



## **LtCol Kenneth Simmons** **Deputy AC/S G-6, III MEF**

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LtCol Simmons is a native of Charleston, SC and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in July 2000 at MCRD Parris Island. Upon graduation he attended Engineer Equipment Operators Course at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri and reported to Company C, 4th Landing Support Battalion, 4th Fleet Service Support Group. While in the USMCR, LtCol Simmons attended the University of South Carolina, where he majored in Electrical Engineering.

LtCol Simmons attended Officer Candidates School via the Platoon Leadership Course in the summers of 2002 and 2004. LtCol Simmons accepted his commission on December 12, 2005. He reported to The Basic School (TBS) in April of 2006. Upon completion of TBS, LtCol Simmons was given the MOS of communications, and reported to the Basic Communications Officers Course, in Quantico, VA.



LtCol Simmons first assignment was at Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, GA as the Officer in Charge of the SIPRNET section in 2007. While there he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as an Individual Augment with Marine Corps Central Command in November 2008. He was attached to Combined Security Training Command-Afghanistan where he served as a mentor to the Afghanistan National Army Strength Management section.

In 2009 LtCol Simmons executed Permanent Change of Station orders to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38, MACG 38, 3D MAW at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California. He held the billets of Assistant Operations Officer, Adjutant, Company C and Headquarters Company Commander.

In 2012 he was assigned to Marine Detachment Dam Neck, VA where he served as the communications instructor for the Signals Intelligence Officer Course and the S6 for Marine Corps Intelligence Schools. During his assignment, LtCol Simmons was sent on temporary assignment to US Central Command in their J5 Plans Directorate where his mission was building partner capacity.

In 2015, he received follow on PCS orders to serve as Branch Chief, Cyber Initiatives Branch, Cyber Division, CCJ6, US Central Command at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. While there LtCol Simmons also served as in the Operations Division as a Plans Officer.

In 2018, LtCol Simmons was assigned to 10th Marine Regiment, 2D Marine Division to serve as the Regimental Communications Officer. He received PCA orders in July 2020 to serve as Company Commander for 2D Marine Division Communications Company until July of 2021.

In August 2021 LtCol Simmons was sent to Naval Base San Diego where he worked with Expeditionary Strike Group Three as the Deputy AC/S N6. There he was responsible for the C5I

readiness reporting for four Amphibious Squadron and 15 ships, to the Admiral and associated staff. He was also responsible for the employment of the Amphibious Communications Detachment. Whose primary mission was the integration of shipboard equipment with assets carried on by landing forces.

LtCol Simmons reported to his current billet in June 22.

LtCol Simmons is a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Force Staff College. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold star in lieu of third award) and Joint Service Achievement.

LtCol Simmons is married to the former Kenisha Glover of San Diego, California. They have 3 children Ian (7) and Jackson (6) and Logan (3).