

**BIOGRAPHY**  
of  
**Colonel Kent D. Simon, USMC**



**Colonel Kent D. Simon** is the Commander of the Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific. In this capacity he commands, directs and provides operational control for six DISA field offices geographically dispersed throughout the Pacific theater in Alaska, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Guam and Hawaii. He serves as DISA's "single voice in the Pacific," providing command, control, communications, and computer (C4) systems to Commander U.S. Pacific Command, subordinate commands, military service components, joint task forces, DoD and other Federal Agencies.

**Col Simon**, a native of Auburn, Alabama, entered the U.S. Marine Corps through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Program and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Missouri in December 1988.

Following completion of the Basic School and the Communication Officers Course, 2ndLt Simon reported to 7th Communication Battalion, Third Marine Expeditionary Force where he served as the Support Platoon Commander, Multi-channel Radio Platoon Commander, Company A Executive Officer and S-6 Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force 4-90 in the Republic of the Philippines. Returning to the United States in 1991, First Lieutenant Simon was assigned to the USS ESSEX (LHD-2) as the Officer-In-Charge, Marine Tactical Command and Control Systems Detachment and the Assistant Ship's Communications Officer.

In January of 1993, Captain Simon reported to Second Marine Division for service as the Operations Officer of the Division's Communications Company and deployed to Haiti as the Deputy Chief, Current Operations, J6, Joint Task Force-190 in support of Operation Uphold Democracy. Returning to Second Marine Division Capt Simon served as the S6 and Headquarters Company Commander, Second Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. Following graduation from the Amphibious Warfare School and promotion to Major, he was assigned as the Course Director, Communication and Information Systems Officers Course at the Communication Officers School.

Upon graduation from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, with a Master's Degree in Military Science, Major Simon reported to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit and served as the S6. Deploying in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom he participated in Operation Sweeny in Iraq's Al Faw Peninsula and supported engagement operations through out Central Command's area of responsibility.

Returning to the United States, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and immediately re-deployed to Fallujah, Iraq as the Operations Officer, AC/S G6, First Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)/Multi-National Force West. Following his return from deployment, LtCol Simon served as the Deputy AC/S G6, First Marine Expeditionary Force and returned to Iraq in January 2006 as the Deputy AC/S G6, First Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)/Multi-National Force West.

In June of 2007, LtCol Simon assumed command as the Inspector-Instructor, 6th Communication Battalion, the Marine Corps's only reserve communication battalion, in Brooklyn New York. Following his command tour, LtCol Simon reported to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces as a student. Promoted to Colonel, he graduated in June of 2010 as a distinguished graduate with a Master's Degree in National Resource Strategy.

Col Simon is married to Linda Maldonato of Orlando, Florida and has two stepchildren, Kimberly (23) and Ben (21), a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

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