

Commanding Officers of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines



LtCol	Daniel J. O'Donohue			Operation Iraqi Freedom
LtCol	James W. Lukeman			31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	Richard L. DeTriquet	19 Jul 2000		31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	David L. Walter	6 Jun 1998	18 Jul 2000	31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	David G. Linnebur	25 Jan 1997	5 Jun 1998	31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	Thomas E. Seal	16 Jun 1995	24 Jan 1997	31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	Michael A. Brooks	28 Jul 1994	15 Jun 1995	
LtCol	Brian J. Bach	20 May 1993	27 Jul 1994	11th MEU: Somalia
LtCol	John R. Rosewarne	11 Jul 1991	19 May 1993	Okinawa UDP
LtCol	Kevin M. Kennedy	24 Mar 1990	10 Jul 1991	Desert Storm
LtCol	Gary L. Parks	11 Apr 1988	23 Mar 1990	
LtCol	J. R. Pope	14 Apr 1986	10 Apr 1988	
LtCol	J. P. Kiley	20 Apr 1984	13 Apr 1986	
LtCol	C. D. Embrey	24 May 1983	19 Apr 1984	
LtCol	C. A. Adams	2 Jun 1982	23 May 1983	
LtCol	D. E. Bonspor	1 May 1981	1 Jun 1982	
LtCol	C. L. George	5 Jun 1980	30 Apr 1981	
LtCol	P. E. Gardner	1 Aug 1978	4 Jun 1980	Okinawa UDP
LtCol	W. A. Tilley	16 Aug 1977	31 Jul 1978	
LtCol	W. R. Bowers	5 May 1976	15 Aug 1977	
LtCol	R. M. Losee	1 Aug 1975	4 May 1976	
Maj	C. J. Eltringham	21 Aug 1974	31 Jul 1975	
Maj	J. C. Henson	1 Aug 1974	20 Aug 1974	
LtCol	E. L. Erickson	1 Mar 1974	31 Jul 1974	
Maj	Patrick G. Collins	1 Nov 1972	28 Feb 1974	
Maj	M. Shimek	27 May 1972	31 Oct 1972	
Maj	J. A. Linneman	25 May 1971	26 May 1972	
LtCol	Thomas M. Hamlin	27 Jul 1970	24 May 1971	Vietnam
LtCol	Frederick D. Leder	15 Jan 1970	26 Jul 1970	Vietnam
LtCol	James T. Bowen	21 Aug 1969	14 Jan 1970	Vietnam
LtCol	James H. Higgins	14 Mar 1969	20 Aug 1969	Vietnam
LtCol	James W. Stemple	1 Aug 1968	13 Mar 1969	Vietnam
Maj	Orlo K. Steele	25 Jul 1968	31 Jul 1968	Vietnam
LtCol	Ernest C. Cheatham Jr.	3 Jan 1968	24 Jul 1968	Vietnam: Hue
LtCol	George C. McNaughton	19 Jul 1967	2 Jan 1968	Vietnam
LtCol	Mallett C. Jackson Jr.	1 Feb 1967	18 Jul 1967	Vietnam
LtCol	William C. Airhart	1 Dec 1966	31 Jan 1967	Vietnam
LtCol	Walter Moore	24 May 1966	30 Nov 1966	Vietnam
LtCol	Robert H. Uskurait	1 Jul 1965	23 May 1966	Okinawa / Vietnam
LtCol	R. J. Tunnell	16 Apr 1964	30 Jun 1965	
Maj	J. M. Cummings	21 Feb 1964	15 Apr 1964	
Maj	Don Townsend	29 Jan 1964	20 Feb 1964	
Maj	R. C. Wood	2 Nov 1963	28 Jan 1964	
Maj	Frederick D. Leder	9 Oct 1963	1 Nov 1963	
LtCol	J. E. Cogriff	1 Jan 1963	8 Oct 1963	
LtCol	F. Simpson	24 Sep 1962	31 Dec 1962	

