and served as S-3A, Charlie Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer.

In June 2000, he reported to Recruiting Station Lansing, Michigan and served as Commanding Officer until July 2003. In August 2003, he reported to the Naval Command and Staff College in Newport, Rhode Island, and then attended the School of Advanced Warfighting at Quantico, Virginia. He checked into III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan in 2005 and served as the Operational Planning Team Branch Head for G-3, Future Operations. From Okinawa, he deployed to Iraq and served as a Plans Team Leader for Multi-National Force Iraq. He assumed command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 in Beaufort, South Carolina in May 2007. After deploying with the squadron to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008-2009, he relinquished command in May 2009 and reported as a student to the National War College in Washington D.C. In June 2010, he reported to the Joint Staff, J-5 Directorate as the Strategy Concepts Branch Chief.

From 2012-2015, he commanded the 6th Marine Corps District at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. From 2015-2017, he served as the Military Assistant to the 33rd and 34th Assistant Commandants of the Marine Corps. In July 2017 upon selection to Brigadier General, he was assigned as the President, Marine Corps University and Commanding General, Education Command. In July 2019, he assumed duties as Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific - Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, on Okinawa, Japan. He assumed command of Marine Corps Recruiting Command in July 2022 and became the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs in August 2025.

Lieutenant General Bowers' personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (with gold star), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with two gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was the "Combat Engineer Officer of the Year" in 1998. He is married, and has three daughters.





# Colonel Christopher T. Steele

*Director, Expeditionary Warfare School*

Colonel Christopher Steele enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1994 and, after graduation from the University of North Georgia, was commissioned in 1998. Colonel Steele completed The Basic School and Infantry Officer's Course in 1999. He was then ordered to report to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

From 2000 to 2003, Colonel Steele served as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer,

and Assistant Operations Officer. During this time, he completed two deployments to Japan. Upon completion of his tour with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, Colonel Steele served as a Basic Officers Course Instructor in Quantico, Virginia. After the conclusion of this tour, he attended Expeditionary Warfare School from 2005 to 2006 and was then ordered to report to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines. Colonel Steele executed two deployments in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM during his time with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines. He served as the Assistant Operations Officer during his first deployment, and the Commanding Officer of Company G during his second deployment.

Upon completion of his time with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, Colonel Steele was reassigned to Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic (EWTGLANT). From 2008 to 2011, Colonel Steele served as an Amphibious Warfare Instructor. Upon completion of his tour at EWTGLANT, Colonel Steele attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia. He then received orders to report to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines for service as the Battalion Executive Officer. Colonel Steele served as the Executive Officer for Battalion Landing Team 1/4 from 2012 to 2014 and completed a WESTPAC deployment in support of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Upon completion of this tour, he was ordered to report to the 13th MEU Command Element, where he served as the Executive Officer and Operations Officer. Prior to the execution of his second deployment in support of the MEU, Colonel Steele was promoted and ordered to report to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines for service as the commanding officer. Colonel Steele commanded 2/7 from June 2015 to December 2016. During this time, the battalion deployed as the Ground Combat Element (GCE) in support of the Special Purpose Marine Air / Ground Task Force, Crisis Response, Central Command (SPMAGTF-CR-CC). Upon completion of his tour with 7th Marines, Colonel Steele attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

From 2018 to 2020, Colonel Steele served as the Special Plans Branch Chief within NORAD and USNORTHCOM's Strategy, Policy, and Plans Directorate. Colonel Steele then received orders to report to III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan. From 2020 to 2021, he served as the III MEF Current Operations Officer. In June of 2021, Colonel Steele returned to 1st Marine Division to assume command of 5th Marine Regiment. He commanded the 5th Marine Regiment from June 2021 to June 2023. Upon conclusion of this tour, Colonel Steele was ordered to report to the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs for service as the Chief of Staff. In July of 2024, Colonel Steele transitioned to the Expeditionary Warfare School, where he currently serves as the Director.



# EWS Staff and Faculty



Col Christopher T. Steele .....	Director
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Maj Ryan C. Berger.....	Faculty Advisor CG 5
Maj Austin S. Pile .....	Faculty Advisor CG 6
Maj Andrew C. Cruz.....	Faculty Advisor CG 7
Maj Jordan D. Zajac.....	Faculty Advisor CG 8
Maj Nathan A. Berg.....	Faculty Advisor CG 9
Maj Sarah King.....	Faculty Advisor CG 10
LT Matthew D. Esper .....	Faculty Advisor CG 11
Maj Andrew J. Rudd.....	Faculty Advisor CG 12
Maj Ross M. Ochs.....	Faculty Advisor CG 13
Maj Adam J. Kohler.....	Faculty Advisor CG 14
Maj Kyle W. Wilmouth .....	Faculty Advisor CG 15
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Dr. Todd T. Holm .....	Professional Communications
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Capt Christopher S. Deddo.....	Support Officer
Sgt Jorge A. Cervantesandrade.....	Administration Chief
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Mr. Deandre T. Bradley .....	Audio Visual Technician

