

Ductus Exemplo



Leadership by Example

**Graduation and Commissioning
Ceremony for
Officer Candidates Class-243
Alpha and Delta Company**



**Officer Candidates School
Training Command
Quantico, Virginia
5 August 2023**

Sequence of Events

*Invocation**

Staff Awards

March On

Sound Off

Receive the Report

Publish the Orders

Officers Center

*Honors to Brigadier General Kyle B. Ellison**

*National Anthem**

Presentation of Awards

Remarks by Colonel David C. Hyman

Oath of Office

Remarks by Brigadier General Kyle B. Ellison

*Benediction**

Pass in Review

Exchange Guidon

*Anchors Aweigh**

*Marines' Hymn**



* Please stand

The 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 ev'ry 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.*



In 1934, the Marine Corps introduced the PLC, selecting students from certain colleges that did not have a ROTC. In the spring of 1935, PLC was organized at Quantico and San Diego. Under this new program, college graduates were appointed Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve after two six-week training periods. Lieutenant Colonel Clifton B. Cates, commanded the first 200 candidates at Quantico in July 1935. In July of 1940, Colonel Lemuel Shepard Jr headed a special unit tasked with training additional officer candidates. This unit became the OCC and received the mission to train potential officers “in the fundamentals of military discipline, and in the school of the soldier, squad, and platoon and to select those qualified for commission in order to provide capable and well-fitted officers for the Marine Corps Reserve.” On 1 November 1940, OCC-1 became the first class to graduate in Quantico.

The wartime demands of 1943 prompted the Commandant to establish temporary candidate detachments at Camp Elliot, California and at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The PLC was reestablished in 1944 and except for a temporary move to Parris Island, South Carolina in 1951, it has remained at Quantico. The addition of the PLC program to officer candidate training led to another reorganization, and in 1944, the Officer Candidates Class was renamed Officer Candidates School. TBS reopened in September 1945, and by 1947, through various reorganizations, had assumed responsibility for the training of all officer candidates, including those of the PLC and the NROTC. Coincident with these reorganizations, TBS moved from its first home on Barnett Avenue to Brown Field at the site of the old Airfield No. 1.

The history of Brown Field and its namesake is a prime example of the quality leader that Marine Officer Candidates strive to become. In 1921, Marine Aviator Second Lieutenant Walter Vernon Brown perished when his bi-plane crashed into the Potomac River. His leadership and care for his Marines was well known throughout his unit and it was that commitment to his Marines that led to a memorial being constructed and the airfield being named Brown Field. Officer Candidates School remains the caretaker of Second Lieutenant Brown’s memorial and honors his memory through welcoming guests to Brown Field, home of Officer Candidates School.

During World War II, potential Marine Corps Reserve women officers were trained at Mount Holyoke College and Smith College. The passage of the Women’s Armed Service Integration Act in 1948 enabled women Marines to serve for the first time as members of the regular establishment. In 1949, to accommodate this new requirement for women officers, the Women Officer Training Course was established under the cognizance of OCS.

TBS headquarters left Brown Field in early 1955 and relocated to Camp Upshur where it could be closer to its training activities. A newly formed unit, the Training and Test Regiment, took over the training activities remaining at Brown Field, and became the unit responsible for training officer candidates of the various officer procurement programs. On 1 June 1963, the regiment was re-designated the Officer Candidates School. The last reorganization occurred in 1977 when women officer training was placed under the cognizance of the Commanding Officer of Officer Candidates School. Those who are successful at Officer Candidates School have the privilege of leading and serving Marines.

Brigadier General Kyle B. Ellison
Commanding General, Marine Corps
Warfighting Laboratory/Futures Directorate
Vice Chief, Office of Naval Research



On June 24, 2022, Brigadier General Kyle B. Ellison assumed duties as Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory / Futures Directorate and Vice Chief of Naval Research.