LtCol	C. V. Hines	16 Jun 1962	23 Sep 1962	
LtCol	Richard M. Cook	10 Aug 1961	15 Jun 1962	
Maj	Edwin A. Deptula	8 Aug 1961	9 Aug 1961	
LtCol	J.G. Juett	14 Jul 1961	7 Aug 1961	
LtCol	James M. Jefferson	25 Apr 1961	13 Jul 1961	
Maj	Robert S. Robertson	3 Jan 1961	24 Apr 1961	
LtCol	J. J. Linnan	17 Dec 1960	2 Jan 1961	
LtCol	Warren A. Butcher	25 Nov 1959	16 Dec 1960	Okinawa: 1st BLT Afloat
LtCol	J. H. Naylor	24 Aug 1959	24 Nov 1959	
LtCol	Benjamin F. Sohn	16 Dec 1958	23 Aug 1959	
LtCol	Clarence T. Risher Jr.	25 Feb 1958	15 Dec 1958	
LtCol	Thaddeus P. Wajcik	25 Aug 1957	24 Feb 1958	
Maj	Lyle S. Stephenson	1 Jun 1957	24 Aug 1957	
LtCol	Gildo S. Codispoti	21 Mar 1956	31 May 1957	
LtCol	Louis H. Wilson	30 Aug 1955	20 Mar 1956	
Maj	Thomas J. Branighan	26 Jun 1954	29 Aug 1955	Korean DMZ
LtCol	Truman K. Lyford	1 Sep 1954	25 Jun 1954	Korean DMZ
LtCol	Thomas M. Leineweber	23 Apr 1954	31 Aug 1954	Korean DMZ
LtCol	Theodore A. Demosthenes	3 Dec 1953	22 Apr 1954	Korean DMZ
LtCol	Henry S. Massie	23 Aug 1953	2 Dec 1953	Korean DMZ
LtCol	Andrew C. Gear	14 May 1953	22 Aug 1953	Korean DMZ
LtCol	James H. Finch	27 Feb 1953	13 May 1953	Korea
LtCol	Oscar F. Peatross	11 Sep 1952	26 Feb 1953	Korea
LtCol	William S. McLaughlin	21 Aug 1952	10 Sep 1952	Korea
LtCol	Thomas J. Cross	11 Jun 1952	20 Aug 1952	Korea
LtCol	William H. Cushing	14 Mar 1952	10 Jun 1952	Korea
LtCol	George G. Pafford	26 Dec 1951	13 Mar 1952	Korea
Maj	William E. Baugh	3 Dec 1951	25 Dec 1951	Korea
LtCol	Houston Stiff	8 Jul 1951	2 Dec 1951	Korea
Maj	Merwin H. Silverthorn	24 Jun 1951	7 Jul 1951	Korea
LtCol	Glen E. Martin	16 Mar 1951	23 Jun 1951	Korea
LtCol	John L. Hopkins	6 Mar 1951	15 Mar 1951	Korea
LtCol	Harold S. Roise	28 May 1950	5 Mar 1951	Korea: Pusan, Inchon, Seoul, Chosin
LtCol	Fredrick P. Henderson	1 Oct 1949	27 May 1950	
LtCol	Ralph A. Collins, Jr.	10 May 1947	30 Sep 1947	Guam
LtCol	George D. Rich	20 Jul 1946	9 May 1947	China
LtCol	Edwin C. Godbold	1 Nov 1945	19 Jul 1946	China
LtCol	John B. Baker	11 Jul 1945	14 Oct 1945	WWII: China
Maj	Richard T. Washburn	21 Jun 1945	10 Jul 1945	WWII
LtCol	William E. Benedict	27 Nov 1944	20 Jun 1945	WWII: Okinawa
Maj	Richard T. Washburn	9 Nov 1944	26 Nov 1944	WWII
Maj	Gordon D. Gayle	6 Jan 1943	8 Nov 1944	WWII: New Britain, Peleliu
Maj	Lewis W. Walt	12 Oct 1942	5 Jan 1943	WWII: Guadalcanal
Maj	William J. Piper, Jr.	8 Oct 1942	11 Oct 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
Maj	David S. McDougal WIA	1 Oct 1942	7 Oct 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
Capt	Joseph J. Dudkowski	25 Sep 1942	30 Sep 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
LtCol	Walker A. Reaves	18 Sep 1942	24 Sep 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
Capt	Joseph J. Dudkowski	11 Sep 1942	17 Sep 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
LtCol	Harold E. Rosecrans WIA	28 Mar 1942	10 Sep 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
LtCol	William J. Whaling	27 Dec 1941	27 Mar 1942	WWII
Maj	William P. Carey	30 Oct 1941	26 Dec 1941	WWII
LtCol	William J. Whaling	29 May 1941	29 Oct 1941	
LtCol	Robert C. Kilmartin, Jr.	14 May 1941	28 May 1941	