# 2026 Award Winners



General Roy S. Geiger Award .....Capt Joseph Z. Brown

International Military Student Award .....Capt Guo Kai Alvin Ng

Krulak Center Award for Innovation and Future Warfare .....Capt Brian C. Krulak

Captain Larry K. Shipman Memorial Award ..... Capt Riley J. Whitsitt

Major Walter M. Murphy Memorial Award .....Capt Ashlynn M. Kennedy

Lieutenant Colonel Earl “Pete” Ellis Memorial Award ..... Capt Meghan Rodriguez

Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award .....Maj Jay C. Stell

Colonel Donald G. Cook Memorial Award .....Capt Joshua B. Siler

First Lieutenant Harry L. Martin Memorial Award .....Capt Joel Hernandez

US Field Artillery Award .....Capt Michael A. Fernandez

Major General Michael Ennis Intelligence Award .....Capt Michael D. Biskupic

Gazette Writing Award 1st Place .....Capt Elizabeth Schilder

Gazette Writing Award 2nd Place ..... Capt Carly Donner

Captain Patrick M. Rapicault Memorial Award .....Capt Kao-Pu Chang

Lieutenant General John J. Yeosock Memorial Award .....Capt Zeyad Alaidroos

Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Writing Award.....Capt Mario Fajardo

Mutter Marines Command and Control Writing Award.....Capt Anna E. Johnson



# Distinguished Graduates



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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Capt Frank Africano - USMC, CG 1    | Capt Michael Fernandez - USMC, CG 9   |
| Capt Marco McGavick - USMC, CG 1    | Maj Jacob Rea - USMC, CG 9            |
| Capt Ashlynn Kennedy - USMC, CG 1   | Capt Peter Kim - USMC, CG 9           |
| Capt Joseph Brown - USMC, CG 2      | Capt Jacob Marvell - USMC, CG 10      |
| Capt Joshua Siler - USMC, CG 2      | Capt Brian Krulak - USMC, CG 10       |
| Capt Kasey Stavig - USAF, CG 2      | Capt Christopher Wehner - USMC, CG 10 |
| Capt Chris Hernandez - USMC, CG 3   | Capt Nicholas Novak - USMC, CG 11     |
| Capt Josh Arvizo - USMC, CG 3       | Capt Blaine Mainz - USMC, CG 11       |
| CPT Jillian Skahill - USA, CG 3     | Capt Joshua Moore - USMC, CG 11       |
| Capt Charles Eshenour - USMC, CG 4  | Capt Riley Whitsitt - USMC, CG 12     |
| Capt Phil Badrov - USMC, CG 4       | Capt Daniel Labore - USMC, CG 12      |
| Capt Shane Turner - USMC, CG 4      | Capt James Winnefeld - USMC, CG 12    |
| Capt Guo Kai Alvin NG - IMS, CG 5   | Capt Dakota Skinner - USMC, CG 13     |
| CPT Justin ElstonHurdle - USA, CG 5 | Capt Sam Odell - USMC, CG 13          |
| Capt Kevin Karaffa - USMC, CG 5     | Capt Joshua Owens - USMC, CG 13       |
| Capt Russell Johnson - USMC, CG 6   | Capt Drew Tykwinski - USMC, CG 14     |
| Capt Kylee Daitz - USMC, CG 6       | Capt Michael Biskupic - USMC, CG 14   |
| CPT Alexandria Feys - USA, CG 6     | Capt Kenneth St. Cyr - USMC, CG 14    |
| CPT Nick Gajda - USA, CG 7          | Capt Benjamin Vazirani - USMC, CG 15  |
| Capt Joshua Grose - USMC, CG 7      | Capt Michael Guerci - USMC, CG 15     |
| Capt Greggroy Kingston - USMC, CG 7 | Capt Brook McCluskey - USMC, CG 15    |
| Capt Samuel Koranda - USMC, CG 8    | Capt Riley White - USMC, CG 16        |
| CPT David Reed - USA, CG 8          | Capt James Thompson - USMC, CG 16     |
| Capt Joseph Terstenyak - USMC, CG 8 | Capt Justin Vetterl - USMC, CG 16     |



## **Conference Group 1**

*Major Patrick Healy*

Capt Michael Adamerovich - USMC  
Capt Frank Africano - USMC  
Capt Joseph Aiello - USMC  
Capt Jose Arroyo - USMC  
CPT Michael Boyles - USA  
Capt Michael Buckley - USMC  
CPT Michael Herlihy - USA  
Capt Muhammad Fazal Kabeer -  
Pakistan  
Capt Ashlyn Kennedy - USMC  
Capt Jeremy Kohler - USMC  
Capt Thomas Latimer - USAF  
Capt Marco McGavick - USMC  
Capt Jay Sanley - USMC  
Capt Rahul Singh - USMC  
Capt Dmytro Smirnov - Ukraine



