

Major Kristopher J. Knobel

Provost Marshal



Major Knobel was born March 30, 1983 in Orange, California, but spent most of his time growing up in Port Angeles, Washington. He attended Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, and completed Officer Candidate School in the summer of 2005. He graduated from Washington State University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice in December of 2005, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on February 4th, 2006.

In December 2006, Second Lieutenant Knobel attended The Basic School and was assigned the Military Occupational Specialty of Military Police Officer. Second Lieutenant Knobel went on to attend Military Police Basic Officers Course in January of 2007.

In April 2007, Second Lieutenant Knobel reported to MAGTFTC, Twentynine Palms, California where he served as the Operations Officer and Deputy Provost Marshal at the Provost Marshal's Office. During his tour with the Provost Marshal's Office he attended Special Reaction Team School and the Non-lethal Individual Weapons Instructor Course.

In September 2008, First Lieutenant Knobel executed Permanent Change of Assignment orders to CLB-7, where he was assigned the duties of Platoon Commander in the Security Company. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 9.1, where he was responsible for convoy security, security forces for Camp Korean Village, and the Detainee Collection Point on Camp Korean Village.

In August 2009, First Lieutenant Knobel returned from Iraq and executed Permanent Change of Assignment orders to MAGTFTC where he was frocked to the rank of Captain and he again served as the Deputy Provost Marshal, and then PTP Officer for MAGTFTC G-3 Training.

In July 2010, Captain Knobel checked in to Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor, Washington, where he served as Company Executive Officer, Platoon Commander, and Assistant Operations Officer. As a Platoon Commander, him and his platoon provided security to the Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific Limited Area, as well as the Explosive Handling Wharf and convoy route.

In July 2013, Captain Knobel checked in to 2D Law Enforcement Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He assumed command of Alpha Company in March of 2014, then went on to serve as the Assistant Operations Officer. While in Command of Alpha Company, he took the company twice to Morocco to participate in Exercise African Lion 2014 and 2015, as well as supported 10th Marine Regiment during Exercise Rolling Thunder. While stationed at Camp Lejeune, he completed Expeditionary Warfare School, Distance Education Program, and attended the Exploitation Analysis Cell course in Largo, Florida.

In July 2016, Major Knobel checked into Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and assumed the duties of Provost Marshal.

Major Knobel's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Major Knobel is married to the former Rachel Harmon of Port Angeles, Washington, and they have daughters Zoey and Abigail, and son Westin.