Maj	William P. Carey	14 Apr 1941	13 May 1941	
LtCol	Robert C. Kilmartin, Jr.	30 Sep 1940	13 Apr 1941	
Maj	William J. Whaling	15 Aug 1940	29 Sep 1940	
LtCol	Robert C. Kilmartin, Jr.	27 May 1940	14 Aug 1940	
LtCol	Alfred H. Noble	13 Jul 1939	26 May 1940	
Maj	Harry B. Liversedge	1 Jun 1939	12 Jul 1939	
LtCol	Lemuel C. Shephard, Jr.	2 Jun 1937	31 May 1939	
LtCol	Gilder D. Jackson, Jr.	30 Jun 1936	1 Jun 1937	
LtCol	LeRoy P. Hunt	26 Nov 1935	29 Jun 1936	
Maj	Gilder D. Jackson, Jr.	20 Sep 1935	25 Nov 1935	
Capt	Joseph H. Fellows	1 Sep 1935	19 Sep 1935	
Maj	Robert M. Montague	15 Jul 1935	31 Aug 1935	
Maj	James W. Webb	1 Jul 1935	14 Jul 1935	
Maj	Leroy P. Hunt	2 Jun 1935	30 Jun 1935	
LtCol	John Potts	1 Sep 1934	1 Jun 1935	
LtCol	Arthur Racicot	21 Jan 1930	11 Apr 1930	Nicaragua
Maj	Harrt W. Weitzel	17 Jan 1930	20 Jan 1930	Nicaragua
LtCol	Joseph A. Rossell	3 Oct 1929	16 Jan 1930	Nicaragua
Maj	Harrt W. Weitzel	1 Oct 1929	2 Oct 1929	Nicaragua
LtCol	James T. Buttrick	7 Aug 1929	30 Sep 1929	Nicaragua
Maj	Clyde H. Metcalf	6 May 1929	6 Aug 1929	Nicaragua
Maj	Edwin N. McClellan	23 Apr 1929	5 May 1929	Nicaragua
Maj	Harold H. Utley	14 Feb 1929	22 Apr 1929	Nicaragua
Maj	Clarence E. Nutting	8 Dec 1928	4 Jan 1929	Nicaragua
Maj	Howard W. Stone	10 Jul 1928	7 Dec 1928	Nicaragua
Capt	Robert G. Anthony	13 May 1928	9 Jul 1928	Nicaragua
Maj	Fred S. N. Erslsine	1 Apr 1928	12 May 1928	Nicaragua
Maj	Harry G. Bartlett	18 Apr 1927	20 July 1927	Nicaragua
LtCol	James J. Meade	10 Jan 1927	17 Apr 1927	Nicaragua
Maj	Harry G. Bartlett	1 Aug 1926	9 Jan 1927	Cuba
Maj	Maurice E. Shearer	14 Nov 1925	31 Jul 1926	
Maj	Julian P. Wilcox	26 May 1925	13 Nov 1925	
Capt	Ery M. Spencer	1 Apr 1925	25 May 1925	
Maj	Henry M. Butler	25 Feb 1925	31 Mar 1925	
Maj	Julian P. Wilcox	30 Jun 1924	24 Feb 1925	
Capt	Donald Curtis	11 Jun 1924	29 Jun 1924	
Maj	Rov D. Lowell	24 Nov 1923	10 Jun 1924	
Capt	Muri Corbett	8 Oct 1923	23 Nov 1923	
Maj	Tom D. Barber	17 Aug 1921	7 Aug 1923	
Maj	Nedom E. Eastman	1 Sep 1920	16 Aug 1921	
Capt	Charley Dunbeck	29 Oct 1918	13 Aug 1919	WWI: Meuse-Argonne
Maj	Louis M. Bourne	26 Oct 1918	28 Oct 1918	WWI
Capt	LeRoy P. Hunt	11 Oct 1918	25 Oct 1918	WWI
Maj	Robert E. Messersmith	11 Sep 1918	10 Oct 1918	WWI: St Michiel
Maj	Harold L. Parsons	19 Aug 1918	10 Sep 1918	WWI
LtCol	Frederic M. Wise	21 Jul 1918	18 Aug 1918	WWI: Soisson
Maj	Ralph S. Keyser	23 Jun 1918	20 Jul 1918	WWI: Belleau Wood
LtCol	Frederic M. Wise	1 Jun 1917	22 Jun 1918	WWI: Belleau Wood
Maj	Charles B. Hatch	25 Jul 1914	24 Dec 1914	Haiti

- *The Battalion stood down six times, indicated by lines on the table: one on return from Haiti in 1914, on return from Europe in 1919, during two reorganizations in Nicaragua in 1927 and 1928, on return from Nicaragua in 1930, and on return from China and Guam after WWII in 1947.*
- *Most recent Battalion Commanders are not listed.*