

**Brigadier General  
James W. Bierman Jr.  
Deputy Director**

**Political-Military Affairs Middle East, J5**



Brigadier General James W. Bierman, Jr. was born in Camp Lejeune, and attended the Virginia Military Institute. Upon completion of The Basic School and Infantry Officer's Course in 1988, he reported to the 2d Marine Division and was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Commander in Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) 4-88. While in this billet he participated in contingency operations in the Persian Gulf.

In December 1988, Brigadier General Bierman was assigned to 2d Battalion, 8th Marines. While with 2/8 he served as an Anti-Armor Platoon Commander, Adjutant, and Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Company. In 1991 he deployed to the Mediterranean with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and participated in operations in Northern Iraq as part of Operation Provide Comfort.

In February 1992, he began a tour in the Intelligence Field and was assigned to 1st Surveillance Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group for duty as an Analyst in the 1st MAGTF All Source Fusion Center. In December 1992, Brigadier General Bierman was attached to the 1st Marine Division for duty as an Intelligence Analyst in Mogadishu, Somalia during Operation Restore Hope. In May 1993 he assumed duties as the Intelligence Officer for the 1st Marine Regiment.

In June 1995, Brigadier General Bierman returned to Quantico to attend the Amphibious Warfare School. After graduating, he returned to Camp Pendleton where he served as the Commanding Officer of Company C and Battalion Operations Officer in 1st Battalion, 1st Marine

Regiment. During this tour he participated in contingency operations ashore in the Central Command Area of Operations with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. From July 1999 to June 2002, Brigadier General Bierman served as the Commanding Officer of Recruiting Station Richmond, Virginia. Following recruiting duty, he attended the School of Advanced Warfighting in Quantico. While a student there he was assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force, and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a planner.

After graduating from the School of Advanced Warfighting, Brigadier General Bierman returned to I Marine Expeditionary Force. In the summer of 2003, he deployed to Al Hillah, Iraq where he served as an Action Officer during Phase IV of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In the spring of 2004, he deployed to Fallujah, Iraq where he served as the Deputy G-3, Future Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

In July 2005, he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment. During the winter of 2006, he deployed with the battalion to eastern Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom VI-VII. In the spring of 2007, he deployed with the battalion to Haditha, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.1.

He relinquished command of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines in November 2007. Shortly thereafter he reported to the College of Naval Warfare in Newport, Rhode Island. In April 2009, he assumed the responsibilities as Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Regiment Remain Behind Element. In November of 2009, Brigadier General Bierman assumed command of the 3d Marine Regiment, a billet he held until of May of 2011.

From 2011 to 2013, he was assigned as the Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In July 2013, Brigadier General Bierman assumed command of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, a billet he held until 15 July 2016.

On 1 September 2016, he assumed his current duties as the Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for the Middle East, Strategic Plans and Policy Direction (J5), on the Joint Staff.

Brigadier General Bierman's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with gold star, the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device and two gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star.