



BIOGRAPHY

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Major Matthew R. Heinzl is the commander of the Des Moines Military Entrance Processing Station.

He enlisted at the Des Moines MEPS and earned a commission in the Marine Corps through Officer Candidate School in March 2009.

His assignments include company fire support officer, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton, California, and deployed to Afghanistan; guns platoon commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton; battalion fire support officer, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton, and deployed to Okinawa, Japan, in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit; fire support representative, Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California and deployed as an individual augmentee to Iraq; battery commander, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, Twentynine Palms; and assistant operations officer and liaison officer, Task Force Spartan, Baghdad, Iraq.



Major Heinzl's military education includes Officer Candidate School, The Basic School, Basic Officers Leadership Course III, and Expeditionary Warfare School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois.

His military awards and decorations include the Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and various unit and service medals and ribbons.