



Thomas D. Weidley

Brigadier General, Commander, Marine Corps Installations East

Brigadier General Thomas D. Weidley is a native of Lima, PA. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve following his graduation from Ohio Northern University in 1987 where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Following completion of The Basic School in the spring of 1988, Brigadier General Weidley reported to primary flight training at Pensacola, FL, where he was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1989. In January 1990, Brigadier General Weidley completed initial AH-1J training at HMT-303 and reported to HMLA-367, Camp Pendleton, CA, where he completed the AH-1W transition and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD and Operation DESERT STORM. He served as Ground Training Officer, AH-1W Schedule Writer, and Weapons and Tactics Instructor during his tour with HMLA-367.

In May 1994, Brigadier General Weidley reported to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One in Yuma, AZ, where he served as an AH-1W Instructor and Assistant Operations Officer. During November 1997, he reported to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served at the MEU Air Officer.

From January 1999 to July 2000, Brigadier General Weidley was assigned to HMLA-369, Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served as the Director of Safety and Standardization and the Squadron's Operations Officer. In August of 2000, he reported to the United States Central Command in Tampa, FL, where he served in the Operations Directorate as an Action Officer and Deputy Division Chief within the Strategic Deployments Division, and participated in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Brigadier General Weidley graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in June of 2004, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. From Newport, he reported to HMLA-369 for duty as Commanding Officer. After returning from a combat deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Brigadier General Weidley relinquished command of the Gunfighters in May 2006, and proceeded to Quantico, Virginia for his next assignment at Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He served as head of Aviation Officer Assignments and also as the Aviation Colonels Monitor. In the spring of 2009, Brigadier General Weidley reported back to Camp Pendleton as the Commanding Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 39. His next assignment was to Marine Corps Forces Pacific, beginning in the summer of 2011, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. Brigadier General Weidley became Commanding



General of Education Command and the President of the Marine Corps University in July 2013, and was reassigned in November 2014 to the Chief of Staff for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

Brigadier General Weidley's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with gold star, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Air Medal with Combat "V", two single-mission and eleven Strike Flight Awards, Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.