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Commander Richard M. Yates is the commander of 10th Battalion and Jacksonville 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.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps at Baltimore MEPS in 1997 and attended Marine Corps Recruit Boot Camp, Parris Island, South Carolina, and Marine Corps Combat Training, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He received his commission from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 2006.

His enlisted assignments include avionics technician, in both Avionics “A” School, Pensacola, Florida, and Avionics “C” School, Cherry Point, North Carolina; and avionics technician, AV-8B Harriers, Marine Attack Squadron 223, Cherry Point.

Commander Yates’ officer assignments include 1st division officer, amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia; administrative assistant, Transient Personnel Unit, Norfolk; recruiting operations officer, Naval Recruiting District San Francisco, California; and contingency manning officer, United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa/United States 6th Fleet, Naples, Italy; commander, Oklahoma City MEPS; section head, Outside Department of Defense Manpower and Joint Requirements, Navy Operations, Arlington, Virginia; and financial manager and Navy liaison, Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Alexandria, Virginia.

His professional military education includes Maritime Staff Officers Course, Naval Security Force Sentry, Shipboard Fire Fighter Training, AV-8B Harrier Avionics/Communication/Weapons Systems, Surface Search and Rescue Officer Course, Officer Programs Officer, Human Resources Introductory Course, Maritime Staff Operations Course, and Joint Professional Military Education Courses I and II. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the United States Naval Academy, a Master of Science in Financial Management and Information Systems from the University of Maryland University College, and Master of Science in National Resource Strategy with concentration in Weapons of Mass Destruction, National Defense University- Eisenhower School.

His awards and decorations include three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, and various service, unit and personal medals and ribbons.