

## United States Marine Corps (Ret.)

### Lieutenant General (Retired)

Robert B. Johnston



Lieutenant General Robert B. Johnston is the Commander, Marine Forces Atlantic Marine Forces Europe II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Lieutenant General Johnston was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on October 6, 1937. He immigrated to the United States in 1955 and graduated from San Diego College with a B.A. degree in English in 1961. In 1975 he received a master's degree in Business Administration from the United States International University.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in December 1961, and served his first tour in the 1st Marine Brigade in Hawaii as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer and Assistant Regimental S-3, respectively. In May 1965, he deployed with the Brigade to Vietnam, where he served as Assistant Regimental S-3. He served a second tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, as a Rifle Company Commander in the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and as Assistant G-2, 3d Marine Division. He was promoted to first lieutenant in June 1963 and captain in September 1965.

Between his Vietnam tours, General Johnston served as Commanding Officer, Guard Company, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., from July 1965 to October 1966. Transferring to Quantico, he completed the Amphibious Warfare School in July 1968, and was subsequently assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., in August, where he served as Assistant G-3, Staff Secretary and Executive Officer of 2d Recruit Training Battalion until August 1972. He was promoted to major in October 1971.

Following an assignment to the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Korea from 1972 to 1973, General Johnston completed Graduate School in San Diego in March 1975. He returned to Headquarters Marine Corps for a three-year tour serving in the Manpower Plans and Policy Division as Manpower Systems Analyst, then as Head, Enlisted Plans Section. While at Headquarters, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in March 1978.

From August 1978 to June 1979, General Johnston was a student at the National War College, Washington, D.C., then assumed duties as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, a position he held from June 1979 to May 1981.

Ordered to the 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C., he commanded the 2d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment from July 1981 to February 1983, and commanded the 8th Marine Regiment from February 1983 to May 1984. He was promoted to colonel in May 1983 while at Camp Lejeune.

He was assigned to Quantico in May 1984 to assume command of Officer Candidate School. While serving in this capacity, he was selected for promotion to brigadier general in December 1986. He was advanced to that grade on Aug. 21, 1987, and assumed duty as the Assistant Division Commander, 3d Marine Division in September 1987. He was assigned additional duty as the Commanding General, 9th

Marine Amphibious Brigade in November 1987. On May 26, 1988, General Johnston was assigned as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp S.D. Butler. On May 4, 1990, he was promoted to major general and on June 15, 1990 he was assigned to United States Central Command as the Chief of Staff. In August 1990, he deployed with CENTCOM to Saudia Arabia, where he served as the Chief of Staff during DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. In May 1991, he returned to MacDill Air Force Base, Florida and was assigned as the Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, United States Central Command. He was advanced to lieutenant g

eneral on Aug. 27, 1991, and assumed duty as Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force/Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Sept. 6, 1991. He relinquished command of Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton on June 19, 1992. He served as the Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif., until July 8, 1993, and assumed his current assignment on July 19, 1993.

His personal decorations include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of a second award; Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Navy Achievement Medal; and the Combat Action Ribbon.

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