


Relief and Appointment Ceremony

SERGEANT MAJOR DANIEL E. MANGRUM
SERGEANT MAJOR ORANJEL A. LEAVY



2 I AREA, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 17, 2021

Sequence of Events



Pre-parade Serenade

Invocation

National Anthem

Relief and Appointment

Remarks by Commanding Officer
(Col F. Fridriksson)

Remarks by Outgoing Sergeant Major
(SgtMaj D.E. Mangrum)

Remarks by Incoming Sergeant Major
(SgtMaj O.A. Leavy)



Ceremony Staff

Presiding Officer..... Col Fridrik Fridriksson
Chaplain..... LCDR Scott Mason
Narrator.....SSgt Nathalie Medina

15th Marine Expeditionary Unit Color Guard

Color Sergeant Sgt Kevoun Brown
Organizational ColorsCpl Joseph Broughton
Rifle Bearer..... LCpl Marie Rodriguez
Rifle Bearer.....Cpl David FloresLopez





Outgoing Sergeant Major

SGTMAJ DANIEL E. MANGRUM

Sergeant Major Mangrum attended recruit training in August 1994 at Marine Corps Depot San Diego, California. Following recruit training and Marine Combat Training, he attended Basic Vehicle Repair Course at Assault Amphibian Schools Battalion Camp Pendleton, California, earning the MOS of 2141, AAV Repairman.



Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Mangrum has served in various billets and units in the operating forces including Line Mechanic, Combat Assault Company, 3d Marine Regiment; Assistant Maintenance Chief, Inspector-Instructor Staff, Company A, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion; and Recovery Chief, Company A, 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion; Company First Sergeant, Companies C and H&S, 1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment; Company First Sergeant, Supply Company, 2d Supply Battalion; Sergeant Major, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314; and Sergeant Major, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Sergeant Major Mangrum has participated in various exercises and deployments to include: Foal Eagle '95, Tafakula '96, CARAT '97, Operation Iraqi Freedom '03, Operation Enduring Freedom '10, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit '12, UDP '14, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 19.1, and WestPac 21.1.

Additionally, Sergeant Major Mangrum served on Marine Security Guard duty as a Detachment Commander at U.S. Embassies Tunis, Tunisia; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and Tokyo, Japan. He also served as an Instructor/Advisor at Marine Security Guard School.

Sergeant Major Mangrum's Professional Military Education includes attendance to the resident Corporal's Course, Sergeant's Course (Distinguished Graduate), Career Course, Advanced Course (Honor Graduate), Senior Enlisted PME (SMMC Writing Award), and Command and Staff College. He holds an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, a Bachelor's Degree in Management Business Information Systems from Ashford University, and a Master's Degree in Military Studies from Command and Staff College.

Sergeant Major Mangrum's personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with V, 2nd award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd award), Combat Action Ribbon (2nd award).



Incoming Sergeant Major

SGTMaj ORANJEL A. LEAVY

Sergeant Major Leavy enlisted in the Marine Corps on 21 May 1996 and underwent recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He graduated recruit training on 13 August 1996. He then reported to The School of Infantry for Marine Corps Combat Training in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Upon completion of MCT, he remained at Camp Lejeune where he attended the Financial Management School. Upon completion of MOS School, he was transferred to Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Norfolk VA where he served as a disbursing clerk.



In December of 2000, he was transferred to Headquarters Battalion, MCB Okinawa where he served as the NCOIC for the Pay Section. In April 2001, he was hand selected to serve as the Chief of Staff Personal Assistant and Primary Driver. In January 2002, he transferred to III Marine Expeditionary Force, where he served as the NCOIC for the Operations Section. During his tour with III MEF he participated in numerous deployments and operations, to include a combat tour in the Philippines 2002. In January 2003, Sergeant Leavy was hand selected to instruct the Corporal's Course. In December of 2003, he attended Drill Instructor School followed by Close Combat Instructor Course. Sergeant Leavy was then assigned to 2d Recruit Training Battalion as a Drill Instructor. He served as a Drill

Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor from May 2004 to February 2006. During his period, Staff Sergeant Leavy was selected for a summer cycle at Officer Candidate School, where he served as a Sergeant Instructor for a senior company, during the summer of 2005. In February of 2006 he was assigned to Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion where he served as a Martial Arts Instructor. In September 2006, he graduated the Close Combat Instructor Trainer Course and returned to the Martial Arts Section until the completion of his tour in February of 2007.

