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Major Joel Parker is the USMEPCOM liaison officer to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) located at the Pentagon.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1996. As a Marine, he served as a field artillery fire direction controller with Papa Battery, 5th Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, Aurora, Colorado, and as a recruiter, Eighth Marine Corps District, Denver, Colorado. In 2004, Major Parker received his commission in the Army.

As an officer, he has served as Stryker Platoon leader, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; anti-armor platoon leader, Charlie Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and deployed to Mosul and Baghdad, Iraq; Iraqi security forces liaison and operations officer, 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord; plans and operations officer, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord; battle captain, Command Joint Operations Center, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, Camp Victory, Baghdad; battalion human resources officer, 4th Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado; chief of plans and operations, and director of manpower, Human Resources, Eighth Army, Yongsan, Republic of Korea; brigade human resources officer, 1st Signal Brigade, Yongsan and Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea; and commander, Salt Lake City MEPS, Utah.



Major Parker's professional military education includes the Infantry Officers Basic Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, Adjutant General Captains Career Course, and Command General Staff College. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Regis University.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and various unit and service medals and ribbons.