



Colonel John R. Giltz, USMC  
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A third generation Marine, Colonel Giltz was born in Morehead City, NC and is a 1985 graduate of Lyme Central School in Chaumont NY. He later graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in May 1989 with a BA in History. He also holds a MS degree in Human Resource Management from Troy University and MA degree in National Security Studies from the Naval War College.

His first assignment was at Camp Lejeune 1990-1994, during which he deployed multiple times; first for Desert Shield/Storm, then as a Detachment Commanding Officer aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt and finally in support of Cuban migrant and Haitian migrant and embassy evacuation operations. After school and an assignment as an instructor, he had a second assignment at Camp Lejeune 1998-2001. He served as the S-4 for 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines and, after a deployment with Battalion Landing Team 3/6, 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit, he was reassigned as the S-4 for the 6th Marine Regiment.

From 2002-2007 Colonel Giltz completed staff assignments at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps in the Pentagon and Okinawa Japan, as well as deployments to Kuwait and the Philippines. Returning to Camp Lejeune in 2007, he assumed command of Combat Logistics Battalion 26 and deployed to the Middle East. After completing the Naval War College, he reported to U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), Tampa, Florida and was assigned as the Plans Chief in the CENTCOM J-4. During this assignment Colonel Giltz served in Iraq as the lead military planner supporting the U.S. Embassy assumption of the Iraq mission from the military.

Prior to returning to Camp Lejeune in July 2017, Colonel Giltz served as CO, Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood and completed another Pentagon assignment, during which he served as a strategic logistics planner, executive assistant to a Deputy Commandant, Chief of Staff, legislative assistant and military assistant to Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. He currently serves as the G-3 for 2d Marine Logistics Group.

Colonel Giltz's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with gold star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is married to the former Gioia ("Joya") Bozeman, of Lexington VA and they have 3 children; Wade, who is also a Marine, Luke and Caroline.