

Commanding Officers of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines



LtCol	Christopher D. DeVries	16 Jan 2025	Present	
LtCol	Clinton K. Hall	6 Jan 2023	16 Jan 2025	
LtCol	Robert M. Jones	7 Jan 2021	6 Jan 2023	31st MEU
LtCol	Isaac D. Moore	13 Sep 2018	7 Jan 2021	31st MEU, SPMAGTF-CR-CC
LtCol	Jay A. Lappe	23 Jun 2017	13 Sep 2018	31st MEU
LtCol	Michael E. Ogden	(1 Apr 16)	23 Jun 2017	31st MEU
LtCol	Stephen V. Fiscus	9 Jul 2014	(30 Sep 15)	31st MEU
LtCol	Timothy M. Bairstow	21 Dec 2012	9 Jul 2014	Afghanistan
LtCol	Jason S. D. Perry	(31 Dec 11)	20 Dec 2012	Afghanistan
LtCol	Pete C. Farnum	14 May 2010	(30 Jun 11)	31st MEU
LtCol	Todd S. Eckloff	31 Oct 2007	14 May 2010	15th MEU
LtCol	Craig S. Kozeniesky	(31 Jul 05)	30 Oct 2007	31st MEU, Iraq
LtCol	Randy P. Newman	(1 Jul 04)	(15 Jan 05)	Iraq
LtCol	Daniel J. O'Donohue	21 Jun 2002	(31 Dec 03)	Iraq
LtCol	James W. Lukeman	1 Aug 2001	20 Jun 2002	31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	Richard L. DeTriquet	19 Jul 2000	22 Jul 2001	31st MEU: Okinawa
LtCol	David L. Walter	6 Jun 1998	19 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	Garry 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	
Major	C. J. Eltringham	21 Aug 1974	31 Jul 1975	
Major	J. C. Henson	1 Aug 1974	20 Aug 1974	
LtCol	E. L. Erickson	1 Mar 1974	31 Jul 1974	
Major	Patrick G. Collins	1 Nov 1972	28 Feb 1974	
Major	M. Shimek	27 May 1972	31 Oct 1972	
Major	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
Major	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	
Major	J. M. Cummings	21	Feb 1964	15	Apr 1964	
Major	Don Townsend	29	Jan 1964	20	Feb 1964	
Major	R. C. Wood	2	Nov 1963	28	Jan 1964	
Major	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	
Major	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	
Major	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	
Major	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	
Major	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
Major	William E. Baugh	3	Dec 1951	25	Dec 1951	Korea
LtCol	Houston Stiff	8	Jul 1951	2	Dec 1951	Korea
Major	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
Major	Richard T. Washburn	21	Jun 1945	10	Jul 1945	WWII
LtCol	William E. Benedict	27	Nov 1944	20	Jun 1945	WWII: Okinawa
Major	Richard T. Washburn	9	Nov 1944	26	Nov 1944	WWII
Major	Gordon D. Gayle	6	Jan 1943	8	Nov 1944	WWII: New Britain, Peleliu
Major	Lewis W. Walt	12	Oct 1942	5	Jan 1943	WWII: Guadalcanal
Major	William J. Piper, Jr.	8	Oct 1942	11	Oct 1942	WWII: Guadalcanal
Major	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
Major	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	
Major	William P. Carey	14	Apr 1941	13	May 1941	
LtCol	Robert C. Kilmartin, Jr.	30	Sep 1940	13	Apr 1941	
Major	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	
Major	Harry B. Liversedge	1	Jun 1939	12	Jul 1939	
LtCol	Lemuel C. Shepherd, 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	
Major	Gilder D. Jackson, Jr.	20	Sep 1935	25	Nov 1935	
Capt	Joseph H. Fellows	1	Sep 1935	19	Sep 1935	
Major	Robert M. Montague	15	Jul 1935	31	Aug 1935	
Major	James W. Webb	1	Jul 1935	14	Jul 1935	
Major	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
Major	Harry W. Weitzel	17	Jan 1930	20	Jan 1930	Nicaragua
LtCol	Joseph A. Rossell	3	Oct 1929	16	Jan 1930	Nicaragua
Major	Harrt W. Weitzel	1	Oct 1929	2	Oct 1929	Nicaragua
LtCol	James T. Buttrick	7	Aug 1929	30	Sep 1929	Nicaragua
Major	Clyde H. Metcalf	6	May 1929	6	Aug 1929	Nicaragua
Major	Edwin N. McClellan	23	Apr 1929	5	May 1929	Nicaragua
Major	Harold H. Utley	14	Feb 1929	22	Apr 1929	Nicaragua
Major	Clarence E. Nutting	8	Dec 1928	4	Jan 1929	Nicaragua
Major	Howard W. Stone	10	Jul 1928	7	Dec 1928	Nicaragua
Capt	Robert G. Anthony	13	May 1928	9	Jul 1928	Nicaragua
Major	Fred S. N. Erslsine	1	Apr 1928	12	May 1928	Nicaragua
Major	Harry G. Bartlett	18	Apr 1927	20	Jul 1927	Nicaragua
LtCol	James J. Meade	10	Jan 1927	17	Apr 1927	Nicaragua
Major	Harry G. Bartlett	1	Aug 1926	9	Jan 1927	Cuba
Major	Maurice E. Shearer	14	Nov 1925	31	Jul 1926	
Major	Julian P. Wilcox	26	May 1925	13	Nov 1925	
Capt	Ery M. Spencer	1	Apr 1925	25	May 1925	
Major	Henry M. Butler	25	Feb 1925	31	Mar 1925	

Major	Julian P. Wilcox	30	Jun 1924	24	Feb 1925	
Capt	Donald Curtis	11	Jun 1924	29	Jun 1924	
Major	Rov D. Lowell	24	Nov 1923	10	Jun 1924	
Capt	Muri Corbett	8	Oct 1923	23	Nov 1923	
Major	Tom D. Barber	17	Aug 1921	7	Aug 1923	
Major	Nedom E. Eastman	1	Sep 1920	16	Aug 1921	
Capt	Charley Dunbeck	29	Oct 1918	13	Aug 1919	WWI: Meuse-Argonne
Major	Louis M. Bourne	26	Oct 1918	28	Oct 1918	WWI
Capt	LeRoy P. Hunt	11	Oct 1918	25	Oct 1918	WWI
Major	Robert E. Messersmith	11	Sep 1918	10	Oct 1918	WWI: St Michiel
Major	Harold L. Parsons	19	Aug 1918	10	Sep 1918	WWI
LtCol	Frederic M. Wise	21	Jul 1918	18	Aug 1918	WWI: Soisson
Major	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
Major	Charles B. Hatch	25	Jul 1914	24	Dec 1914	Haiti

- *The Battalion stood down six times, indicated by lines on the table: 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.*
- *Some change of command dates are missing. Dates in parenthesis are “as of” dates.*