

## **Bob Donaghue - Executive Director**

## **Colonel USMCR (Ret)**

Bob was born in Lowell, MA and graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1972. He entered the Marine Corps through the Officer Candidate Program and was commissioned in November 1972. After attending The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia and the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Ok, he was assigned to the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, NC where he served in various battery and battalion billets at Guantanamo Cuba and at Camp Lejeune.

In 1975, he transferred to the Third Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan where he served as the Commanding Officer of Company "B", Third Motor Transport Battalion. Returning to the U.S. in 1976, he was assigned to the Marine Barracks, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where he served as the Guard Officer, Executive Officer, and was promoted to Captain. After attending the Artillery Advanced Course in 1980, he was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps and served as an Officer Assignment Monitor. After promotion to Major in 1983, he was again assigned to the Third Marine Division in Okinawa, and served as the S-3 Operations Officer for the Third Battalion, 12th Marines.

In 1984 he attended the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto, Canada and following graduation in 1985 took command of Recruiting Station Boston, Massachusetts. In 1988, he transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve, and joined the 25th Marine Regiment, Worcester, Massachusetts where he served as an Assistant S-3 Operations Officer and Regimental Executive Officer. In February 1991, he was mobilized for Operation DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM and served in Norway and at Camp Lejeune. After de-mobilization in November, 1991, he joined the Second Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Lejeune, NC, and served as the MEB G-3 Operations Officer, Reserve MAGTF Deputy G-3, II MACE G-3 and II MACE Chief of Staff. He took command of the 25th Marine Regiment during the summer of 2001, and deployed to Romania and California. He completed 30 years of commissioned service and retired on 1 December 2002, was recalled on 10 December 2002 for service in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and served at Camp Lejeune as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, II MACE until December, 2004.

Bob is married to the former Barbara Jean Hamilton of Andover, and they have one son, Sean, and three foster children: Britta Hammond, Lara Deal and Joshua Pitocchelli. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, with Gold Star (2nd award), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and Marine Corps Reserve Medal. Bob can be reached at IP350HAVEN@aol.com