

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (Retired)
COLONEL JOHN VALENTIN

Colonel John Valentin was born in Rockaway Beach, New York on 25 March 1953. In 1971 he graduated from La Salle Academy, New York, New York. He graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps under the Platoon Leaders Class program in 1975.



Colonel Valentin holds a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from Catholic University of America (1993), and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University (1997). Colonel Valentin's Professional Military Education includes Amphibious Warfare School (1982), Command and Staff College (1991), and Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1997).

Colonel Valentin has held various command and staff positions throughout his career. In January 1976, he was assigned as Platoon Commander, Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, and later served as Battalion Motor Transport Officer. Subsequent tours included assignment as the Regimental Motor Transport Officer, 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division; Commander, 5th Platoon, Platoon Leaders Class (JR) Officer Candidates School; Executive and Commanding Officer of Motor Transport Company, Brigade Service Support Group; and Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group.

In June 1983, he was assigned as Operations Officer, Marine Amphibious Unit Service Support Group 31 (MSSG-31) where he completed two consecutive Western Pacific deployments. During August 1985 he was transferred to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing where he served as Operations Officer, Wing Transportation Squadron; Operations Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 373; and Assistant Operations Officer, Marine Wing Support Group 37. Colonel Valentin was subsequently reassigned to Marine Corps Combat Development Center as Operational Test Project Officer -- LAV (Air Defense), Marine Corps Operational Test Evaluation Activity.

From June 1991 until July 1993, Colonel Valentin was assigned to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, first as a student and later as a Combat Service Support Instructor and Faculty Advisor. In July 1993, he assumed command of 7th Motor Transport Battalion and in March 1994 he took command of Combat Service Support Detachment 17, 1st Force Service Support Group.

Upon relinquishing his command in May 1995, he became the Operations Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st Force Service Support Group. After graduation from Industrial College of the Armed Forces in June 1997, Colonel Valentin reported to Headquarters, Allied Forces Southern Europe as Chief, Joint Logistics Branch, Logistics Division.

Colonel Valentin was subsequently transferred and reassigned during July 1999 as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 3d Force Service Support Group. In June 2000 he assumed command of 3d Transportation Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

On August 12, 2002 Colonel Valentin assumed the position of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation and Logistics (G-4), Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, SC.

On May 13, Colonel Valentin assumed the position of the Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, SC. He held that position until his retirement on 1 July 2007.

Colonel Valentin is married to Col Cynthia J. Valentin (USMC, Ret.), formerly Cynthia Ann Jewell of Woodland Hills, California. They have two sons, John-Oliver (17) and Christopher (15). They currently reside in Simpsonville, South Carolina.