



## William K. Bentley, LtCol USMCR (Ret)

William K. Bentley last served as the Reserve Integration Officer, USMC Forces, Central Command, having retired in October 2014 after 28 years of honorable service. Born in Portland, OR, he was raised in Gladstone, OR. Enlisting in the Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer (1371) in 1986, after completing boot camp in MCRD San Diego he served with MWSS-371 in Yuma, AZ.

Commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1991, he graduated *magna cum laude* from Oregon State University with a BS in Eastern European Studies and a Russian Studies certificate. After graduation from TBS and Adjutant's Course, he reported to 1<sup>st</sup> Light Armored Infantry BN and participated in the JTF-Los Angeles riot control. Subsequent assignments included Regimental Adjutant, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Regiment, performing full range of administrative and manpower functions for 4 battalions and the Station Adjutant, MCAS Iwakuni.

Departing active duty in 1997, he began a law enforcement career with Oceanside Police Department, Oceanside, CA. While working full-time sworn police patrol duties, he joined 3d Civil Affairs Group, Camp Pendleton, as the Group Adjutant, planning and preparing dozens of Reserve Marine individual augments and detachments for exercises and operational deployments.

Recruited to the AR program, he was assigned in June 1999 as Assistant BN I&I, 4<sup>th</sup> Supply BN, Newport News, VA, coordinating all training, personnel, and pre-deployment initiatives for 1200 Marines throughout 10 subordinate units across the U.S. He prepared and executed the BN MobPlan for OEF/OIF in Jan/Feb 2003, during the BN first mob in over 50 years, and served as the senior remaining I&I during Battalion's deployment.

After 5 years of I&I duty, in 2004 he transferred to MobCom, Kansas City, MO, as the Director, Reserve Personnel Administration Center, consolidating multiple functions and staff sections into one PAC servicing over 60,000 Marines. He also integrated the IRR and Standby Reserve Marine functions and manpower planning into the Total Force mission. He completed Joint Staff College AJPME-II, and his writing "Total Force Integration" received Reserve Issues Writing Award.

He attended the Army Command and General Staff College in 2007. Upon graduation, he was selected for the inaugural Homeland Security Writing Award with topic, "Maritime Homeland Security in a Fourth Generation Warfare Environment."

Reporting to the RA Manpower, HQMC, in July 2008, as the RAM-5 Distribution and Total Force Integration Officer, he participated in Service and Joint working groups to define and refine Total Force issues. He revised the AR program staffing goals and systemic structure changes while monitoring AR staffing and manning precedence across the Total Force.

LtCol Bentley deployed to NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan in April 2009. He was selected to fill Deputy CoS billet while dual-hatted as XO for the Deputy Commander, Police, NTM-A/CSTC-A. Responsible for



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coordinating all movements and activities of Canadian Major General Deputy Commander-Police, throughout CJOA developing Afghan National Police sustainable capacity during growth from 96,000 to 134,000.

In June 2010 he was assigned as Assistant CoS G-1, 4MarDiv, MFR, New Orleans coordinating a full range of manpower, personnel, and administrative functions for nearly 20,000 Marines located in 47 states. In August 2012, he was reassigned as Assistant CoS G-1, 4MLG, New Orleans and was responsible for coordinating all administrative functions while preparing the Group's 10,000 Marines for significant Force Structure Review Group reorganization.

Will holds a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University, and is designated a Level III, fully Joint Qualified Officer (JQO), with MOS 9702, in December 2010.

Decorations include: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 2 campaign stars), and NATO Medal.

He and Simona, his wife of 22 years, have six children: Leticia, Ernie, Angel, Keilee, Hunter, and Sayge. Lieutenant Colonel Bentley and his family reside in Southern California.