

Lieutenant General Joseph F. (Joe) Weber, USMC (Ret)
Former Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Atlantic

Lieutenant General Weber was born in Weimar, Texas in 1950 and is a 1972 graduate of Texas A&M University. Immediately upon graduation, he began his 36 years of service to the nation as a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps. Over the course of an extensive military career, the General served in assignments throughout the United States and overseas, commanding at all levels and serving in a wide variety of senior staff positions. His primary duties focused on the training, education and readiness of thousands of service members and civilians as well as the responsibility for their health, welfare and overall quality of life, and that of their family members. He has broad experience working with the interagency as well as a multitude of foreign military and diplomatic representatives and agencies world-wide.

A strong desire to continue to serve, coupled with the satisfaction gained over a long career of addressing the needs and aspirations of young, dedicated men and women would eventually steer this Marine back to Texas A&M University in August 2008 to serve as Vice President for Student Affairs. A deep understanding and appreciation for the established Aggie traditions of the past, balanced with the necessity for new Aggie traditions for the future, permit the General to be most comfortable in his new setting and in dealing with the tasks at hand.

The General earned a masters degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He completed a tour on the staff of the United States Naval Academy where he taught leadership and speech, administered and supervised midshipman performance and conduct programs, and served as the Officer Representative to the U.S. Naval Academy football team. Prior to returning to A&M, Lieutenant General Weber's final active duty Marine Corps assignment was as Commander, Marine Forces Command, Commanding General Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic, Commanding General Marine Bases Atlantic where he was responsible for 74,000 personnel with an annual budget of \$80 million and holdings and assets totaling \$33 billion.

Lieutenant General Weber is married to the former Brenda Kay Staples '76 of Paris, Texas. The General and his wife have two children, Major Clint Weber, USMC '98, and Julie Anne Sawyer '01 the wife of Capt. Blake Sawyer, USMC '97. The most recent addition to the Weber family is a beautiful granddaughter, Judith Elizabeth (Betsy) Weber.