

Colonel DeTreux, a proud native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was born on 7 May 1965. He graduated from Cardinal Dougherty High School and attended Temple University while cross-town enrolled in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in May 1988 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant.

A career infantry officer, Colonel DeTreux has over 27 years of operational and leadership experience having commanded at the platoon, company, Battalion, and Regimental level as well as serving in key staff positions throughout his career. Combat deployments include Operation JUST CAUSE in Panama (89-90), Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM ('90-91), 2 x Operation IRAQI FREEDOM ('03, '06-07), 2 x Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan ('04, '11-'12). Other deployments include 3 x's to Okinawa, Japan on the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) ('91-92, '97, '99-'00) and his last deployment as the Commander, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response Africa (SPMAGTF-CR-AF) in 2014 which included the successful military assisted departure of the diplomatic mission from the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya during Operation OAKEN LOTUS in July, 2014.

Operational units served-in include 3d Battalion, 6th Marines, ('89-'92, PltCmdr/XO); 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines ('97-'00, Co Cmdr/Bn S3/Bn XO); 6th Marine Regiment ('03-'05, Regt'l S3/XO); 2d Battalion, 8th Marines ('05-'07, Commanding Officer); 2d Marine Division ('10-'12, Div G3); and 8th Marine Regiment ('12-'15, Commanding Officer). He also served in the supporting establishment recruiting in upstate New York and HQMC ('92-96), training Reserves with 1st Battalion, 25th Marines in New England ('00-'03), a joint assignment to U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, CO ('08-'10) and his current assignment as the Commanding Officer/Professor of Naval Science for the NROTC Philadelphia Consortium.

In addition to his undergraduate degree, Colonel DeTreux's educational background includes graduating from Officer Candidate School (OCS, '87), The Basic School (TBS, '88), Infantry Officers Course (IOC, '89), Amphibious Warfare School (AWS, '97), USMC Command and Staff College ('01), and the U.S. Army War College (AWC, '08) where he earned an M.A. in Strategic Studies.

Colonel DeTreux's personal awards include the Legion of Merit w/gold star in lieu of 2d award, Bronze Star w/V, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of 2d award, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars in lieu of 3d award. Together as a team for over 30 years, he and his wife, Kathleen Donohoe DeTreux, also from Philadelphia, have four children; Brigid (19), a sophomore Nursing student at Temple University; Logan (18), a freshman at Penn State; Katie (17), a junior in high school, and Aidan (10), a fifth grader.