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Wayne County Native Promoted to Brigadier General Assumes Command of Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Va.

MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND, QUANTICO, Va. – At ceremonies held on consecutive days aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., last week, the U.S. Marine Corps advanced Wayne County (Ohio) native Michael M. Brogan to the rank of brigadier general, after which he assumed command of Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM).

Brogan, a 1976 graduate of Orrville Senior High School, entered the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant following his 1980 graduation from the University of Notre Dame.

Nearly 500 people attended the Assumption of Command ceremony held in front of Marine Corps Systems Command's headquarters on Quantico's Hospital Point on Sept. 22. Brogan, the command's seventh commander, replaces Maj. Gen. William Catto, MARCORSYSCOM's prior commanding general, who left in late June to serve as Chief of Staff for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

"I am very fortunate to be surrounded by many of my family and friends here today," said Brogan at the ceremony. "This has been a fast moving week and I know that I am taking over a very capable and adequate military command, and I couldn't do it without the support of my family."

This isn't Brogan's first assignment with MARCORSYSCOM. In 2002 he took the lead as Product Group Director for Infantry Weapon Systems, equipping Marines to accomplish infantry, anti-armor, amphibious raids and reconnaissance, and integrated infantry combat missions.

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“This is my second tour at Marine Corps Systems Command,” said the new brigadier general. “I’m very pleased to be back, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to fulfill our mission to equip and sustain the operating forces of the Marine Corps.”

The new MARCORSYSCOM commander is impressed with the 1,600 active duty Marines, DoD civilian employees and contract support personnel now serving under him across the country.

“They have worked very hard over the last number of years,” stated Brogan. “Since the nation’s been involved in the global war on terrorism, they have been able to not only do the traditional acquisition function – the research, the development, design and fielding – but also the rapid procurement that’s been required to respond to the universal needs statements by our commanders in the field.”

Marine Corps Systems Command outfits Marines with literally everything they drive, shoot and wear. The command usually accomplishes this with roughly a \$1.6 billion budget. With supplemental war appropriations, the budget has grown in some cases to \$8 billion.

“They have had to rapidly put (the additional funds) on contract in order to field the wherewithal for our troops engaged in Afghanistan and Iraq,” added the brigadier general. “And I am very proud to have the opportunity to lead them and continue to provide the equipment that our warfighters need on the front.”

The MARCORSYSCOM commander offered two final thoughts for the team he now commands – “Do what’s right and do your best.”



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Brig. Gen. Michael Brogan, a Wayne County (Ohio) native, addresses nearly 500 people at Marine Corps Systems Command's Assumption of Command ceremony held in front of MARCORSYSCOM's headquarters in Quantico, Va. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. (Official USMC Photo by Kathy Reese, Quantico Command Visual Information Center)



Wayne County (Ohio) native Brig. Gen. Michael Brogan (right) accepts the Marine Corps colors from Col. Steven Elkins at Marine Corps Systems Command's Assumption of Command ceremony held in front of MARCORSYSCOM's headquarters in Quantico, Va. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. (Official USMC Photo by Kathy Reese, Quantico Command Visual Information Center)