

Peter Grimes

Colonel, USMC (Ret)

Pete was born 5 Oct 1938 in Washington, DC. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1959 & enlisted in the Marine Corps on 12 Feb 1959. Completing recruit training at Paris Island, SC & Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, NC, he was assigned to "A" Radio School, Norfolk, VA. Following school, he was transferred to 8th COMM BT, MCB Lejeune, NC.

He was transferred to 1st MCD, Garden City, NY. He remained there until being released from active duty in February 1963. While attending Long Island University, he remained in the Marine Corps Reserve. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a 2LT & assigned to H&S Company, 2/25 as the 81MM Mortar Platoon Commander. Additionally, while attached to 2/25, he served as the BN S-1 & became the 106 Recoilless Rifle & Flame Thrower Platoon Commander. Later, he transferred to "E" Company, serving as a Platoon Commander, then being selected as the Company XO. He returned to active duty for 7 months, serving at MCB Quantico.

Being promoted to Captain, he joined COMM Company, H&S BN, 4th FSSG, Greensboro, NC in 1975. He served in various billets, Platoon Commander, OPSO, and ultimately, selected as CO from October 1979 – 1981. He was promoted to Major & served as OIC of numerous comms detachments. While with COMMS, he completed Amphibious Warfare School & Comms Officer refresher course at MCB Quantico, VA.

Completing a successful tour as CO, Maj Grimes was assigned to 4TH FSSG, Atlanta, GA serving as the Group Comms Electronics Officer. While assigned, he completed numerous exercises; CAX 8-82; LOGEX-83; & CAX 8-84.

Being promoted to LtCol in November 1984, he was assigned to Combat Service Support Detachment-East & served as the OPSO, becoming the XO in Oct 1987. In June 1988, he was assigned as the COMMS-Electronics Officer for 2d MEB, MCB Lejeune, NC. He was later selected to serve as the G6 & participated in Operation Team Spirit in 1989 as well as Solar Flare-90.

Being promoted to Colonel in October 1990, he was assigned as the OPSO, 4TH FSSG, Marietta, GA. He served as the OIC for the Group during Desert Training 1991 & was selected as the CO, Brigade Service Support Group 2. As CO, the command was assigned as MEU-28 for Ocean Venture 92. In 1993, one of the highlights of a distinguished career, Pete was selected to serve as ACTING COMMAND GENERAL for 2nd FSSG "Afloat" during Exercise Agile Provider.

For the next 18 months, he was assigned as OIC – MTU MCB Camp Lejeune. In November 1995, he was selected as the "Advisor – Reserve Affairs" for the newly established Standing JTF, serving as the Deputy COS.

Pete retired 5 Oct 1998. He continued his public service, serving on the Swansboro High School Advisory Board; President, Swansboro Schools Century Club; Onslow Association, Retired Officers; Chamber of Commerce; Executive Board, Military Affairs Committee; and the Government Affairs Committee. He retired from GE in 1997 after 30 years. Along with his wife, Lt. Margaret Tessing, USN (Ret) they have 5 children & 4 grandchildren.