## **Conference Group 2**

*Major Paul Zimmerman*

Capt Michael Aguuilera - USMC  
Capt Andrew Allum - USMC  
Capt Logan Bartholomew - USMC  
Capt Aidan Bray - USMC  
Capt Joseph Brown - USMC  
Capt Israel Campechanouribe - USMC  
CPT Demetrius De Moors - USA  
CPT Hunter Dempster - USA  
Capt Austin Gregson - USMC  
Capt Michael Liset - USMC  
Capt Wesley Medeiros - USMC  
Capt Matthew Myers - USMC  
Capt MK Se-Mwami - Kenya  
Capt Joshua Siler - USMC  
Capt Kasey Stavig - USAF

## **Conference Group 3**

*Major Kevin Redmond*

Capt Zeyad Alaidroos - USAF  
Capt Joshua Arvizo - USMC  
Capt Collin Bish - USMC  
Capt Samuel Bray - USMC  
Capt Nicholas Christopoulos - USMC  
Capt Andrew Comstock - USMC  
Capt Garrett Conlon - USMC  
Capt Carly Donner - USMC  
Capt Christopher Hernandez - USMC  
Capt Patrick Janaszewski - Germany  
Capt Dillon McNeill - USMC  
Capt Michael Peluso - USMC  
CPT Jillian Skahill - USA  
Capt Dominick Tranfaglia - USMC



## **Conference Group 4**

*Major Nicholas Hoeksema*

Capt Philip Badrov - USMC  
Capt Jesse Brackeen - USMC  
Capt Patrick Brown - USMC  
Capt Tara Calhoun - USMC  
CPT Sam Carlson - USA  
Capt Joey Eckert - USMC  
Capt Charles Eshenour - USMC  
Capt Joseph Goddard - USAF  
Capt Michael Howard - USMC  
Capt Andrew Huston - USMC  
Capt Dillon McDermott - USMC  
Capt Kwanyong Park - South Korea  
Capt Taylor Roberson - USMC  
CPT John Scheffler - USA  
Capt Jonathan Turner - USMC

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*Major Ryan Berger*

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Capt Christian Blason - Italy  
Capt Brian Carroll - USMC  
Capt Jarrett Cavanagh - USMC  
Capt Sean Cooper - USMC  
CPT Justin Elstonhurdle - USA  
Capt Zechariah Engwall - USMC  
Capt Mario Fajardo - USMC  
Capt Timmy Gross - USAF  
Capt Kevin Karaffa - USMC  
Capt Jestin Krech - USMC  
Capt Guo Kai Ng - Singapore  
Capt Courtney Smith - USMC  
Capt Spencer Smith - USMC



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Capt James Contreras - USMC  
Capt Kylee Daitz - USMC  
CPT Alexandria Feys - USA  
Capt Michael Fierro - USMC  
Capt Benjamin Garduno - USMC  
Capt Richard Garzon - USMC  
Capt Joel Hernandez - USMC  
Capt Arius Holness - USAF  
Capt Russell Johnson - USMC  
Capt Jessica McLaughlin - USMC  
Capt William Osterman - USMC  
Capt Hamed Saifeddine - Tunisia  
Capt Travis Smith - USMC

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Capt Cristov Dosev - USMC  
Capt Jordan Eberle - USMC  
CPT Nick Gajda - USA  
Capt Joshua Grose - USMC  
Capt Eric Hodgdon - USMC  
Capt Taichi Inagaki - Japan  
Capt Greggery Kingston - USMC  
CPT Margaret Oriani - USA  
Capt Aubrey Sapp - USAF  
Capt Trevor Solberg - USMC  
Capt Theodoor Steber - USMC  
CPT Jacob Steblein - USA



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United Arab Emirates  
Capt Brandon Crowder - USMC  
Capt Matthew Dolak - USMC  
Capt Blake Foss - USMC  
Capt Samantha Guerrero - USMC  
Capt James Kaatz - USMC  
Capt Hayden Knudson - USMC  
Capt Samuel Koranda - USMC  
Capt Evan Lee - USMC  
Capt Patrick Lumsden - USAF  
Capt Samuel Parsons - USMC  
CPT David Reed - USA  
Capt Codi Swenson - USMC  
Capt Joseph Terstenyak - USMC

