

## **Colonel James “Jim” Fullwood, USMC (Ret.)**

Colonel Jim Fullwood was commissioned on 9 May 1992. After graduating from The Basic School and Infantry Officers Course, Jim reported to 2d Battalion, 7th Marines where he served as a platoon commander and company executive officer.

In May 1995, he was reassigned to the School of Infantry (East) at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served consecutively as a company commander for Marine Combat Training Battalion, Infantry Training Battalion, and Advanced Infantry Training Company.

In January 1999, after completing Armored Officers Career Course, Jim joined 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion where he served as a company commander for Alpha, Bravo, and Weapons Companies. Upon departing 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, he was assigned as the Inspector-Instructor for Delta Company, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion at Quantico, VA. During his tour as an Inspector-Instructor, Jim mobilized his reserve company and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I.

Reassigned to Marine Corps University for Intermediate Level School, Jim graduated from Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the School of Advanced Warfighting. Following school, he was assigned to the Command Element of III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) where he served as the G-3 Deputy Current Operations Officer and the G-3 Current Operations Officer. During his tour at III MEF, he deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM where he served as a Plans Team Leader at Multinational Forces-Iraq.

In June 2009, Jim assumed command of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and deployed with his battalion to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Upon redeployment, he transferred to Camp Pendleton, California where he assumed duties as the Commanding Officer of Wounded Warrior Battalion-West in June 2011. After relinquishing command in 2013, Jim was reassigned to Marine Corps University for Top Level School at the Marine Corps War College.

Following school, Jim served as Commanding Officer, Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan from June 2014 until June 2015 after which he was assigned as the Plans Division Chief, ECJ-5/8, U.S. European Command from August 2015 to June 2018. Upon completing Joint Duty, he assumed the duties as Director of the School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University in July 2018. Jim transferred to II MEF at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in June 2020 where he served as Chief of Staff until retiring from active duty in September 2022.

Jim is lucky to be married to Colonel Sarah Fullwood, USMC (Ret.), and is the proud father to Boo and Paul, both of whom are UNC alumni. He still supports the Marine Corps through on-call work with the service's MEFs while volunteering with numerous humanitarian and conservationist organizations.