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Brigadier General Richard L. Simcock Combined Force Land Component Commander Deputy Commander, U. S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

Born and raised in San Mateo, Calif., Brigadier General Simcock was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1983 via the PLC Program. Following graduation from Marine Officer Basic School and Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, Va., he was assigned to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, 1st Marine Brigade, Kaneohe, Hawaii. There he served with Fox Company as a rifle platoon commander, executive officer, and company commander.

In July 1987, 1st Lieut. Simcock was assigned to the 3d Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. While on the drill field, he served with various training companies as an assistant series commander, series commander, and company commander. During his tour in San Diego, Simcock was promoted to captain and selected to attend the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, Va. In August 1991, Simcock reported to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

There he served as the assistant operations officer and commanding officer of India Company 3/5.



Upon completion of his tour with 3/5 in August 1993, Simcock was assigned to inspector-instructor duty with the 25th Marine Regiment in Worcester, Mass. There he served as the regimental operations officer. Following promotion to major and completion of I-I duty, he attended U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

In July 1996, Simcock reported to Tampa for a Joint assignment at Special Operations Command Central where he served in the J-5, Plans and Policy Directorate as the chief of plans. In June 1999, Simcock was ordered overseas to Okinawa, Japan where he served as the G-3 Future Operations officer for III MEF and was promoted to. In June 2000, Simcock returned to CONUS and was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at 29 Palms, Calif. where he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on 11 August 2000.

Following battalion command in August 2002, Simcock was selected to attend Top Level School at the Naval War College in Newport, R. I. After graduation in November 2003, he reported to Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps for duty as the Congressional Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives where he was promoted to colonel. He detached from this assignment in May 2006 and assumed command of the 6th Marine Regiment in June 2006. Simcock relinquished command of 6th Marines in May 2008 and transferred to the MAGTF Training Center, 29 Palms, Calif. where he served as the Director of the Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group. Selected to brigadier general, he transferred in August 2009 to Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps serving as the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant. Simcock then served in OSD, Asia and Pacific Affairs as the Principal Director, South and South East Asia. He assumed his current role as deputy commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific in June 2012.