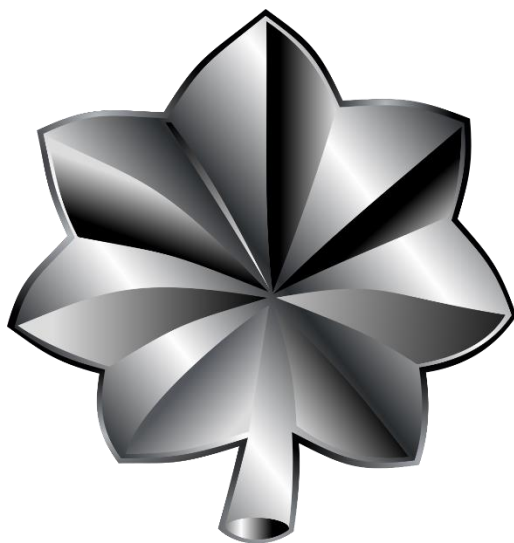


*Marine Wing Headquarters
Squadron 1*

Change of Command



Lieutenant Colonel

Jonathan M. Geister

Lieutenant Colonel

Michael L. Jones

5 May 2023

Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan

The Commanding Officer
Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1
welcomes you to the
Change of Command Ceremony
at which
Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan M. Geisler
will relinquish command to
Lieutenant Colonel Michael L. Jones

Behind a Change of Command

The Change of Command Ceremony you witness today is not specifically prescribed by the U.S. Navy Regulations, but rather, it is an honored product of our Army counterpart. It is intended to strengthen the authority and respect of the commanding officer which is vital to any military organization. Customs have established that this ceremony is formal and impressive. The heart of the ceremony is the passing of the organizational colors by the officer to be relieved to the relieving officer. The passing of the colors represents the exchange of command. This simple procedure signifies the transfer of total accountability, authority and responsibility from one individual to another.

Because of the Adjutant's part in making the line of battle or parade, the signal to start the movement is called the "Adjutant's Call." The band sounds the call and immediately follows it with a march as the troops step off.

"Sound Off" is believed to date back to the Crusades. When troops volunteered for the Crusades, just prior to embarkation, they were formed on the right of the line between the band and the other troops present. As an honor to these volunteers, the band struck three chords of the present day "Sound Off", marched out from the line and trooped up and down the line while playing. The square formation used by the band with its wheeling turns and counter marches dates back to 300 B.C., when Alexander's Macedonian Phalanx of spearman conquered all enemies from ancient Greece to India.

Each organization is equipped with a National Ensign and Organizational Color. When carried by an individual on foot or displayed from a fixed location, the National Ensign is called the "National Color." When in garrison or on board a ship, the color of an organization is kept in the office of the Commander. The transfer of the Organizational Color is also symbolic of the transfer of command from the outgoing to the incoming Commander.

In ancient times, commanders would form the line of battle as we form a parade today. Our parade is a descendent of the combat formation. As training to prepare units for battle, Commanders ordered their units to "Pass in Review." Each unit then marched in front of the Commander so that he could observe every platoon and man to evaluate their state of training and discipline. We still do this as the final act in a parade and for much the same reason, to afford the new Commander a closer look at the marching ability and state of discipline of his men and women.

Sequence of Events

Ceremony Music (III MEF Band)

