

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MELANIE R. BELL-CARTER

From July 2015 - present, Lieutenant Colonel Melanie Bell-Carter serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 at Marine Corps Combat Development Command/Combat Development and Integration; Quantico, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Bell-Carter possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resource Management, Masters of Military Operational Art and Science Degree, Master's Degree in Organizational Development and Management and is pursuing a PhD Organizational Development.

A native of Cleveland, Mississippi, she enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1992 and graduated from recruit training Marine Corps Recruit Depot; Parris Island, South Carolina.

Upon graduation from recruit training, she attended the Aviation Ordnance Course at Naval Air Station (NAS), Millington, Tennessee. Upon completion in November 1992, she attended the AV-8B Armament Organizational Systems Maintenance Course at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point, North Carolina.

- February 1993, MCAS Yuma, Arizona, Aviation Ordnanceman at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 (MALS-13) and later served with MALS-36 in Okinawa, Japan.
- February of 1996- Norfolk, Virginia, Instructor Training Course. Upon completion, she transferred to MCAS Cherry Point, NAMTRAGRUDET, to attend the Curriculum Developers Course then served with Marine Attack Training Squadron 203 as an Aviation Ordnance Instructor.
- July 1998- Naval Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, Aviation Operations Course. While attending the course, she was selected to the Meritorious Commissioning Program.
- December 1998- Graduated Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia. In January 1999, she reported to The Basic School at Quantico and graduated in July of 1999.
- August 1999- Camp Johnson, North Carolina, she graduated the Adjutant's Course. She later attended the Legal Officer's Course at Naval Base San Diego, California.
- September 1999- Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, Adjutant and Legal Officer for Headquarters & Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG).
- March 2000- 1st FSSG Headquarters, Human Resources Officer.
- March 2001- 1st Transportation Support Battalion, and then I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, Adjutant and Legal Officer. During that tour, she participated in Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens in Seoul, Korea from July through September 2001.
- August 2002 to March 2003, she deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM as the Officer-in-Charge of the Joint Visitors Bureau with Combined Joint Task Force 180.

- June 2003- Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Adjutant and Airport Liaison Officer for the Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region.
- July 2006- MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Adjutant, Legal Officer and the PSD Company Commander at Marine Aircraft Group 24.
- June 2009- Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Programs & Resources Department, Administrative Officer, Security Manager, and Operational Sponsorship Manager.
- June 2010- Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, Staff Secretary and Administrative Officer.
- September 2012- Marine Corps Forces Central Command Forward [MARCENT (FWD)], Naval Support Activity, Kingdom of Bahrain, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 and Headquarters Company Commander.
- September 2013- MARCENT Coordination Element-Bahrain, Deputy Officer-in-Charge.
- August 2014 to June 2015- Air Command and Staff College; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Masters of Military Operational Art and Science Degree.

Her personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Good Conduct Medals and a host of Meritorious Masts, Certificates of Commendations, and Letters of Appreciations.

Lieutenant Colonel Bell-Carter has two children; Erik age 23 and Kennedi age 10.