

Lieutenant General Gary L. Thomas
Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources



Lieutenant General Gary L. Thomas is currently serving as the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources.

A native of Austin, Texas, he graduated from the University of Texas and was commissioned in 1984. He previously served as the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.

Lieutenant General Thomas is a Naval Aviator and has served in several FA-18 squadrons. He commanded VMFA-323 during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM while embarked aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64). He also commanded Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1), and he served as the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in Afghanistan from February to December 2013.

He has served as the Assistant Wing Commander for the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation, and the Marine Corps Deputy Director of Operations.

His Joint assignments include service in the Strategic Plans Directorate (J-5) and in the Force Structure, Resources, Assessment Directorate (J-8).

Lieutenant General Thomas is a graduate of the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, the Navy Fighter Weapons School, Air Command and Staff College, and the National War College. He holds a M.S. in National Security Strategy from National Defense University.