

United States Marine Corps



COLONEL JAMES W. FREY

A native of Ridgebury, Pennsylvania, Col Frey received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May, 1992. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in March 1995.

As an F/A-18D Weapons and Sensors Officer he trained at MCAS El Toro, CA and then to VMFA(AW)-121 at MCAS Miramar, CA. With the Green Nights, he attended the Marine Division Tactics Course and Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course. He twice deployed to Iwakuni, Japan and once to Ahmed Al Jaber AB, Kuwait in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

In July 2000, he was the Air Officer for BLT 2/1 in Camp Pendleton, CA. He deployed as part of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

He transferred to VMFA(AW)-533 at MCAS Beaufort, SC in November 2001. He deployed to support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and major combat operations during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and also to Iwakuni, Japan. In March 2005, he led the MAG-31 Training Officer Cell.

In June 2006, he reported to the College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, RI. Upon graduation, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Department of Aviation where he served in Aviation Weapons Requirements as APW-71 for Aviation Training and Aircrew Systems.

In July 2008, he assumed command of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron - Three (VMU-3) activating the squadron in September at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA. He deployed the *Phantoms* in detachments to Iraq and took the headquarters to FOB Dwyer, Helmand Province Afghanistan as part of MEB-A, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In July 2010, he reported to the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA and participated in the Advanced Strategic Arts Program.

In July 2011, he reported to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium for duties as Special Assistant to the Commander US European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

He was 2d MAW Standardization Officer from June 2014-2015.

Decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal (V)4, AF Aerial Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (V)2, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.