Brigadier General John W. Bullard, Jr. Commanding General Marine Corps Installations West Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

Brigadier General Bullard is a 1982 graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Financial Management. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from Officers Candidate School. Upon completion of Basic School, he reported to NAS Pensacola for flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator.

Brigadier General Bullard has served in the following operational assignments: HMM-263, MAWTS-1, HMM-161, HMM-774 & 11th MEU. Deployments include 26th and 24th Marine Amphibious Units (Special Operations Capable) aboard the USS Guadalcanal where he participated in operations against Libya in 1986 and operation EARNEST WILL involving the re-flagging of Kuwaiti tankers in 1987. While assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 where he served as CH-46 division head, he attached to HMM-161 for DESERT SHIELD and HMM-774 for DESERT STORM. While deployed on USS Essex with 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC), he supported UN sanctions enforcement against Iraq and participated in operation UNITED SHIELD, UN withdrawal from Somalia. As Commanding Officer of HMM-161, he deployed on USS Tarawa as the Aviation Combat Element for 13th MEU (SOC) and participated in Humanitarian Assistance Operations in East Timor and DETERMINED RESPONSE, USS Cole recovery in Yemen. As Commanding Officer of 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, he conducted two deployments on USS Peleliu and USS Tarawa to the US Central Command AO in support of operations IRAQI FREEDOM & ENDURING FREEDOM and participated in hurricane relief efforts for JTF Katrina and Cyclone Sidr relief efforts in Bangladesh during SEA ANGEL II.

His major staff tours include Headquarters Marine Corps in the Aviation Department's Plans, Policies, Joint Doctrine, and Budget Branch where he served as congressional matters and budget Officer. Additionally, he served as Aide-de-Camp to Deputy Commandant for Marine Aviation. He was assigned to J5-Plans at US Central Command and deployed to the forward headquarters in support of operations IRAQI FREEDOM & ENDURING FREEDOM. In addition, he was Branch Head of Marine Aviation Weapons Systems Requirements Branch for Headquarters Marine Corps Aviation Department.

His first general officer assignment was Commander of NATO Headquarters Sarajevo in support of UNSCR 1895 from 2009-10. He served as DCG Marine Corps Combat Development Command from 2010-12. Prior to assuming command of Marine Corps Installations West - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton he served as the Deputy Commander Regional Command North, ISAF.

Brigadier General Bullard assumed his current duties as Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton on Aug. 23, 2013.

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He earned a Masters of Business Administration from Webster University (1992), attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (1997), and received a Masters in Military Strategy from the Air Force War College (2003).

His personal awards include Defense Superior Service Medal with Gold Star, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Air Medal with Strike Flight, Navy/Marine Commendation Medal with Gold Star, and Navy/Marine Achievement Medal.