



SELECTION OF ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL (MILITARY LAW)

We are pleased to announce that the Secretary of the Navy has approved the selection of Colonel David J. Bligh, U.S. Marine Corps, as the next Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (AJAG), Military Law. This position is delineated under section 5149(b) of Title 10, United States Code, as one of our community's flag and general officer positions.

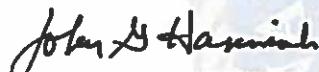
Colonel Bligh – a seasoned and accomplished litigator – currently serves as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Throughout his remarkable career, he successfully completed many diverse and challenging assignments, and has acquired considerable experience in and knowledge of military law.


Colonel Bligh, a native of Athens, Pennsylvania, was commissioned in 1988 through the Platoon Leaders Class. He served as an Assault Amphibian Vehicle Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander at 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Colonel Bligh was then assigned as a Series Commander at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

Colonel Bligh attended the University of Georgia through the Marine Corps' Law Education Program. Upon completion of law school and the Naval Justice School in 1997, Colonel Bligh served as a civil law attorney, Trial Counsel, and as the Officer-in-Charge of Legal Assistance at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. He was then assigned as the Director, Joint Law Center, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, North Carolina. During this tour, Colonel Bligh deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for Task Force Tarawa.

Colonel Bligh later served as the Staff Judge Advocate, 3d Marine Division and the Staff Judge Advocate, III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan. Prior to assuming his current duties, Colonel Bligh was assigned as the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

Please join us in congratulating Colonel Bligh. We are privileged to have another immensely talented legal practitioner fulfilling this critically important leadership role. Colonel Bligh will relieve Colonel Daniel J. Lecce – who currently serves as our AJAG (Military Law).


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