Invocation by Chaplain

Sound Off

Manual of Arms

Publish the Orders

Officers Center

Honors to the Commanding General

National Anthem

Change of Command

Remarks by MajGen Austin

Remarks by LtCol Geisler

Remarks by LtCol Jones

Anchors Aweigh

Marines' Hymn

Dismissal

Ceremonial Participants

Commander of Troops

Major Darick A. Apitz

Sergeant Major

Sergeant Major Hector A. Rivera

Adjutant

First Lieutenant Zachary S. Buker

Chaplain

Lieutenant Steven M. Lanclos

Narrator

Staff Sergeant Garret M. Leo

Parade Staff

First Lieutenant Zachary S. Buker

Master Sergeant Kawaski G. Ledet

Captain Rose E. Campbell

Gunnery Sergeant Julio Moreno

Captain Matthew J. Arismendez

Gunnery Sergeant Juan M. Cerdaguerra

First Lieutenant Jude C. Hydrick

Staff Sergeant Peydin T. Blackmore

Color Guard

Sergeant Brandon G. Santos

Corporal Jordan Camilo

Corporal Kaitlyn J. Ceballos

Lance Corporal Jada M. Mitchell

Company Commanders

Captain Casey N. Hosbrough

Captain Joan K. Shizuru

Captain Robert J. Fountain

1stLt Joshua A. Womack

Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan M. Geisler



Lieutenant Colonel Geisler grew up in Park City, Utah and graduated from Weber State University in 2003, with a major in Communications. After completing The Basic School in March 2004, LtCol Geisler proceeded to flight school and was designated a Naval Aviator in May 2006 and assigned to the AH-1W.

After completing Fleet Replacement Squadron Training at HMLA/T-303 in September 2006, LtCol Geisler was assigned to HMLA-267 “Stingers.”

From January 2007 to December 2007, LtCol Geisler was attached to HMM-265 (REIN) assigned to the 31st MEU. During his tenure, he served as a schedule writer and supported multiple exercises in INDOPACOM to include Talisman Sabre, Foal Eagle, Talon Vision, PHIBLEX, and Korean Interoperability Training Program. Upon completion of his deployment he returned to HMLA-267 and was assigned to Maintenance serving multiple Officer-In-Charge billets.

In August 2008 to May 2009, LtCol Geisler was assigned to HMM-163 (REIN) in support of the 13th MEU as the Quality Assurance Officer. While deployed, the Amphibious Ready Group was assigned to Combined Task Force 151 in support of Anti-Piracy Operations.

Following his deployment in June 2009, LtCol Geisler was assigned to HMLA-369 “Gunfighters.” While assigned to HMLA-369, he attended the Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course. Following WTI graduation, he deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in May 2010.

In June 2011, LtCol Geisler reported to Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center as the Air Officer. During his tour, he became qualified as a Winter and Summer Mountain Leader. Additionally, he graduated from Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) School, earning the Forward Air Controller/Air Officer qualification.

LtCol Geisler reported to HMLA/T-303 “Atlas” in June 2014 as the S-1 Department Head and began refresher training in the AH-1W. While at HMLA/T-303, LtCol Geisler served as the Assistant Operations and Operations Officer and transitioned to the AH-1Z.

In March 2017, LtCol Geisler was assigned to HMLA-469 “Vengeance” as the Executive Officer. During his tour, he completed his Master’s Degree in Leadership Studies from Marshall University.

From January 2018 to April 2019, LtCol Geisler was assigned to VMM-165 (REIN) attached to the 13th MEU. During his time he served as the HMLA Detachment Officer-In-Charge and Commander of Troops aboard the USS Anchorage for operations in 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th Fleet.

From May 2019 to May 2021, LtCol Geisler was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan as the Airfield Operations and Station Operations Officer. During his tour, he earned his Aircraft Commander qualification in the UC-12W.

From May 2021 to May 2023, LtCol Geisler served as the Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron One, Commanding Officer.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, five Strike/Flight Air Medals, the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, and the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star. LtCol Geisler has flown more than 4,200 total mishap free flight hours.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael L. Jones



Lieutenant Colonel Jones grew up in Washington State and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1998. Upon completion of basic training, LtCol Jones trained as an Engineer Equipment Operator and was assigned to MWSS-473 Det B in Oak Harbor, WA. While attending Western Washington University, LtCol Jones entered the PLC program and was commissioned upon graduation in 2003. Upon completing The Basic School in June 2004, LtCol Jones proceeded to flight school. He was designated a Naval Aviator in December 2005 and assigned to the AH-1W.

After completing Fleet Replacement Squadron Training at HMLA/T-303 in April 2006, LtCol Jones was assigned to HMLA-367 “Scarface.”

