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LtCol Daviu is currently serving as a Joint Communication Strategy and Operations in the Information Environment Observer/Trainer on the Joint Staff J7, Joint Force Development Directorate, Deployable Training Division.

LtCol Daviu is a prior enlisted Infantry Marine who in 2004 through the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Program graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) with a degree in Latin American Studies at which point he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following The Basic School, and the Basic Public Affairs Officer Qualification Course, he reported in January 2005, to the Consolidated Public Affairs Office, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Miramar, California where he served as Internal Information Officer, Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Director of Public Affairs for the air station and the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. Prior to his departure from Miramar, he was awarded the Foreign Area Officer for Latin America MOS.

In 2008, LtCol Daviu was assigned to the Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning (CAOCL), Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia where he served as the Western Hemisphere Desk Officer. During his time in CAOCL LtCol Daviu deployed to Colombia as a cultural advisor in support of a Marine Corps Training Advisory Group Security Cooperation team. Additionally, he participated in a two year long U.S. Joint Forces Command and NATO led multinational experiment exercise in Spain, Hungary and Greece. In support of Marine Corps University, LtCol Daviu served as the Operational Culture Advisor for Marine Corps University's Command and Staff College capstone exercises "Nine Innings" and the Marine Corps Center for Irregular Warfare's Joint Irregular Warfare Exercises.

In 2011, LtCol was assigned to Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (MCSCG), Fort Story, Virginia where he served as the Team Leader for the SOUTHCOM Coordination Liaison and Training Team and completed the Security Cooperation Planners Course and the SPMAGTF Information Operations Practitioners Course obtaining the Marine Air Ground Task Force Information Operations Officer MOS. During his time in MCSCG LtCol Daviu deployed to Guatemala as the Forward Coordination Element in support of Southern Partnership Station working as the liaison officer between the Guatemalan Ministry of Defense and U.S. Embassy Guatemala City, U.S. MilGrp Guatemala. The same year, he deployed to Paraguay to lead a Marine Training Team in support of the U.S. MilGrp, Asuncion, Paraguay. The following year in 2012, LtCol Daviu deployed again to Guatemala and served as the Forward Coordination

Element, between the U.S. MilGrp and the Marine Task Force in support of Operation Martillo 2012. At his return from Guatemala, LtCol Daviu deployed in support of two Foreign Security Force Capabilities-Based Assessments in Guatemala and El Salvador. In 2013, LtCol Daviu led a Subject Matter Expert Exchange in Formosa, Brazil in support of the Brazilian Marines amphibious capstone exercise. Lastly, he deployed as the Team Leader for a Joint Riverine Training Team to Ancon and Iquitos, Peru.

In 2014, LtCol Daviu was assigned to U.S. Marine Corps Forces, South (MARFORSOUTH) where he held the billet of Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications lead. At arrival to MARFORSOUTH, LtCol Daviu deployed to multiple countries in South America to serve as the lead military PAO coordinating directly with the U.S. Embassy, Public Affairs Sections (PAS) in support of the USS America/SPMAGTF-South deployment to Brazil, Chile and Peru and multiple media engagements for General John F. Kelly, Commander, U.S. Southern Command. Due to LtCol Daviu's Information Operations background he executed three Information Related Capabilities (IRCs) assessments in Belize, Honduras and Guatemala. During his tenure LtCol Daviu supported and served as the main military spokesperson and planner for multiple exercises and key leader engagements such as TRADEWINDS in Belize and Jamaica, UNITAS-Amphibious in Brazil and Peru, and Marine Leaders of the Americas Symposium in Colombia where he supported directly General Robert Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps. LtCol Daviu also executed two IRC Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs) in Belize and Chile. LtCol Daviu also served as U.S. Southern Command U.S. Marine spokesperson and member of SOUTHCOM's Strategic Communications Working Group.

In 2018, LtCol Daviu was assigned to serve as the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) Officer for the Peruvian Marine Force in Ancon, Peru. During his tenure in Peru LtCol Daviu supported multiple security cooperation engagements, exercises and helped in the development of their amphibious force. Additionally, served as the military liaison officer and spokesperson for the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section in Lima, Peru. Due to LtCol Daviu's knowledge in Communication Strategy and Operations and Information Operations he was asked to support subject matter expert exchanges related to these topics by the Peruvian Navy's Information Directorate. In 2019 LtCol Daviu completed U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College Distance Education Program as the distinguish graduate for 2019.

In June 2020, LtCol Daviu reported to the Joint Staff, J7, Deployable Training Division, in Suffolk, VA. During his current assignment at DTD, LtCol Daviu has completed the Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPMEII), Marine Corps Civil Military Operations Planners Course obtaining the Civil Affairs Planner MOS and the Advanced Marine Air Ground Task Force Information Operations Planners Course obtaining the Advanced Information Operations Planner MOS.

Lieutenant Colonel Daviu's personal decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, two gold stars in lieu of third award. Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, one gold star in lieu of second award. Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two gold stars in lieu of third award.

LtCol Daviu is married to the former Miss Patricia Cadavid and has a small daughter Isabela Sofia.

