

Frank was commissioned in 1982 upon graduation from Texas A&M University with a bachelor science degree in Construction Science. After his initial training at The Basic School and U.S Army Artillery School, he was assigned to Hotel Battery, 3/12 in Okinawa, Japan. He returned to CONUS to be assigned to Parris Island Recruit Depot as a series officer. He would leave active duty in 1985 and join the Marine Corps Reserves after just two weeks. He would serve the next 27 years as a member of SMCR and IMA units and as a member of the IRR. He initially joined 4th Recon Bn and served in several billets to include Company Commander, Battalion Adjutant, and Communications Officer. Col Corte would be mobilized for Desert Shield/Desert Storm as a Recon Company Commander to conduct counter-narcotic operations along the southwest boarder. He would later join the IMA det at MARFORPAC in the G-5 Plans and Policy Staff Directorate where he was a deliberate planner and later a policy officer in the Policy and International Affair Branch. He would conduct several exercises in support of US Forces Korea, US Pacific and Central Command. In 2003 he would serve for six months as a Deputy Policy and Plans Brach Chief at UN Command/CFC Korea, in Yongson, Korea. In 2005 he would be mobilized in support of COIN operations in Anbar with MNFI-West with 3rd Civil Affairs Group. He was the Governance Support Team Commander in downtown Ramadi in support of the Anbar Provincial Government. He would later be called to active duty again to support Marine Corps Forces Japan and Marine Corps Installations West Pac as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, Community Policy, Planning and Liaison at Camp S.D. Bulter, Okinawa Japan. During his time there we would also be assigned as the Senior Marine Liaison to US Forces Japan during Operation Tomodachi in support of the Great Japanese Earthquake of 2011. Before his retirement on 1 June 2012 after 30 years of service he was the IMA backfill for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Policy and Plans, III MEF. He is a graduate of the Reserve Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare and Cold Weather Training Center, Marine Corps Command and Staff Course, Joint Officers Planning Course, and US Army War College. Frank's has been involved in various business operations at the senior management levels in real estate, property management, telecommunications and tire recycling. He also served 18 years as State Legislator in the Texas House of Representatives from 1993 to 2011. He was appointed as Chairman of House Committee on Defense and Veteran Affairs and served four terms in the leadership position. Frank can be reached at strep123@aol.com or 210-325-6989.