

Major Benjamin Sanders



Major Sanders graduated from high school in State College, Pennsylvania in 1988 and subsequently attended the Virginia Polytechnic and State Institute (Virginia Tech). In 1994, Major Sanders earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Virginia Tech.

Major Sanders enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1996 and reported to his first duty station at the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Command Element Intelligence Section in 1997. While at the MEU, Corporal Sanders participated in one Landing Force 6th Fleet deployment to the Mediterranean Sea where he participated in Operation Dynamic Response in Bosnia.

In 1999, Corporal Sanders transferred to Officer Candidate School, was commissioned and attended both The Basic School and Infantry Officer's Course.

In 2000, Lieutenant Sanders transferred to 3d Battalion, 8th Marines where he participated in two Unit Deployment Program rotations to Okinawa, Japan and supported the establishment of the Marine Corps Anti-Terrorism Battalion. Lieutenant Sanders served as a Weapons Platoon Commander, Rifle Company Executive Officer and Weapons Company Executive Officer.

In 2003, Captain Sanders transferred to Infantry Training Battalion, School Of Infantry (East) where he served as the Academics Officer, Delta Company Commander and the Battalion Operations Officer.

In 2007, Captain Sanders graduated from the Expeditionary Warfare School and transferred to 3d Battalion, 6th Marines where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer, Kilo Company Commander and the Battalion Operations Officer. During his time at 3d Battalion, 6th Marines Major Sanders deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VII and VIII.

In 2009 Major Sanders also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIV as an individual augment to Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan where he was the Commando and Partner Unit Plans Officer.

Major Sanders is Married and has three children.

Major Sanders' personal decorations include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.