Brigadier General Ellison was commissioned on 26 May 1993. Upon graduation from Infantry Officer's Course, he was assigned to Second Battalion, Sixth Marines in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he served as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Weapons Platoon Commander, 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander and Weapons Company Executive Officer. His deployments included Operation Sea Signal in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and a deployment to the Mediterranean with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

Brigadier General Ellison was transferred to Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. in February, 1997. While at the Marine Barracks, he served as a Platoon Commander, Company Commander and Operations Officer. In August, 2000, Brigadier General Ellison attended the Amphibious Warfare School (AWS) in Quantico, Virginia.

In May 2001, Brigadier General Ellison reported to First Battalion, Seventh Marines as Headquarters and Service Company Commander. Then as Weapons Company Commander, he deployed to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program and to Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom. During his tour in Iraq, Brigadier General Ellison assumed the duty of Battalion Operations Officer. In January 2004, he was assigned as the Current Operations Officer, Regimental Combat Team Seven and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Brigadier General Ellison reported to Marine Corps University in July, 2004 and was assigned as a Faculty Advisor, Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS). He was later assigned as the Section Head, Curriculum Development Section. Upon completion of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College Distance Education Program, he attended the School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW).

In July 2008, Brigadier General Ellison reported to First Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, California. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was assigned as a planner and Deputy Future Operations Officer, First Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD).

Brigadier General Ellison assumed command of Second Battalion, Sixth Marines in June, 2009 and deployed to Marjah, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon completion of Command he attended the National War College and was later assigned as the Senior Aide De Camp to the 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Upon leaving the Office of the Commandant, Brigadier General Ellison was assigned to the J-5, Middle East Directorate, on the Joint Staff. He then served as the Deputy Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Upon completion of his tour with the Joint Staff, he was assigned as the Director, Marine Senate Liaison Office. After duties in the Senate, Brigadier General Ellison commanded the 7th Marine Regiment and participated in operations along the SW Border with SPMAGTF-7 before serving as the Director of Expeditionary Warfare School.

In July 2020, Brigadier General Ellison assumed duties as the Commanding General, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Deputy Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force before assuming his current position.

Brigadier General Ellison holds a BA in Criminal Justice from the Pennsylvania State University, an MA in Operational Studies from the Marine Corps University and an MS in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Colonel David C. Hyman
Commanding Officer
Officer Candidates School



Colonel Hyman enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1993 and was a personnel clerk assigned to Company I, 3d Battalion, 23d Marines, 4th Marine Division in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended Officer Candidates School via the Platoon Leaders Class and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduating from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1997. In 1999, he graduated from The Basic School and was later designated a Military Police Officer.

Colonel Hyman's Fleet Marine Force assignments have been with II Marine Expeditionary Force. He was a Company Commander for 2d Military Police Battalion and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 04-06.2 while attached to a logistics combat element. Also, while assigned to this battalion, he served as the Officer in Charge, Remain Behind Element and as the Assistant Operations Officer for 5th Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment (REIN), which was re-designated as Task Force Military Police Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward. From 2014-2016, he was the Commanding Officer of 2d Law Enforcement Battalion, II MEF.

Colonel Hyman's supporting establishment assignments include tours at Marine Corps Bases Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, and Camp Butler, where he served in multiple military police leadership billets including Platoon Commander, Operations Officer, Deputy Provost Marshal, and Provost Marshal. He also served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer, Company F, Marine Security Guard Battalion (State Department) in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa. Additionally, he served as the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Baltimore, a Military Faculty Advisor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, and the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. His joint duty assignment was as an action officer assigned to the Deputy Director for Global Operations (J-39) on The Joint Staff (Pentagon).

Colonel Hyman's professional military education includes the Expeditionary Warfare School (Distance Education Program), the Military Police Captains Career Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Distance Education Program), the College of Naval Command and Staff, and the Marine Corps War College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a Master of Arts Degree (with Distinction) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps University.

