



**Brigadier General Francis L. Kelley, Jr.
Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command**



Brigadier General Kelley, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1983 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering and was the recipient of the Naval ROTC Donald R. Bertling Award. Upon completion of Officer Candidate School (OCS), he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

In February 1984 he completed The Basic School and received orders to Pensacola, Fla., for flight training. He then proceeded to the 453rd Flight Training Squadron (FTS) at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., for electronic warfare training where he was a distinguished graduate and the recipient of the Colonel Mike Gilroy Award for leadership and training excellence.

After completing EA-6B Prowler training at Whidbey Island, Wash., Brigadier General Kelley reported to Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (VMAQ-2), where he participated in the Unit Deployment Program, in addition to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as the Contingency Plans and Tactics Officer.

He received orders to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (AIRTEVRON) FIVE (VX-5), where he was the Electronic Warfare Branch Head. He then reported to Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIRSYSCOM) as the Avionics Systems Project Officer (ASPO) for the EA-6B.

He returned to the fleet as the Operations Officer for VMAQ-1 and then as the Assistant Operations Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 49 (MAG-49). He reported to the Pentagon as an action officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (DASN) for Expeditionary Forces Program.

He attended the Marine Corps War College and taught at the Command and Staff College. He transferred to Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC), Quantico, Va., where he was the Program Manager for Unmanned Systems. Brigadier General Kelley's next assignment was Military Assistant to Dr. Delores Etter, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) for Research, Development and Acquisition (RDA).

In August 2007 Brigadier General Kelley was assigned to the position of MCSC's Program Manager for Training Systems (PM TRASYS) in Orlando, Fla. In August 2009 Brigadier General Kelley was reassigned as MCSC's Chief of Staff and became Commander in July 2010.