



Brigadier General Kurt W. Stein
Director Marine and Family Programs
Headquarters Marine Corps

BGen Stein assumed the duties of Director Marine and Family Programs in November, 2016. He is a native of Pennsylvania and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the PLC program after graduating from Grove City College.

A Naval Aviator by trade, BGen Stein completed flight school in 1991 and has flown more than 100 combat missions and accumulated more than 4,500 flight hours in numerous platforms.

He reported to his first fleet squadron aboard MCAS El Toro, California in September of 1992 and deployed in support of Operation Restore Hope (Somalia) and served in the Maintenance and Safety Departments.

He then transferred to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters General Staff (G-3) as the Air Transport Coordination Officer and Movement Control Officer for Marine Forces Pacific.

In August 1995 he was assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) to serve as a MEU Air Officer and Forward Air Controller for the Maritime Special Purpose Force. He made a Western Pacific deployment aboard the USS Tarawa and participated in Operation Southern Watch and numerous exercises supporting coalition partners.

BGen Stein then reported to VMGR-452 and served as the Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer and Director of Safety and Standardization. In 1998, he transferred to the Reserve Component and remained with the squadron, assuming the position of Pilot/ Aircrew Training Officer.

As a major he served as the Flight Officer and Assistant Operations Officer and in January of 2003, he assumed the duties of Operations Officer as the squadron was mobilized and deployed to the CENTCOM AOR for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I, where the squadron flew more than half of all the fixed-wing assault support missions supporting I MEF during the Iraqi invasion.

In 2004, he again mobilized and deployed to Al Asad, Iraq in the Anbar Province for OIF-II as the Detachment Commander. During this deployment the unit was a key participant in Operation Phantom Fury, the battle of Fallujah. Upon his return home, he assumed the duties of Acting Commanding Officer.



In 2005 he assumed the duties of Executive Officer and the squadron was once again mobilized to support humanitarian relief efforts throughout the gulf coast after Hurricane Katrina.

In 2006, he was selected to attend the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA where he received a Masters of Science Degree in Strategic Studies and upon graduation he reported to the Deputy Commandant, I&L, HQMC to serve in the Vision and Strategy Branch.

From 2009-2011 he commanded the “Yankees” of VMGR-452. During this tour the squadron received the Marine Corps Aviation Association Pete Ross award, the Secretary of the Navy’s Award for Safety Excellence and the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award.

After relinquishing command, he served as Deputy and Acting Director of Reserve Affairs, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, HQMC.

In 2013 BGen Stein reported to Marine Air Group 49 to serve as the Deputy Commander. During this tour he also served as the Aviation Component Commander for ITX 4-15.

In 2015, BGen Stein was selected to assume the duties of Vice Chief of Staff, Marine Forces Reserve/ Marine Forces North.

Prior to his current position, BGen Stein served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation.

In addition to the Army War College, he is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Amphibious Warfare School, MAWTS-1 Commander’s Course and the Tactical Air Control Party Course.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, Air Strike Medal with numeral “8”, Navy/ Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat “V” and Gold Star in lieu of third award, Navy / Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” and numeral “4” devices and various campaign and unit awards.