The History of Officer Candidates School

The legacy of officer selection in the Marine Corps is rich with history and honor which developed over the past 125 years to its present day home of Brown Field in Quantico, Virginia. The current road to a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Officer Candidates School begins with one of several programs: The Officer Candidates Course (OCC), the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC), or the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC). Each course is a screening process with the mission to educate and train candidates in Marine Corps knowledge and skills in order to evaluate and screen individuals for the leadership, moral, mental, and physical qualities required for commissioning as a Marine Corps officer.

The origins of the first officer's training school began in 1891 when Marine Corps General Order No. 1 established the first formal resident school for Marine officers, the School of Application at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. Since its establishment, Marine Corps officer selection relocated to meet the man-power requirements of the era. In 1909, the school moved to the Marine Barracks at Annapolis, Maryland and was renamed the Marine Officers' School; and, in 1910, it moved to Norfolk, Virginia. The U.S. involvement in World War I presented the need for an increase in the size of all the Armed Services and the Marine Corps was no exception. To meet this need for qualified officers to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, a decision was made to move the instructional effort to Quantico where individual replacements and new units were being formed for the war. Quantico was where all new officers went and the Officers Camp of Instruction, organized at Quantico in July 1917, was the place they received their training. Its original location was near Barnett Avenue, approximately one-half mile south of what is now the town of Quantico. In April of 1918, the school was formalized and titled the Officers Training Camp.

In the Fall of 1919, the Commanding General of Marine Base Quantico, Major General John A. Lejeune, established the Marine Corps Officers Training School and the Marine Officers Infantry School. These two schools were subsequently combined in 1920 to become the Marine Officers Training School. By 1922, this school had further evolved into the Field Officers Course (modeled after the Army's Command and General Staff School) and the Company Officers Course, both designed to teach tactics, topography, law, administration, and engineering, among other subjects. A third course, called The Basic School (TBS) was designed to indoctrinate new Marine Lieutenants in the duties of infantry leaders.

It was during this period, having proved itself on the battlefields of France, that a still growing Marine Corps began recruiting potential officers from colleges and universities through the NROTC program. Second Lieutenants commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy, NROTC units, and qualified enlisted Marines who had been commissioned reported to TBS for instruction. Officer training continued to expand and, in 1924, TBS moved to Philadelphia due to a shortage of suitable classrooms and officers billeting in Quantico.

Delta Company Staff

Company Commander	Major Jared Swancer
Executive Officer	Captain Joshua Arvizu
First Sergeant	First Sergeant Jacob Hayden
Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant John Paxson
Police Sergeant	Lance Corporal Evan Maskell
Administrative Clerk	Private First Class Bashir Fall
Company Corpsman	HM2 Dylan Grimes

1st Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Samantha Guerrero
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Loan Nguyen
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Melissa Altamirano
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Elia Tourigny

2d Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Jerome Williams
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Neathaniel Ridgley
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Raymund Calvar
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Dylon Taylor

3d Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Justin Vetterl
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Patricio Parra
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Darius Robinson
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Jose Polanco
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Anthony Kim

4th Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Marcus Lewis
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Ivan Rodriguez
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Shane Carter
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Benjamin Kearns

Sergeant Major John L. Beckett Jr. **Sergeant Major** **Officer Candidates School**



Sergeant Major Beckett enlisted in October 1998 and graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, California in January 1999. After graduating from Marine Combat Training in February 1999, he reported to Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida to attend Aviation Ordnance Fundamental School. Upon graduation, he transferred to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina for Aviation Armament Repair Technician School where he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal in July of 1999 and given orders to his first duty assignment of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 12, Iwakuni, Japan.

In August of 1999, he reported to MALS-12, Iwakuni, Japan where he was assigned to the Aircraft Armament Equipment Repair Shop. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in January of 2000. In September 2000, he reported to MALS-31, MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina. During this tour he attained his Certification/Qualification as a Team Leader then later a Quality Assurance/Safety Observer (QASO) and Collateral Duty Inspector. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 2001. In October 2002, he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina for Drill Instructor School. Upon graduation in January 2003 he attended the Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival School graduating first in his class and earning him the secondary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 0918. He was then assigned to First Recruit Training Battalion, Charlie Company where he served as a Drill Instructor/Senior Drill Instructor developing 462 basically trained Marines. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in January 2006.

