

## **Colonel Andrew G Wilcox** **Commanding Officer, Philadelphia Consortium NROTC**



Colonel Wilcox enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1985 and was subsequently assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion, San Antonio, Texas. Following commissioning in 1988, The Basic School, and Infantry Officer School, Colonel Wilcox was assigned as a Platoon Commander, Mike Company; Executive Officer and Commanding Officer, Weapons Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines (3/1). While with 3/1, he participated in a deployment and landing in the Aleutian Islands and the Loma Prieta Earthquake relief operation in San Francisco; Desert SHIELD/STORM/SABER with the 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Brigade; and also responded to the 1992 Los Angeles riots as part of Operation PEACEMAKER with Special Marine Air Ground Task Force-LA. He also completed the first 31<sup>st</sup> MEU deployment as part of the Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 3/1.

Colonel Wilcox's next assignment, 1994-1996, was at Officer Candidate School, where he served in a variety of instructor and staff billets. Following OCS and graduation from Amphibious Warfare School, Colonel Wilcox was assigned as the Commanding Officer, Weapons Company and Operations Officer, 3rd Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines and completed another 31st MEU deployment in 1997-1999.

Colonel Wilcox then completed a tour at the Naval Postgraduate School in 2001, and was subsequently assigned as the Enlisted Strength Planner, Manpower Plans and Policies, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA), Headquarters Marine Corps from 2001-2004.

Following M&RA, Colonel Wilcox was assigned as the G-3 Operations Officer and Deputy G-3, 3rd Marine Division, 2004-2007. While with the Division, Colonel Wilcox was one of the first US military personnel deployed in support of Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE as the lead for III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Disaster Assessment Response Team (DART) during the Indonesian Tsunami relief effort. He led efforts in Medan, Banda Aceh, and a UN assessment team off of the USS Abraham Lincoln that included all affected areas in Sumatra. During his tenure with 3rd Division, Col Wilcox also completed a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) as the Commander, Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Zabul, Afghanistan.

Following duty in Okinawa, Colonel Wilcox attended the College of Naval Warfare in 2007-2008, Newport, Rhode Island and was subsequently assigned to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, as the G-3 Operations Officer before taking command of BLT 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines, "Magnificent Bastards" 2008-2010. While in command, he completed a Western Pacific deployment with the 11<sup>th</sup> MEU and numerous exercises in the Arabian Gulf. Following command, Colonel Wilcox was assigned to Hawaii, US Pacific Command as the Chief of Plans/Operations, Standing Joint Forces Headquarters and participated in Operation ODYSSEY DAWN (liberation of Libya) and Operation TOMODATCHI (Japanese Tsunami relief effort) before moving to the J7 as the Division Chief of Training and Exercises. More recently, 2012-2013, Colonel Wilcox was assigned to Marine Forces Pacific as the G5, Director of Plans, Policy and International Relations for all Marine forces in the Pacific before moving to Pennsylvania to assume his current post.

Colonel Wilcox holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas State University, Master of Business Administration from Averett College, Master of Science (Statistics and Economics) from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Arts (National Security Affairs/International Relations) from the Naval War College.

Colonel Wilcox is married to Mrs. Shirley Wilcox and they have three children; Drew-19, Matt-16, Anna-Claire-12