

Major Justin D. Powell

Security Battalion Provost Marshal

Major Powell was born in Quincy, Illinois and raised in Merrillville, Indiana. He attended and graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a degree in Criminal Law. Shortly thereafter, Major Powell received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in December 2001 via the Officer Candidate Course (OCC), OCC Class 178.

Following initial training as a Second Lieutenant at The Basic School and as a Military Police (MP) Officer at Military Police Officer Basic Course (MPOBC) in 2002, he reported to MP Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group.

Major Powell was subsequently reassigned, from December 2002 to March 2004, to MP Detachment, Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group (MSSG) 13, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Special Operations Capable (SOC) at Camp Pendleton, California as the MP Detachment Commander and the Group Antiterrorism Officer. During this tour, he deployed on Western Pacific (WestPac) 03-2, which included a combat deployment to Iraq participating in Operation SWEENEY and Theater Security Cooperatives (TSC) EDGED MALLETT in Kenya, SEA SABER in the Arabian Sea, and IRON MAGIC in the United Arab Emirates.

Following his first MEU tour, Major Powell returned to the same duties with MSSG-13, 13th MEU (SOC) from April 2004 to April 2006, where he completed a second MEU deployment on WestPac 05-1, which included a second combat deployment in Iraq participating in Operations STEEL CURTAIN and IRON HAMMER, TSC BRIGHT STAR in Egypt, and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) operations with Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines (JSOTF-P) in the Philippines.

From May 2006 to July 2009, Major Powell was assigned to Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) at Indian Head, Maryland and served as the Alpha Company Executive Officer and Company Commander, the Battalion Assistant Operations Officer and Antiterrorism Officer, and the Incident Response Force (IRF) Company Commander and Mission Commander for the annual State of the Union Address (SOTUA) / Joint Session Congress.

Upon completion of his tour with CBIRF, from August 2009 to May 2010, Major Powell attended resident Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) at Quantico, Virginia.

Following EWS, from June 2010 to June 2012, Major Powell was assigned to the 11th MEU as the MEU Antiterrorism Officer and an Operations Action Officer, where he completed a third MEU deployment on WestPac

11-1, participating in TSCs in Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Saudi Arabia, and TSCs EAGER MACE in Kuwait and SEA SOLDIER in Oman.

Upon completing his tour with the 11th MEU, from August 2012 to June 2013, Major Powell attended resident Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC), in Quantico, Virginia. While attending CSC, Major Powell obtained his Master of Military Studies degree.

Following CSC, Major Powell was re-assigned aboard Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico for duties with Security Battalion and currently serves as the Battalion Provost Marshal for MCB Quantico.

Major Powell's personal awards include: the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Major Powell is married to the former Kelly Anne Haitz of Schererville, Indiana. They have one son, Justin, and currently reside on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.