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USMC, SWAN/WPPL Engineer Support Officer
Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity

Maj. Billy Cornell enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1986 and was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal after graduating from boot camp. He attended Aviation Radio Repairman MOS School in 29 Palms, Calif., and was stationed at the Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Maj. Cornell spent time as a radio technician in the communications maintenance platoon at Marine Air Control Squadron 4 in Okinawa, Japan before receiving orders to the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, Calif., where he conducted depot level radio rebuilds.

Maj. Cornell was later selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program and attended the University of Colorado where he majored in applied mathematics. He was commissioned and graduated from the Basic School in 1998 and subsequently graduated from Communication Officer School the following year. He was then stationed at the 9th Communications Battalion on Camp Pendleton where he was promoted through the ranks to captain and served as platoon commander, company operations officer, and company commander. During this tour Maj. Cornell deployed with a combined joint task force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2002 Maj. Cornell reported to the I MEF G-6 where he served as an action officer and data officer and was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon selection to attend the Naval Post Graduate School, he pursued and obtained a master's degree in electrical engineering. In 2006, he reported to his current position at the Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity in Camp Pendleton as the Support Wide Area Network (SWAN) and Wireless Point-to-Point Link (WPPL) Engineer Support Officer and he was promoted to major on July 1, 2008.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.