



Guest of Honor

LEE D. BONAR JR.

Sergeant Major, United States Marine Corps

Sergeant Major, III Marine Expeditionary Force

Sergeant Major Lee D. Bonar Jr. was born July 13, 1960. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on January 15, 1985 at Wheeling, West Virginia and completed recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina, April 18, 1985.

Sergeant Major Bonar has served in a variety of units and billets throughout his career. Upon graduation from boot camp he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal and reported to Infantry Training School, Camp Geiger, North Carolina, where he attained the MOS 0341/Mortar man. In July of 1985, he reported to Sea School, MCRD San Diego, California where upon graduating was assigned to the Aircraft Carrier *USS Carl Vinson*, CVN-70, docked in Alameda, California. His tour on sea duty ended on August 2, 1987 and he had been promoted to Corporal and graduated from NCO school. In September 1987, Corporal Bonar reported to 3rd Light Armored Vehicle Battalion, 29 Palms, California. Corporal Bonar became a forward observer and was promoted to Sergeant. On December 1, 1988, Sergeant Bonar reported to Rifle Security Company, Windward Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Sergeant Bonar held the billet of Platoon Sergeant for the Guard Force and Weapons Platoon. Upon completing his tour on barracks duty, Sergeant Bonar reported to the Naval Drug and Alcohol Counseling School, Naval Station, San Diego, California, on January 12, 1989. On April 12, 1989 Sergeant Bonar was assigned to the Naval Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, NAS Miramar, California. Sergeant Bonar conducted in-patient counseling and was assigned as an Instructor at the Naval Drug and Alcohol Counseling School in April 1992. Sergeant Bonar re-enlisted and made a lateral move to Corrections in May 1993 where he reported to the Security Battalion, Base Brig, Camp Pendleton, California.

Sergeant Bonar was promoted to Staff Sergeant and held the billets of Section Chief, Guard Chief, Correctional Counselor, Minimum Custody Annex SNCOIC and Company Gunnery Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Bonar attended the SNCO Career Course and Correctional Counseling School prior to his transfer to Drill Instructor School, MCRD, Parris Island, South Carolina, in June 1996. Staff Sergeant Bonar was assigned to 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Mike Company and held the billets of Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Series Gunnery Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Bonar qualified as Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival and was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant during his tour at Parris Island. Gunnery Sergeant Bonar reported to the Base Brig, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia in September 1998 where he held the billets of Guard Chief, Company Gunnery Sergeant, Company First Sergeant and graduated from the SNCO Advanced Course. On May 2, 1999, Gunnery Sergeant Bonar was assigned to Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia for his second tour of duty as a Drill Instructor. Gunnery Sergeant Bonar held the billets of Platoon Sergeant and Company Gunnery Sergeant. He was frocked to First Sergeant on April 1, 2001 and attended the First Sergeants' Seminar in June 2001. He completed his tour at OCS as Company First Sergeant for Charlie Company on 11 August 2001.

First Sergeant Bonar reported to 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on August 18, 2001 and was assigned to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion. First Sergeant Bonar was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in January 2003 attached to Regimental Combat Team 2, Task Force Tarawa. He attended the First Sergeant/Master Sergeant Seminar during his tour at 2nd Combat Engineer

Battalion. First Sergeant Bonar attained a Bachelors Degree in Social Psychology in December of 2004. First Sergeant Bonar was frocked to Sergeant Major on April 1, 2005 and was assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan taking the post of Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, Squadron Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Bonar reported to HMM-265 on April 10, 2006 as the ACE Sergeant Major assigned to the 31st MEU. Sergeant Major Bonar was posted as the III MEF Headquarters Group/ III Marine Expeditionary Brigade/Camp Hansen Sergeant Major on February 13, 2008. Sergeant Major Bonar was posted as the Command SgtMaj US Forces Afghanistan South/Southwest May 21, 2010 and completed his tour April 4, 2011. SgtMaj Bonar assumed the billet of Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower Management Division, SgtMaj from May 4, 2011 to April 11, 2014.

Sergeant Major Bonar's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal/Meritorious Service Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation and NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan