



Colonel Peter Petronzio

Commanding Officer

Colonel Peter Petronzio graduated from Norwich University in 1984 with a BS degree in education and completed the Basic School in 1985. From 1985 to 1988, Lieutenant Petronzio was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, where he served with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, as a rifle platoon commander, 81mm Mortar platoon commander, and Weapons Company Executive Officer.

From 1989 to 1990, Captain Petronzio served as Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. He then went to the Marine Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, to serve as the H&S Company Commander.

Captain Petronzio attended the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia, from 1991 to 1992. Upon completion, he headed to Hawaii, where he served with the 3rd Marines, first as Company Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, then as Battalion Operations Officer.

Returning to Quantico in 1995, Major Petronzio spent three years serving as the Raids and Reconnaissance Requirements Officer at MCCDC. In 1998, Major Petronzio was assigned to the Joint Interagency Task Force West, where he served as the Ground Operations Officer, working with Special Operations Forces setting up counter-narcotics training missions with Asian police and military forces.

On a six-month deployment in 1999, Major Petronzio spent three months in Kosovo with Task Force Falcon. He followed on with three months at EUCOM in support of Joint Task Force Justice Assured in Bosnia.

In 2001, LtCol. Petronzio returned to the east coast for assignment at the Regional Support Element with Headquarters Marine Corps Plans, Policy and Operations. Following his tour with PP&O, LtCol Petronzio assumed command of 2d Force Reconnaissance Battalion. Upon completing a successful tour in October 2005, Col. Petronzio was hand-picked to organize, equip and train the newly conceptualized Foreign Military Training Unit. He was also responsible for providing direction for

the stand-up of MARSOC and was hand-picked to be the G-3 in February 2006. He has deployed several times in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Col. Petronzio has attended numerous military schools including the Armed Forces Staff College, Marine Corps Command and Staff College (non-resident seminar), US Army Airborne, US Navy Dive School, Draeger Closed Circuit SCUBA Transition, and Special Forces Military Free-fall Parachute School. He also holds a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Troy State University.