

COLONEL SHEILA M. Q. SCANLON, USMC

Colonel Scanlon was born in Rochester, New York. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1979 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 11 November 1979. After completion of the Basic School and the Administrative Officer's Course, she was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona, where she held billets as Personnel Officer, Adjutant, and Legal Officer.

In May 1984, she was transferred to 3d Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan, where she held billets as Battalion Adjutant, Group Manpower Officer, and Group Personnel Officer. In November 1987, she was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, where she held billets as Battalion Adjutant and then Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, which included the former Casual Company, the Recruit Support Platoon and the Recruit Separations Section.

In August 1992, she was transferred back to Okinawa where she assumed the duties as S-1 Officer for the 3d Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Group. In May 1994, she participated in Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand as the Joint Task Force Adjutant and in June 1994, she was assigned as the G-1A for III Marine Expeditionary Force. In September 1994, she was reassigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing as the G-1 Manpower Officer. In September 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Scanlon was reassigned to Field Command, Defense Special Weapons Agency, as the Chief, National Programs Branch of the Arms Control Division, working the Cooperative Threat Program with the Former Soviet Union and the Marine Corps Element Commander. Lieutenant Colonel Scanlon was reassigned in June 1998 to the Marine Forces Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia, as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1. She assumed command of Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, on 16 June 2000. She was promoted to Colonel on 1 July 2002. In August 2002, she attended National War College and received a Masters Degree in National Strategic Studies in June 2003. She was then assigned as the Commander, Western Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command in Denver, CO from July 2003 to July 2005. She was reassigned to Marine Corps Bases Japan where she assumed duties as the AC/S G-1 and Chief of Staff. She assumed command of the University of Colorado at Boulder ROTC unit in July 2007 and is on the faculty of the University as a Professor of Naval Science.

Her personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with one star, the Navy Marine Commendation Medal with two stars, and the Distinguished Rifle Marksmanship Badge. Colonel Scanlon earned this award, firing both the M-14 and M-16A2 rifles, and is one of a few women Marines on active duty to hold this award. Colonel Scanlon is very happily married to Donald L. Scanlon, (LtCol USMC, Retired), and the proud parent of Johnathan, age 17, and Katherine, age 15.

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