

Colonel David W. McMorries

United States Marine Corps

Colonel David W. McMorries is the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Network Operations and Security Center.

Colonel McMorries was born in Long Beach, California and raised in Humboldt County, California. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps at Oregon State University on 18 March 1988 after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Colonel McMorries' military education includes the Basic School (1988), Basic Communications Officer's Course (1988), Command and Control Systems Course (1995), and in June 2000 he graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School with a Masters of Science in Information Technology Management.



Colonel McMorries' past assignments include Communications Center Platoon Commander, Bravo Company, 7th Communication Battalion (February-July 1989); Communications Representative, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade Exercise Control Group, G-3 (July 1989-February 1990); Communications Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (February 1990-February 1992); Operations Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center (March 1992-July 1993); Communications Representative, Tactical Exercise Evaluation Control Group, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (July 1993-July 1994); Platoon Commander, Kilo Company, Officer Candidates School (May-August 1995); Assistant Operations Officer, 8th Communication Battalion, 2d Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Group (SRIG) (September 1995-July 1996); Commanding Officer, General Support Company, 8th Communication Battalion, 2d SRIG (July 1996-May 1998); Satellite Systems Action Officer, C4 Department, Headquarters Marine Corps (August 2000-May 2003); Information Technology Officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) G-6 (June 2003-June 2004); Chief, Information Assurance Division, J-6, United States Southern Command (July 2004-May 2007); Deputy G-6, II MEF Forward (Multinational Force-West) (July 2007-January 2008); Deputy G-6, 2d Marine Division (January 2008-June 2008); Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (June 2008-July 2009) and Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-6, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (July 2009-July 2010); AC/S, G-6 II MEF/II MEF (Forward)/Director, Communication Information System Regional Command Southwest (August 2010-June 2012).

Colonel McMorries' combat deployments include Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.2 and Operation Enduring Freedom 2011.

Colonel McMorries' personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Colonel McMorries is married to the former Holly Hicks of McMinnville, Oregon. They have three children.