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Michael Strobl enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1983 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in December of 1987 and served around the world in various duties as a field artilleryman. Dr. Strobl deployed with both the 13th and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units (Special Operations Capable) and served in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait as an artillery platoon commander in 11th Marines during Operation Desert Storm. Other operational tours include battery command at 12th Marines, and Battalion Operations Officer and Regimental Fire Direction Officer at 10th Marines. Supporting establishment tours include instructor and Staff Platoon Commander at The Basic School; Assistant Operations Officer, Total Force Structure Division (MCCDC); and Head, Officer Distribution Branch at HQMC, Manpower & Reserve Affairs.

Retiring from the Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2007, Dr. Strobl accepted a position as an Operations Research Analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation) at the Pentagon. While serving at CAPE, he was the lead analyst on military manpower and compensation issues as well as the Defense Health Program. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in September 2016 and served as the Deputy Director, Manpower Plans and Policy Division until assuming his current duties in August 2021.

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