

## **SERGEANT MAJOR SCOTT D. HAMM**

Sergeant Major Hamm entered the Marine Corps on November 08, 1992 at Company M, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completion of recruit training, he attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. After attending the Armed Forces School of Music for training as a percussionist, he was assigned to Quantico, Virginia for duty as a percussionist, from September 1993 until December 1996. While there, he was the NCO of the Year for MCCDC, and meritoriously promoted to both Corporal and Sergeant.

After completing his Section Leader's Course he reported for duty the III MEF Band in Okinawa, Japan from July 1997 until August 1998. Sergeant Hamm then reported to Drill Instructor School at Parris Island in October 1998.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to Company K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Training Battalion. He served as a DI and SDI for six platoons and as Operations Chief. In January 2001, Staff Sergeant Hamm was selected to serve as the Battalion Drillmaster. He participated in a mobile training team to Amman, Jordan to train the King of Jordan's palace guard in Marine Corps close order drill and was named Parris Island's Drill Instructor of the Year for 2001. He next served as a Series Gunnery Sergeant for two series in Company M. Meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in January 2002, he received orders to the SNCO Academy, Camp Lejeune in July of that year.

Within the Academy, Gunnery Sergeant Hamm served as a Faculty Advisor at the Advanced Course and Career Course, Chief Instructor and SNCOIC of the Sergeants Course, and the Academy Operations Chief. He attended the Cooper Institute in Dallas, Texas and also the Air Force's SNCO Academy in Montgomery, Alabama as an exchange student, receiving its Commandant's Leadership Award. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in history with Campbell University in December 2005. Frocked in April 2006, he transferred to the 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.

First Sergeant Hamm deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq with Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from September 2006 until May 2007. As the 24<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit's heli-borne company, First Sergeant Hamm and the company deployed to Afghanistan from March until October 2008 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM conducting combat and counterinsurgency operations in the Garmsir District of the southern Helmand Province. In 2009, First Sergeant Hamm was assigned as the Company First Sergeant for Student Administration Company, Headquarters Battalion, School of Infantry-East. Frocked to his present rank in January 2010 he received orders to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan.

Sergeant Major Hamm's first assignment with the 1st MAW was as the Squadron Sergeant Major for the VMGR-152, a KC-130J. The squadron won the Marine Corps Aviation Association's Commandant's Trophy winner for recognition as the best squadron in the Marine Corps for 2010, and in March 2011 supported humanitarian relief in Japan during Operation TOMODACHI. In May 2011, he completed his Masters of Arts degree in International Relations with Webster University. In June, he transferred to HMM-262, a CH-46E squadron and floated as the ACE of the 31<sup>st</sup> MEU. The Squadron won both the MCAA HMM of the year and the MCAA Pete Ross Safety Award winner for their accomplishments in 2011. One of the first two enlisted Marines selected to attend the Marine Corps' Command and Staff College, he reported for school in August 2013, completing the Masters of Military Studies degree and graduating as a Distinguished Graduate in June 2014. After four months serving at Enlisted Professional Military Education Branch(EPME), Sergeant Major Hamm was assigned Director of the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Quantico. He assumed his current billet of Director, Senior Enlisted Academy and Sergeant Major for EPME in January 2016.

His personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device and four gold stars in lieu of fifth award), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two gold stars in lieu of third award) and the Combat Action Ribbon (gold star in lieu of second award). He is married to the former Rebecca J. Johnson from Houston, TX.