



Colonel Ross A. Monta

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Colonel Monta, a native of Pennsylvania, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and was commissioned a 2nd Lt in May 1995. Upon graduation from The Basic School in Feb 1996, he proceeded to the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK.

From 1996 to 1997, Col Monta was assigned as a Forward Observer and Motor Transport officer for Battery K, 3rd Battalion 11th Marines. He then served as the Executive Officer of Battery K and was subsequently assigned the duties of BN S-3A for field operations and BN Adjutant.

In May 1998 Col Monta reported to Security Supervisor Course. Upon completion, he served as the 3rd Platoon Commander for Marine Corps Security Forces (MCSF) Company, Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific (SWFPAC). In June of 2000, he was assigned the duties of Operations and Logistics Officer for the Company. In this billet, he served as the Marine Corps representative to the Navy for the procurement of Up-Armored HMMWVs to replace the top heavy armored vehicle that was being used within the Strategic Weapons Security Critical Area.

In February of 2001 Col Monta was assigned to Artillery Captains Career Course at Fort Sill, OK. Upon graduation, he reported to 3rd Battalion 11 Marines again, this time as the BN Logistics Officer. In September of 2002, he was selected to command, Battery M, 3/11. From March through April of 2003, Col Monta led his battery in combat operations from Kuwait to Baghdad in support of I MEF units during OIF I. Upon return from Iraq, he was assigned duties as Rear Party OIC and then executed orders to the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).

Upon graduation from NPS with a Masters in Electrical Engineering in Dec of 2005, he reported to Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC), and was assigned duties as a project officer in Product Group 10, Information Systems and Infrastructure. He served as the Contracting Officer's Representative for an UUNS dedicated to providing enterprise level IT collaboration to the tactical warfighter. He also procured enterprise license agreements for VMWare and Jabber XCP, which were both critical elements of the Marine Corps IT future.

In June of 2008, Col Monta was selected to be the Deputy Project Manager for Marine Corps Enterprise Information Technology Services (MCEITS). He assisted in establishing an organizational structure and to baseline policies and procedures for a new program office charged with establishing the Marine Corps' enterprise data center.

Col Monta was then selected as the Program Manager for Total Force Information Technology Systems (TFITS) in 2009. Here he was responsible for over 80 Marine Corps Enterprise Applications that supported M&RA, I&L, P&R and MCRC.



Due to his success as PM TFITS, in 2012 Col Monta was assigned a more challenging role as the PdM of Marine Corps Enterprise Services (MCES). PdM MCES was the Marine Corps' solution to data center consolidation and first initiative for moving toward private cloud.

Col Monta was then selected to participate in the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program in May of 2014. As part of this program he was exposed to senior corporate executives from several Fortune 100 companies, and Senior Executives in the DoD. Upon completion of the fellowship, Col Monta was directed to report as the Deputy PM for Armor and Fire Support Systems in June of 2015.

In July of 2017, Col Monta was selected as the Direct Reporting Program Manager for the Marine Corps Wargaming Capability and is responsible for establishing the office and delivering a world class capability that enables the Marine Corps to conduct data enabled strategic wargames that critically inform capability development and requirements generation for the future force.

On 4 January 2019, Col Monta began his current assignment as the Portfolio Manager for Supporting Establishment Systems at Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico Virginia. His portfolio includes USMC enterprise information systems, garrison networks, and Base Telephone and Emergency Radio Systems.

Col Monta's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat V, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. He currently resides in Fredericksburg, VA with his wife Dru and their children.

