

Colonel Thomas J. Gordon, USMC

Colonel Gordon was born in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1991 he graduated from The Citadel and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. After completing The Basic School and the Armor Officers Basic Course he reported to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division where he served from 1992 to 1995. He then received orders to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), Parris Island where he served as Echo Company Commander, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Following completion of the Armor Officers Advance Course in 1998, Captain Gordon was transferred to 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division where he served as the Company Commander of Bravo and Alpha Companies, as well as the Battalion's Assistant Operations Officer. In 2000 he was reassigned to 8th Tank Battalion where he served as the Inspector Instructor in Syracuse, New York. After mobilizing the unit in 2003, he was assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) G-3 as a Watch Officer for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



After returning from Iraq in 2003, Major Gordon was transferred to USCENTCOM J-3 where he served as an Action Officer and a Plans Branch Chief. During his tour he served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, and Qatar coordinating the force rotations and coalition support.

Transferred to Okinawa in the summer of 2006, Lieutenant Colonel Gordon was assigned to the III MEF G-3 where he served as the Current Operations Officer and Operations Officer for 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB). As the 3d MEB G-3 for SEA ANGEL II, he executed disaster relief operations in the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

In June 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Gordon assumed command of 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, California. During his command tour, he stood up 3d CEB as the Acting CO. In 2010, the Battalion formed the core of a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) in support of the Commander, European Command's Theater Security objectives. As the Commander of the first Black Sea Rotational Force, he led targeted security cooperation activities with ten partner nations in the Caucasus, Balkan, and Black Sea regions.

Relinquishing command in the summer of 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Gordon completed his senior level education tour as the Commandant's Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for Academic Year 2010-11.

In June 2011 Colonel Gordon deployed with the MEF (Forward) as the Lead Planner and Liaison Officer for the drawdown in Afghanistan. In 2012 Colonel Gordon assumed the duties as the Marine Forces Central Command Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, G-3.

In 2014, Colonel Gordon assumed Command of II MEF Headquarters Group (MHG). II MHG consisted of 4,000 Marines and Sailors organized into Communications, Intelligence, Radio (Signals Intelligence), and Law Enforcement Battalions and an Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO). The Group provided detachments operating across six continents in support of II MEF, 2d MEB, three Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs), and a SPMAGTF.

for Academic Year 2016-17, Colonel Gordon served as a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

From 2017 to 2019, Colonel Gordon served the Military Secretary to the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In July 2019, Colonel Gordon assumed his current duties as the Director of the Marine Corps' Command and Staff College.