

TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMAND



CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



2 AUGUST 2021
QUANTICO, VA

*The Commandant
of the Marine Corps*

welcomes you to the

Change of Command Ceremony


at which

*Lieutenant General
Lewis A. Craparotta*

will relinquish command to

*Lieutenant General
Kevin M. Iiams*

Sequence of Events



Invocation

National Anthem

Honors to
General David H. Berger

Honors to
Lieutenant General Lewis A. Craparotta

Passing of the Organizational Colors

Honors to
Lieutenant General Kevin M. Iiams

Remarks by
General David H. Berger

Remarks by
Lieutenant General Lewis A. Craparotta

Remarks by
Lieutenant General Kevin M. Iiams

Anchors Aweigh

Marines' Hymn



Lewis A. Craparotta

Lieutenant General Commanding General, Training and Education Command

Lieutenant General Craparotta is a native of South Windsor, Connecticut and graduated from the University of Vermont. He was commissioned in May 1983. He has attended The Basic School, the Infantry Officer Course, Amphibious Warfare School, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Naval War College. He has also completed the Marine Corps Aerial Observer Course, Army Airborne School and the Armed Forces Staff College.

His service in the Operating Forces includes: Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (June 1984-September 1986); Company Commander and Operations Officer with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (August 1992-September 1994); Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (October 1994-January 1995); S-4 Officer for 1st Marine Regiment (January 1995 -June 1995); Division Inspector for 1st Marine Division (August 1999-August 2000); Executive Officer for 1st Marine Regiment (September 2000-April 2001); Commanding Officer for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (April 2001 -June 2003); Commanding Officer for 1st Marine Regiment (June 2006-June 2009); Assistant Division Commander, 2D Marine Division (July 2009 - July 2010); Commanding General 2D Marine Division (Forward) August 2010-April 2012. He served as the Commanding General of I Marine Expeditionary Force from July 2016 to August 2018, and Commanding General of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific August 2018-August 2020. He has commanded at the battalion, regiment and division levels in combat.

His service outside the Operating Forces includes duty as a tactics instructor at The Basic School from October 1986 to April 1987 and as an instructor at IOC from April 1987 through June 1990. From July 1991 to July 1992 he was assigned as an advisor to the Royal Saudi Marines in Jubail, Saudi Arabia. Between August 1996 and June 1999 he was assigned to Headquarters, Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR) in Stuttgart, Germany. From July 2004 through May 2006 he was assigned to the Joint Staff. From June 2012 to June 2014 he was assigned as Director of Operations, U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in Colorado Springs, CO. He was Commanding General for Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center June 2014-July 2016.

Lieutenant General Craparotta assumed command of U.S. Marine Corps Training and Education Command, on 3 August, 2020.



Kevin M. Iiams

Lieutenant General

Deputy Commandant Marine Corps Development Command and Assistant Commandant for Combat Development and Integration

Lieutenant General Kevin Iiams is a native of New Orleans, LA and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1986. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and upon completion of flight school was assigned to fly the FA-18 Hornet.

Lieutenant General Iiams' Command tours include Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 "The Bats" from 2003 to 2005, where he deployed to Iraq for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II. From 2009 to 2011 Lieutenant General Iiams commanded Marine Aircraft Group 41 in Fort Worth, Texas and sustained multiple unit deployments in support of global commitments. In 2013, he deployed for combat in Afghanistan as the Assistant Wing Commander for 2d MAW (FWD) HQ for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 13. From 2014 to 2015 he served as the Assistant Wing Commander, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing in Miramar, CA. In Jan 2016, Lieutenant General Iiams was assigned as Commander of MARFORSOUTH where he was responsible for all US Marine activities across Central and South America and the Caribbean. In May 2017, he transferred to Quantico, VA as Commanding General Training and Education Command. In July 2018, Lieutenant General Iiams transferred to MCAS Miramar, CA and served 2 years as the Commanding General 3d Marine Aircraft Wing. From August 2020 to July 2021 he served concurrently as the Deputy Commander Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Assistant Commandant for Combat Development and Integration.

Lieutenant General Iiams' other operational tours in the FA-18 include VMFA-451 "The Warlords" 1990-1992; VMFA-235 "The Death Angels" 1993-1996; and VMFA-232 "The Red Devils" 2000-2002; where he participated in combat during Operations DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM and NOBLE EAGLE and supported contingency operations during multiple WESTPAC deployments.

Lieutenant General Iiams' staff and joint assignments were as a Forward Air Controller Instructor, FA-18 Tactics Instructor/Division Head and Adversary Pilot at MAWTS-1 from 1996 to 1999. From 2002 to 2003 he served as Operations Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 11 planning and supporting Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM. From 2006 to 2009 he served at USCENTCOM in multiple key billets as the Battlestaff Exercise Branch Chief; the Chief of Operations for the Joint Operations Center; and Director J7 Training and Exercises. From 2011 to 2012 he served as the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Standards Officer. In June 2013, he was assigned as Deputy Director for Operations in the National Military Command Center, J3, The Joint Staff.

