

# SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS M. HERMAN JR.



Sergeant Major Herman was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. In June, 1988, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attended 1st Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. After graduation, he was assigned to Infantry Training Battalion, Camp Geiger, North Carolina for MOS school.

After graduating from MOS school, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division located aboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for duty as a Machine Gunner (0331). During his six year tour, he deployed several times, most notably in support of Operation Encourage Hope and Force Hope in northern Iraq.

In May of 1994, he reported to Ground Defense Security Force Company, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for duty as Platoon Sergeant.

In May of 1995, he received orders to Drill Instructor School, Parris Island, South Carolina. During his tour, he served as Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Operations Chief for Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. In 1997, he was selected as the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion Drill Instructor of the Year and was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant.

In 1998, he received orders to Marine Barracks, 8th & I, Washington, D.C. During his tour, he served two years as the Platoon Sergeant for the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Team.

In 2000 he received orders to First Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST) Company, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion where he served as Platoon Sergeant, Operations Chief, Company Gunnery Sergeant, and Senior Enlisted Advisor. During his tour, he deployed several times including deployments in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

After being selected for First Sergeant in 2004, he received orders to Inspector-Instructor Duty, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division located in Ayer, Massachusetts where he served as the Site, Headquarters, and Weapons Company First Sergeant.

In 2007, he received orders to serve as the First Sergeant for Bravo Company, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38, Marine Air Control Group 38, 3D Marine Aircraft Wing and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREDDOM.

In May of 2009, he assumed duties as the HMM-161 Sergeant Major. During this tour, he earned the Naval Aerial Observer/Gunner designation. In October of 2009, the unit was redesignated as VMM-161, the first West Coast V-22 Osprey Squadron.

Sergeant Major Herman assumed duties as the HMM-466 Sergeant Major in December of 2009 and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Major Herman assumed his current duties as Recruiting Station Charleston, West Virginia Sergeant Major in March of 2011.

Sergeant Major Herman's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars, Combat Action Ribbon and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Sergeant Major Herman has an Associates of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Saint LEO University and graduated with honors from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

Sergeant Major Herman is married to the former Julie Renae Shroyer of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. They have two daughters, Katee and Karis.