Sergeant Major Terrell A. Ford

Director, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Okinawa

Terrell Antwan Ford is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He enlisted in October 2002 and underwent recruit training with 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. He was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class for serving as the second squad leader.

Sergeant Major Ford completed Marine Combat Training aboard Camp Geiger, North Carolina. In February 2003, he completed his Small Arms Repairman certification aboard Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland. In 2003, he was ordered to Personnel Support Detachment-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan. He served in multiple billets and deployed to Korea as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

In August 2004, Sergeant Major Ford reported to Marine Security Guard Battalion, Quantico, Virginia. Upon completing his formal school, he received orders to a designated country post Region 3, American Embassy Beijing, China, in October 2004. In October of 2005, he reported to Region 2, American Embassy Kuwait City, Kuwait. He then reported to Region 9, American Embassy Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in December of 2006, Serving as the Assistant Detachment Commander. While supporting our diplomatic missions, he earned a meritorious promotion to Staff Sergeant in July 2007.

In July 2007, Sergeant Major Ford reported to 2d Battalion, 10th Marines, 2d Marine Division. During this time, he deployed to Rawah, Iraq, supporting Civil-Military Operations as the SNCOIC for Civil Affairs Group, Team 5. In March 2010, Sergeant Major Ford reported to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. During this time, he served as the Battalion Armory Chief. He supported combat operations at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, Afghanistan.

In January 2012, Sergeant Major Ford reported to Basic Recruiting School. Upon completing the school in 2012, he received orders to Recruiting Sub-Station Jacksonville, Recruiting Station Jacksonville, Florida, as a canvassing recruiter and was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant. In November 2012, he was appointed as the Station Commander for Recruiting Sub-Station Tallahassee, Florida.

In February 2015, Sergeant Major Ford received orders to Weapons Training Battalion Quantico, Virginia. During this time, he served as the Headquarters Company First Sergeant until being promoted (frocked) to the rank of First Sergeant in February 2017.

In February 2017, Sergeant Major Ford received orders to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, California. He served as the Battery First Sergeant for Battery G, deploying on the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in May 2017 with Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. He also assumed the billet of the Headquarters Battery First Sergeant for the duration of his time with the command.

In September 2019, Sergeant Major Ford received orders to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d Marine Logistics Group. He served as the Company First Sergeant for Engineer Company B and Engineer Support Company.

In December 2020, Sergeant Major Ford reported to Marine Air Support Squadron 2, 1st Marine Air Wing, where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In January 2022, Sergeant Major Ford reported to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division, where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In December 2022, Sergeant Major Ford Received orders to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d Marine Logistics Group, to serve as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

In August of 2024, Sergeant Major Ford reported to the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Okinawa, Japan where he currently serves as Director.

Sergeant Major Ford has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Colorado Christian University. He is currently pursuing his Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Counseling with Liberty University. Sergeant Major Ford's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 1 gold star in lieu of second award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.