In April 2007, he reported to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Quantico Va and was assigned to the Base Disbursing Office as the SNCOIC of the travel section. In August of 2007, Staff Sergeant Leavy was assigned to Headquarters Company as the Company GySgt. In January 2008, he returned to the Base Disbursing Office as the SNCOIC of the separations sections. In April 2008, Staff Sergeant Leavy was assigned to Officer Candidate School, where again he served as a Sergeant Instructor for Echo Company during the summer of 2008. In September 2008, he reported to Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group. He was assigned to I MEF Finance Office as the SNCOIC of the production pay section. In June 2009, Gunnery Sergeant Leavy was assigned to Headquarters Company as the Company GySgt. In March 2010, Gunnery Sergeant Leavy deployed to Afghanistan with Headquarters and Service Company, 1st MLG (10-1) as the Operations Chief and SNCOIC of the Corporal's Course. In March 2011, Sergeant Major Leavy returned from deployment and was assigned back to Service Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG working at the Finance Office as the SNCOIC for the production travel section.

In August 2012, Gunnery Sergeant Leavy was assigned to Service Company as the Company 1stSgt. In Feb 2013 he was frocked to the rank of First Sergeant and was transferred to 3d Law Enforcement Battalion, III MEF Headquarters Group, and was assigned as the First Sergeant for Alpha Company. In March 2014, First Sergeant Leavy was reassigned to Headquarters and Support Company, serving as H&S Company 1stSgt. In May 2016, First Sergeant Leavy was assigned to Fox Company, 2d Recruit Training Battalion as the Company 1stSgt. In April 2017 he was frocked to the rank of Sergeant Major and was transferred to 3d Recruit Training Battalion MCRD PISC. In November 2018 SgtMaj Leavy was transferred to Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron 161. In September 2019, he deployed with the squadron to Kuwait as part of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 20.1 and returned June 2020.

SgtMaj Leavy's personal declarations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (of 4th award).

Past Sergeants Major

SgtMaj H. Hatchettas	1987-1989
SgtMaj M.D. Burgess	1992-1993
SgtMaj K. E. Guster	1993
SgtMaj C. R. Ramirez	1993-1995
SgtMaj W. A. Coffey	1995-1997
SgtMaj E. A. Ybarra	1997-2000
SgtMaj H. O. Caloud	2000-2003
SgtMaj D. L. Bullock	2003-2005
SgtMaj K. B. Stephens	2006-2009
SgtMaj R. D. Cunningham	2009-2011
SgtMaj J. W. Scott	2011-2014
SgtMaj D. Schaefer	2014-2016
SgtMaj D. K. Campbell	2016-2018
SgtMaj D.E. Mangrum	2018-2021

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15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

15th Marine Expeditionary Unit History




Activated in July 1987, the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) mission is to provide a forward deployed, flexible sea-based Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations, to include enabling the introduction of follow-on forces, and designated special operations, in order to support the theater requirements of Geographic Combatant Commanders.

For over 30 years, the 15th MEU has trained alongside its U.S. Navy counterparts to provide a continuous presence in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf and as a ready MAGTF in the continental United States in the rotation with the 11th and 13th MEUs. To date, the 15th MEU has assisted in seven humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions and has been forward deployed in support of more than eight named operations, putting boots on the ground in over thirteen nations.

The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's presence around the world supports strategic interests by contributing to regional security and stability, and represents U.S. commitment to the Indo-Pacific, Mediterranean, Horn of Africa and Middle East regions. The blue-green team provides operational flexibility to combatant commanders by providing a versatile contingency response force using sea, air, land and logistical assets. The versatility inherent to the amphibious force allows for flexible and mission-tailored forces, while representing our nation's strength, capability, and resolve to partners and allies and deterring potential adversaries.



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