



Brigadier General Julian D. Alford, USMC

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Brigadier General Alford attended West Georgia College and, as a sophomore, enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1985. Following graduation from college he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Marines in December of 1987.

Brigadier General Alford's commands: As a Lieutenant; Rifle Platoon Commander, 3d Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division during Operation Just Cause in the Republic of Panama and 81's Platoon Commander during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Light Armored Infantry Detachment Commander, 2d Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). As a Captain;

Series Commander, Company Commander, 3d Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island; Company Commander, 3d Battalion, 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division during Operation Assured Response in the U.S. Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia; As a Major; he commanded Recruiting Station, Nashville, Tennessee. As a Lieutenant Colonel; he commanded 3d Battalion 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division during Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan and during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a Colonel: he commanded The Basic School, Quantico Va.

Brigadier General Alford's staff assignments: As a Captain; Operations Officer, 3d Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island. As a Major; Operations Officer, 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division; Executive Officer, 2d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom; As a Lieutenant Colonel; Operations Officer,

6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, Faculty Advisor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. As a Colonel; Joint Operations Analysis Officer, Institute for Defense Analyses, during this assignment he deployed to Afghanistan and served as the Director of Strategic Effects, ISAF HQ, Kabul; Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City; Branch Head, Current and Future Operation, PP&O, HQMC. As a Brigadier General; he served as the Chief of Staff, CENTCOM, Joint Force Land Component Command, Kuwait.

Brigadier General Alford has attended The Basic School, the Infantry Officers Course, he Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Marine Corps War College.