



Colonel Ernest Govea, USMC, Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, 3d Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force

Colonel Govea currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, 3d Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Colonel Govea is from Hacienda Heights, California. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1991 and served as a Legal Services Clerk for the Staff Judge Advocate, 3d Force Service Support Group (3d FSSG) and the Military Judge Advocate, Sierra Court Circuit, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. He completed Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training in 1994 and subsequently received his commission through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program in May 1998.



Following The Basic School, Lieutenant Govea was designated a Logistics Officer and reported to Marine Service Support Group-31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in May 1999, serving as the Assistant Operations Officer and Motor Transport Platoon Commander. During this tour, he participated in humanitarian assistance disaster relief operations in East Timor in support of Operation Stabilise and participated in Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) Exercise Cobra Gold.

In June 2000, Lieutenant Govea reported to 3d Transportation Support Battalion (TSB), 3d FSSG and served as the Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Company. In March 2001, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Landing Force Support Party, Brigade Service Support Group 3 and deployed to Gladstone, Australia in support of TSC Exercise Freedom Banner/Tandum Thrust. In August, he returned to 3d TSB as the Battalion's Logistics Officer and Maintenance Management Officer.

In May 2002, Captain Govea began studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. After graduation in December 2003, he was assigned to the Program Manager's Office for Light Armored Vehicles, Marine Corps Systems Command and served as the Finance Officer.

Following that assignment, Captain Govea reported to the Command Element for 13th MEU as the Assistant Logistics Officer. During this tour, he participated in two WestPac /CENTCOM deployments including one tour to Iraq in Multi-National Force-West (Al Anbar Province). In June 2008, Major Govea was frocked and fleeted up to be the 13th MEU's Logistics Officer. He deployed to the Gulf of Aden and Somali Basin in support of the USS Boxer ARG/MEU conducting counter-piracy operations.

In September 2009, Major Govea was assigned as the Deputy Director for Renewable Energy Affairs for the Assistant Chief of Staff G-7, Marine Corps Installations-West. During this tour, he represented Joint

Regional Commanders as the DoD representative on senior Western Regional forums including the California Governor's and the Secretary of the Interior's Renewable Energy Policy Group and Mojave Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

In June 2011, Major Govea attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia. After graduating a year later, he reported to U.S. Central Command in 2012 and served as the lead Joint Logistics Planner for the Levant and Central Gulf Regions in the J4 Plans Division. In February 2015, he was selected as the 2014 U.S. Central Command Joint Officer of the Year and the Marine Corps Officer of the Year for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

In June 2015, Lieutenant Colonel Govea reported to the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, Marine Air Ground Task Force-Training Command and served as the Officer-in-Charge for the Support Division. As the Logistics Faculty Advisor, he provided academic instruction for TMIC students and regimental staffs; he also supported Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group as a senior logistics mentor to its IMLOC students.

In June 2016, Lieutenant Colonel Govea reported to 2d Marine Logistics Group (MLG) as the Commanding Officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 26. During his deployment with the 26th MEU, he participated hurricane disaster relief operations in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico as part of Defense Support to Civil Authorities. Additionally, he provided logistical support for Operation Odyssey Resolve and multiple TSC exercises in 5th and 6th Fleets AORs. He also served as the Commander of Troops aboard the USS New York (LPD-21) during his Mediterranean Sea deployment.

Following battalion command, he transitioned to serve as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-10 Force Preservation, 2d MLG in October 2018. He led and managed a multi-disciplinary team of military and civilian subject matter experts in force preservation, safety, environmental, destructive behavioral prevention, and equal opportunity.

In June 2019, Lieutenant Colonel Govea began studies at the U.S. Army War College. After graduating in June 2020, he reported to 3d Marine Division. He was designated a Joint Qualified Officer in 2020.

Colonel Govea graduated from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) in International Relations. He has a Master of Business Administration Degree in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California; a Master of Military Science Degree (Distinguished Graduate) from Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia; and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree (Distinguished Graduate) from the U.S. Army War College.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and two Good Conduct Medals.

Colonel Govea is married to Sandra Govea and they have three children Anyssa, Ernest, and Evan.