

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Col Travis L. Homiak Commanding Officer

Colonel Travis Homiak, USMC, was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in 1994 from the Virginia Military Institute. Originally, a Ground Intelligence Officer, he served as a Scout Sniper Platoon Commander before entering into the Marine Corps' Reconnaissance and Special Operations community. He was the first ground intelligence officer to serve as a reconnaissance platoon commander in 1st Marine Division and has since served at every level of command from the platoon to the regimental-level. His last assignment before VMI was as Commanding Officer of the Marine Raider Training Center, where he was responsible for the assessment & selection and individual & advanced training across Marine Special Operations Command.



Col Homiak's operational experience includes multiple deployments to the Western Pacific with Marine Expeditionary Units, leadership of a combined US/UK Special Forces team that trained Yemen's national counterterrorism force, a tour as a reconnaissance battalion operations officer in Fallujah during Operation PHANTOM FURY/AL FAJR, and a tour in Okinawa, Japan and as the Commanding Officer of 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. In this assignment, Col Homiak led the battalion in combat in the Upper Sangin River Valley of Helmand Province in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

His principal staff assignments include Marine officer instructor at the Naval ROTC Unit, VMI and tours as the future operations officer for Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC) and later at the 3d Marine Division. After his overseas tour, Col Homiak served as an assistant director for counterterrorism operations in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict. He returned to MARSOC in 2016 where he served as the first uniformed Assistant Chief of Staff G-5 for Plans, Concepts, and Policies and later as the G-3 Operations Officer. During his time at MARSOC, Col Homiak was the lead author for its first doctrinal publication, *MARSOC Pub 1 MARSOF* (2011), and the organization's first futures concept, *MARSOF 2030* (2018).

A distinguished graduate from every resident professional military education institution he has attended, Col Homiak is a graduate of the Marine Corps' Command & Staff College, the School of Advanced Warfighting, and the National War College. He is also currently a PhD candidate with the Royal Military College of Canada's War Studies Program.