While at Scarface, LtCol Jones deployed twice to Iraq in support of Iraqi Freedom. LtCol Jones held many billets within Scarface in both the Maintenance and Operations departments.

In January 2009, LtCol Jones attended TACP School and was subsequently assigned to BLT 2/4. While at BLT 2/4, LtCol Jones was assigned as the Air Officer and deployed in support of the 11th MEU from October 2009 to April 2010.

Following his deployment on the 11th MEU, LtCol Jones conducted a refresh in the AH-1W and was assigned to HMLA-469 Vengeance. While at Vengeance, LtCol Jones served in the Safety department and Operations department as the AH-1W Flight Officer and Pilot Training Officer. LtCol Jones deployed with Vengeance to Afghanistan in April of 2012 to September 2012.

From June 2013 to July 2016, LtCol Jones served as an Exercise Controller at Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG). While at TTECG, LtCol Jones attended the Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course and was designated a JTAC WTI.

In 2016, LtCol Jones did another refresh in the AH-1W and reported to MAG-24. While at MAG-24, LtCol Jones served as the Future Operations Officer. LtCol Jones was pulled to HMLA-367 “Scarface” from MAG-24 to serve as the senior AH-1W pilot and Detachment Operations Officer for a deployment as part of Marine Rotational Forces Darwin. Upon return, LtCol Jones served as the Squadron Assistant Operations Officer and transitioned to the AH-1Z. LtCol Jones finished his time at Scarface serving as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

From June 2019 to April 2021, LtCol Jones was assigned to the Marine Corps University. While at the Marine Corps University, LtCol Jones served as the Chief Instructor and Deputy Director for the Expeditionary Warfare School.

LtCol Jones conducted a tour curtailment to transition to III MEF to serve as the Executive Officer of the 31st MEU. As the XO for the 31st MEU, LtCol Jones conducted four patrols and supported multiple multinational exercises throughout the INDOPACIFIC AOR.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Ten Strike/Flight Air Medals, the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, and the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars.

Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1

Commanding Officers

NOV 1971 – OCT 1972
LTCOL R. E. HAWES JR.

OCT 1972 – SEP 1973
LTCOL T. M. D'ANDREA

SEP 1973 – MAY 1974
LTCOL J. W. ALBER

MAY 1974 – MAY 1975
LTCOL P. R. JONES

MAY 1975 – AUG 1975
MAJ E. A. HOMER

AUG 1975 – JAN 1976
LTCOL L. FURSTENBURG

JAN 1976 – DEC 1976
LTCOL D. A. TEICHMANN

DEC 1976 – AUG 1977
LTCOL D. W. DANE

AUG 1977 – JUL 1978
COL S. M. NEWBILL

JUL 1978 – JUN 1979
LTCOL W. T. SINNOTT

JUN 1979 – AUG 1979
MAJ E. W. BARAGER

AUG 1979 – MAY 1980
LTCOL J. F. HALES

JAN 1981 – JUN 1981
LTCOL H. P. PORTH

JUN 1981 – JUN 1981
MAJ P. L. PERKINS

JUL 1981 – JUN 1982
LTCOL D. T. SAVAE

JUN 1982 – AUG 1982
MAJ J. L. STEVENS

AUG 1982 – JUN 1984
LTCOL P. H. COURTNEY

JUN 1984 – JUL 1986
LTCOL H. MITCHELL

AUG 1986 – MAY 1988
LTCOL T. H. LYONS

MAY 1988 – JUN 1990
LTCOL T. R. PHELPS

JUN 1990 – JUN 1992
LTCOL J. M. YENCHA JR.