## **Conference Group 9**

*Major Nathan Berg*

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Capt Michael Fernandez - USMC  
Capt Bradley Ferner - USMC  
Capt Patrick Fulgham - USMC  
Capt Luke Hawkins - USMC  
Capt Anna Johnson - USMC  
Capt Dahn Kim - USMC  
Capt Peter Kim - USMC  
Capt Ziv Kulas - Israel  
Capt Torres Marrero - USAF  
Maj Jacob Rea - USMC  
Capt Jacob Shackle - USMC  
Capt Samuel Sturm - USMC  
Capt Allen Gaong Waeyan - Phillipines  
CPT Wesley Yeung - USA



## **Conference Group 10**

*Major Sarah King*

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Capt Kyla Kleege - USMC  
Capt Brian Krulak - USMC  
Capt Joshua Langley - USMC  
CPT Marina Lareau - USA  
Capt Conrad Littlefield - USMC  
Capt Jacob Marvell - USMC  
Capt Ian McVey - USMC  
Capt Ryan Meehan - USMC  
Capt Engga Permadi - Indonesia  
Capt Nicholas Riggs - USMC  
Capt Ivan Rupert - USAF  
Maj Jay Stell - USMC  
Capt Christopher Wehner - USMC  
Capt Timothy Wingert - USMC

## **Conference Group 11**

*Lieutenant Matthew Esper*

Capt Kao-Pu Chang - Taiwan  
Capt Ryan Dalquist - USMC  
Capt Patrick Espinoza - USAF  
Capt Jacob Fairbanks - USMC  
Capt Frederick Freibott - USMC  
Capt Zacharias Grader - USMC  
CPT Samantha Lovern - USA  
Capt Blaine Mainz - USMC  
Capt Joshua Moore - USMC  
Capt Chang Ngweyna - USMC  
Capt Nicholas Novak - USMC  
Capt Jacob Parker - USMC  
Capt Cristian Quinones Roa - Colombia  
Capt Robert Reading - USMC  
Capt Elizabeth Schilder - USMC



## **Conference Group 12**

*Major Andrew Rudd*

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LT Patrick Cartwright - USN  
Capt Owen Dawson - USMC  
Capt Federico Giuliano - Italy  
Capt Daniel Labore - USMC  
Capt Paxton Manney - USMC  
Capt Jacob Nelson - USMC  
Capt Daniel O'Brien - USMC  
Capt Patrick Riley - USMC  
Capt Katherine Schumann - USMC  
Capt Anthony Sico - USAF  
CPT Christian Timana - USA  
Capt Nolan Uribe - USMC  
Capt Riley Whitsitt - USMC  
Capt James Winnefeld - USMC

## **Conference Group 13**

*Major Ross Ochs*

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Capt Hovsep Chaparian – USMC  
LT Ricky Latimore – USN  
CPT Paul Lawless – USA  
Capt Sam Odell – USMC  
Capt Joshua Owens – USMC  
Capt Gregorios Patatanes – Greece  
CPT Adan Pierre – USA  
Capt Michael Posey – USMC  
Capt Barnave Seguy – USMC  
Capt Anthony Singleton – USMC  
Capt Dakota Skinner – USMC  
Capt Jonathan Toves – USAF  
Capt Preston Towers – USMC  
Capt Samuel Yanez – USMC



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*Major Adam Kohler*

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Capt Michael Biskupic - USMC  
Capt Jacob Hopkins - USMC  
Capt Spencer Miller - USMC  
Capt Jonathan Replogle - USMC  
Capt Meghan Rodriguez - USMC  
Capt Jon Schumann - USMC  
LT James Shannon - USN  
Capt Kenneth St Cyr - USMC  
Capt Daniel Teriele - USMC  
Capt William Thomas - USMC  
Capt Drew Tykwinski - USMC  
CPT Jonathan Whitworth - USA  
Capt Shervin Williams - USAF  
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*Major Kyle Wilmouth*

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CPT Chad Caswell - USA  
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Capt Michael Guerci - USMC  
Capt William Hogan - USMC  
Capt Eric Jones - USMC  
Capt Brook McCluskey - USMC  
Capt Kevin Nguyen - USMC  
Capt Thatchaphong Sutantangjai - Thailand  
Capt Tijn Van Zantvoort - Netherlands  
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Capt Orion Vedral - USMC  
Capt Coral Warren - USMC  
Capt Andrew Wood - USMC  
Capt Franklin Yost - USMC



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*Major Kyle Wilmouth*

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Capt Joshua Jobe - USAF  
Capt Stephen Joslyn - USMC  
Capt Matthew Kreitzer - USMC  
Capt Peter Kusick - USMC  
CPT Kera Olsen - USA  
Capt Paul Rispoli - USMC  
Capt Anthony Rossi - USMC  
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Capt James Thompson - USMC  
Capt Gillian Valli - USMC  
CPT Justin Vetterl - USA  
Capt Riley White - USMC  
Capt Cody Wooley - USMC