In April 2006, he reported to MALS-12, Iwakuni, Japan. During his tour he was nominated for the MCAA Ordnance Marine of the Year as well as the John W. Finn Award. In May of 2009, he reported to MALS-13, MCAS Yuma where he was assigned as the Ordnance SNCOIC. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in November 2009. In August 2010 he deployed with MALS-16 in support of OEF 10.2 where he served as the Ordnance Chief/SNCOIC. In May 2012, he reported as an Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI. There he was named Senior Enlisted Leader of the Quarter and also of the year. He was promoted to First Sergeant in September 2013. In October 2013, he reported to 3d Battalion, 6th Marines, and was assigned as the Company First Sergeant of Company K. In December of 2014 he deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. In November 2015, he reported to School of Infantry-East, and was assigned to Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (AITB) as the Company First Sergeant. In March of 2016 he was assigned to Infantry Training Battalion as the Company First Sergeant of Company B.

In January of 2017, he returned to AITB as the Company First Sergeant and in July of 2017 assumed the role as Battalion Sergeant Major. He was promoted to his current rank in April 2018 and assumed his duties as the Sergeant Major of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 211. In July 2018, Sergeant Major Beckett deployed on the 13th MEU with VMFA-211 on the first F-35B combat deployment. In April 2021, he deployed aboard the United Kingdom ship, Her Majesties Ship Queen Elizabeth on a multinational deployment as part of Carrier Strike Group 21. Sergeant Major Beckett's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3rd award) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd award).

Official Party

Reviewing Officer	Brigadier General Kyle B. Ellison
Commanding Officer	Colonel David C. Hyman
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major John L. Beckett Jr.
Chaplain	Lieutenant Harold P. Garcia

Command Staff

Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Skillman
Coordinator Student Activities	Captain Michael Mursuli
S-1 Officer	Captain Joseph Hautzenroeder
S-1 Chief	Master Sergeant Angelo Torres
S-3 Officer	Captain Catherine Baniakas
S-3 Chief	Master Sergeant Matthew Cale
Physical Training Advisor	Colour Sergeant James Carter
Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant James Miller
S-4 Officer	Captain Tyler Womack
S-4 Chief	Sergeant Michael Watts
Academics Officer	Major Gregory Jamero
Academics Chief	Master Sergeant Alexis Gonzalez
Senior Medical Officer	Lieutenant Commander Catherine Ridings
OCS Medical Platoon Chief	Senior Chief Petty Officer Ryan Junkin

Headquarters and Service Company

Company Commander	Captain Alexandria Bush
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant Tye Belmore
Company Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Justin Kelley

Alpha Company Staff

Company Commander	Major Matthew Desmet
Executive Officer	Captain Joshua Moore
First Sergeant	First Sergeant John Walker Jr.
Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Michael Miano
Police Sergeant	Sergeant Jonathan Sanchez
Administrative Clerk	Private First Class Kameron Blakes
Company Corpsman	HM2 Patrick Harrison

1st Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Madeline Hoffman
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Elisabeth Hendricks
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Grace Davies
Sergeant Instructor	Sergeant Grace Schneider

2d Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Paul Nergarian
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Minh Vo
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Jason Daniels
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Juan Trevino

3d Platoon

Platoon Commander	First Lieutenant Stephen Joslyn
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Vabian Elmore Jr
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Timothy Marlow
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Lucas Padilla
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Tyler Ronish

4th Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Paul Evans
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Michel Garcia
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Mason Monaghan
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Travis Titopace
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Jaleel Honer

5th Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain James E. Paradise
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Matthew Davies
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Joshua Miller
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Vincent Rhoads