JUN 1992 – APR 1994
LTCOL G. W. BRAGDON

APR 1994 – JUN 1996
LTCOL J. T. RYBERG

JUN 1996 – JUL 1996
MAJ J. L. GRAHAM

JUL 1996 – JUL 1997
LTCOL E. L. HOLECOMB

AUG 1997 – JUN 1998
MAJ J. L. GRAHAM

JUN 1998 – SEP 1999
LTCOL M. A. DYER

SEP 1999 – JUL 2001
LTCOL D. K. HANSEN

JUL 2001 – JAN 2005
LTCOL J. G. DAVIDSON

JAN 2005 – JUL 2006
LTCOL S. C. NELSON

JUL 2006 – JAN 2008
LTCOL B. A. WADSWORTH

JAN 2008 – JUN 2009
LTCOL J. M. BLACKBURN

JUN 2009 – JUN 2011
LTCOL R. LIANEZ

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Commanding Officers

JUN 2011 – MAR 2013
LTCOL J. E. RUPP

OCT 2014 - JUN 2017
LTCOL R. A. SMITH

JUN 2019 - MAY 2021
LTCOL N. D. WALDRON

MAR 2013 - OCT 2014
LTCOL C. V. EBITZ

JUN 2017- JUN 2019
LTCOL D. M. MCCOWAN

MAY 2021 - MAY 2023
LTCOL J. M. GEISLER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL L. JONES

5 May 2023 – Present

Honors Awarded to Marine Wing

Headquarters Squadron 1

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
KOREA

1951

VIETNAM

1965-1967

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY) STREAMER

KOREA

1950

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

KOREA

1952-1953

2001-2003

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM

1967-1968

2000-2002

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER



Lineage of Marine Wing Headquarters

Squadron 1

ACTIVATED 1 JANUARY 1943 AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, AS
HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 43 AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE BASE DEFENSE
AIRCRAFT GROUP 43, SERVICE GROUP, MARINE WINGS PACIFIC
REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1943 TO MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT
GROUP 43, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST
REASSIGNED DURING NOVEMBER 1944 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 43,
MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST
DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1945 TO THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII AND
REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 43, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT
WING
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING IN WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGN:
OKINAWA
RE-DESIGNATED ON 1 AUGUST 1945 AS HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON,
MARINE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND 2

1946-1949
REASSIGNED DURING FEBRUARY 1946 TO THE 4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT
WING
REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1946 TO AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1946 TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
RE-DESIGNATED 15 APRIL 1946 AS HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON,
MARINE AIR WARNING GROUP 2 AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIR,
WEST COAST
RE-DESIGNATED 1 AUGUST 1946 AS HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON,
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 2
RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1946 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA
RE-DESIGNATED 1 JULY 1947 AS MARINE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL
SQUADRON 2
REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1947 TO THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1950-1960
REASSIGNED DURING JULY 1950 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1950 TO KOREA
PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN WAR, OPERATING FROM:
PUSAN PERIMETER INCHON-SEOUL
CHOSIN RESERVOIR EAST CENTRAL FRONT
WESTERN FRONT
REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1950 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
REASSIGNED DURING NOVEMBER 1950 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
REASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1950 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1951 TO MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 2,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE,
JULY 1953 - JULY 1956
RE-DESIGNATED ON 15 FEBRUARY 1954 AS MARINE AIR SUPPORT
SQUADRON 2

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1956 TO MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS
GROUP 1, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
RELOCATED DURING JULY 1956 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN

1961-1975

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1961 TO CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA
RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1962 TO FUTENMA, OKINAWA
REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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OPERATING FROM:

DA NANGCHU LAI	MARBLE MOUNTAIN	VANDEGRIFT COMBAT
QUANG NGAI	PHUBAI	BASE
	CAMP CARROLL	DONG HA
		AN HOA

QUANG TRI REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1967 TO MARINE AIR CONTROL
GROUP 18,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1969 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN
RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1973 TO FUTENMA, OKINAWA

1976-2006

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION FIERY VIGIL, PHILLIPINES,
JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1991
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST
ASIA, AND OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, TURKEY, JANUARY-JUNE 1991
ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH,
MAY-JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM,
AFGHANISTAN, AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, 2002 INTO 2006

Marines' Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
UNITED STATES MARINE.
Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.
Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded by
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Thank you for Attending.

