



Brigadier General William F. Mullen, III **Director, Capabilities Development Directorate**

Brigadier General Mullen was commissioned via the NROTC program at Marquette University in 1986. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in Kaneohe Bay, HI where he served as a rifle and weapons platoon commander, and Battalion training officer from 1987 to 1990.

He transferred to the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Pacific at Mare Island, CA where he served as a platoon commander, executive officer and Commanding Officer of the Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company from 1990 to 1993. During this period he deployed to Operation Desert Shield and participated in several counter-narcotics missions in support of Joint Task Force-6, and also served as the Battalion training officer.



After attending the Advanced Artillery Officer course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma 1993, he was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines (later converted to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines) at Camp Lejeune, NC, and was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Fox Company. He participated in Operation Sea Signal in 1994, and deployed to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit from 1995 to 1996 with the small boat raid and cliff assault company. From 1996 to 1999 he served as the Inspector-Instructor for Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines in Milwaukee, WI. During this time period he led a successful counter-narcotics mission in the Los Padres National Forest of California.

In early 1999 he was selected to be the Marine Aide to the President. He served in that capacity until he was selected to attend the School of Advanced Warfighting in 2001. After school, he reported to the Joint Operations Division of the Joint Staff, J-3 for duty in the PACOM and CENTCOM sections. He then served as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director for Regional Operations until 2004.

In 2004 he reported to the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, NC for duty as the Division Plans Officer. In late 2004 he was chosen to be the Operations Officer for Regimental Combat Team – 8, with whom he deployed to Fallujah, Iraq from 2005 to 2006. Upon returning from deployment he assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines and returned to Fallujah, Iraq in 2007. After command he attended the Naval War College at Newport, RI from 2008 to 2009, followed by command of the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group in 2009 at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA.

Since July 2012 he has served as the Commanding General, Education Command and President, Marine Corps University, as part of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, VA. He was promoted to his current rank on 12 Oct 12. Brigadier General Mullen holds a BA and MA in Political Science from Marquette University, as well as an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He is a graduate of the Airborne, Ranger, Summer Mountain Leader and Royal Marine Arctic Warfare Survival courses.