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Lieutenant Colonel Nicole V. Bastian is the commander of 8th Battalion and the Montgomery Military Entrance Processing Station, and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

She earned her commission through Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia, in 2004.

Lieutenant Colonel Bastian served as officer selection officer assistant, Recruiting Station Baltimore, Hyattsville, Maryland; battalion adjutant and legal officer, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, Beaufort, South Carolina; group adjutant, legal officer, Classified Materials Control Custodian, Marine Air Group 31, Beaufort, South Carolina; Global Forces Management officer (Operations/J-3), staff secretary, French interpreter, and aide-de-camp, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, Djibouti, Africa; officer selection officer Tallahassee, Recruiting Station Jacksonville, Florida; Deputy G-1 (human resources officer), G-1 (human resources), operations officer, manpower officer (human resources), and operations senior watch officer (S-3) 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan; future operations officer operations (S-3), 4th Marine Regiment, Okinawa; commanding officer, Recruiting Station St. Louis, Missouri; deputy assistant chief of staff G-1 human resources), and security manager, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California; and assistant chief of staff G-1 (human resources), 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton.

Her professional military education includes Basic School, Personnel Administration School, Officer Selection Officer Course, Expeditionary Warfare School, Manpower Operations Course, Command and Staff College, Distance Education, and Recruiting Management Course. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The Citadel, a Juris Doctorate from the University of College Law, and a Master of Arts in Leadership Studies from Marshall University.

Lieutenant Colonel Bastian's military awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the II Marine Expeditionary Force Leadership Award, the Navy League Sea Service Award for Inspirational Leadership, and various service, unit, and personal medals and ribbons.