

## Colonel Steven M. Hanson

### United States Marine Corps

Colonel Hanson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1976. After serving initial assignments with the II Marine Amphibious Force and Marine Security Forces duty in Rota Spain, he entered the intelligence field in 1982. In 1984 he was appointed as a Warrant Officer and served as a team leader with the Force Imagery Interpretation Units in Cherry Point North Carolina and in Iwakuni, Japan. In 1987 he was assigned to the 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton California where he served as the Division's unattended ground sensor platoon commander. During his assignment with the Division he deployed twice to the Arabian Gulf where he participated in Operations *Earnest Will* and *Praying Mantis*.

From 1990 to 1993, Colonel Hanson was assigned as a Branch Chief in the Intelligence Directorate of United States Central Command where he again deployed to the Arabian Gulf and participated Operations *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm*. In 1995 Colonel Hanson returned to Camp Pendleton and was assigned as a Company Commander with 1st Intelligence Battalion. From 1999 to 2002 Colonel Hanson served as a squadron executive officer and as the Air Combat Intelligence Officer with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, where he participated in deployments to Korea, Thailand, and the Northern Marianas Islands. From 2002 to 2005 Colonel Hanson was assigned to the National Capital Region where he served as a Branch Head in the Headquarters Marine Corps Intelligence Department and as a National Security Agency Director's Fellow. In 2005 Colonel Hanson once again returned to Camp Pendleton and was assigned to the 1st Marine Division. From 2006 to 2007 he deployed to Iraq and served as the Combat Advisor Team Leader with the Iraqi 2nd Border Defense Brigade where he led all border enforcement and combat advisor operations on the Iraq - Syria border. From January to December 2008 Colonel Hanson attended la Escuela de Defense Nacional in Buenos Aires Argentina. In January 2009, he reported to the 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton California to assume the duties of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. He was promoted to his current rank in July 2007.

Colonel Hanson's personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of second and third awards, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Colonel Hanson is married to the former Sandra Tran. They have two children, Joseph 25 and Amanda 22.