Lieutenant General Iiams attended and graduated from Amphibious Warfare School in 1993; the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course in 1995; the Air Force Air Command and Staff College in 2000; the US Army War College in 2006; and the Armed Forces Staff College in 2009. He was designated a Joint Qualified Officer in 2009. He holds a Bachelor's degree in General Engineering, a Master's degree in Military Arts and Science and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies.

Lieutenant General Iiams has over 4000 hours in tactical aircraft, and has flown over 500 combat hours on over 270 combat missions. His personal decorations include: The Defense Superior Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; The Legion of Merit; The Bronze Star with Gold Star; The Meritorious Service Medal; The Air Medal with Gold Star, Combat "V" and 18 Strike Flight Awards; The Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 2 Gold Stars and Combat "V"; and The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Change of Command Tradition

The Change of Command ceremony you witness today is not specifically prescribed by United States Navy Regulations but, rather, is an honored product of the rich heritage of Naval Traditions. It is a custom wholly Naval, without an equivalent in the Army or Air Force.

Designed to strengthen the authority and respect that is vital to any military organizational, it is custom that this ceremony be formal and impressive.

Commanding Generals

Major General Thomas Jones (Ret.)	1 Jul 00 - 8 Sept 05
Lieutenant General Keith J. Stalder (Ret.)	8 Sept 05 - 20 Jul 06
Lieutenant General George L. Flynn (Ret.)	20 Jul 06 - 18 Dec 07
Lieutenant General James B. Laster (Ret.)	18 Dec 07 - 28 May 08
Major General Melvin G. Spiese (Ret.)	28 May 08 - 6 Aug 10
Major General Raymond C. Fox (Ret.)	6 Aug 10 - 27 Jun 12
Major General Thomas M. Murray (Ret.)	27 Jun 12 - 14 Aug 14
Major General James W. Lukeman (Ret.)	14 Aug 14 - 25 May 17
Major General Kevin M. Iiams	25 May 17 - 29 Jun 18
Major General William F. Mullen (Ret.)	29 Jun 18 - 3 Aug 20
Lieutenant General Lewis A. Craparotta	3 Aug 20 - Present

Training and Education Command History

Marine Corps training and education has been an integral part of the Marine Corps since its forming in 1775. Commandant Franklin Wharton, who led the Corps from 1804 to 1818, was the first to recognize the need for organized training and created a school for Marine recruits at the Marine Barracks in Washington.

The sea-going nature, coupled with money and men shortages, kept the Corps training and education quite primitive throughout the 19th century. For example, recruits at Washington hastily formed into a battalion in July 1861 and drilled as they marched on their way to the First Battle of Bull Run.

In July 1910, the Advanced Base School in New London, CT was activated, ultimately moving to Newport, RI. The vision was to educate Marines on the theoretical and practical aspects of seizing and defending advanced naval bases. In 1911, Major General Biddle, Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC), required recruit training to be two months and set up four recruit training depots. Then on 16 July 1917, Marine Barracks Quantico and Marine Officer's Training Camp was established at Quantico, preparing many new officers for combat in WWI.

On 1 September 1920, Major General Lejeune, CMC, established Marine Corps Schools at Quantico. In the late 1920s, comprehensive instruction in amphibious operations was developed and implemented. Beginning in 1930, Brigadier General Breckinridge led a redesign of Marine Corps Schools, emphasizing amphibious warfare and close air support.

Shortly after the German invasion of Poland, in September 1939, the Corps expanded from 18,000 to 25,000 Marines. With the outbreak of World War II the Corps continued to grow, and Marine Corps Schools began adding Military Occupational Specialty schools to its roster, today represented by 90 Formal Learning Centers.

In July 1946, the Commanding General of Marine Barracks, Quantico, assumed the dual title and authority of Commandant of Marine Corps Schools, and directed the elevation of education across all schools. In October 1950, the Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center was created and Marine Corps Schools became the Education Center.

In August 1964 the Amphibious Warfare Senior and Junior Courses were redesignated Command and Staff College and Amphibious Warfare School. Then in January 1968 the Marine Corps Development and Education Center was created, increasing focus on combat development and future planning. In November 1987, General Gray, CMC, established Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) to develop and implement policy and programs for Marine Corps Schools and for training and education of all Marine Corps personnel and units.

On 1 July 2000, Training and Education Command (TECOM) was activated within MCCDC to provide a holistic approach to training and education. Then on 3 August 2020, TECOM transitioned its authorities from a two-star command subordinate to MCCDC to a three star command subordinate only to the CMC.

Today, TECOMs 14,000 Marines, sailors and civilians are transforming your Corps' Training and Education in compliance with the Commandant's Planning Guidance and in support of Force Design 2030 and Fleet Marine Force combat readiness to be a relevant naval integrated force that is ready when the Nation calls.

MARINES' HYMN

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.
Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun.
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.
Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.