

LTCOL THOMAS R GIRALDI, USMC
U.S. Naval Academy Marine Detachment
Chief of Staff



LtCol Giraldi graduated from Virginia Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 2006. Second Lieutenant Giraldi graduated from The Basic School in June 2007 and reported to Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida. In August 2008, at his request, Second Lieutenant Giraldi was redesignated as a Marine Artillery Officer, and in November 2008 reported to the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. Second Lieutenant Giraldi was promoted to First Lieutenant in December 2008.

In June 2009, First Lieutenant Giraldi reported to 3d Battalion, 10th Marines, where he served as a Fire Direction Officer, Executive Officer, and Battery Commander. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM from November 2009 to July 2010. First Lieutenant Giraldi assumed command of Kilo Battery in October 2010 and was promoted to Captain in December 2010. He deployed to Okinawa, Japan in support of the Unit Deployment Program from January to June 2011, and relinquished command in December 2011.

Captain Giraldi reported to 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO) in January 2012, where he served as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller, Firepower Control Team Leader (FCT), and the Company Assistant Operations Officer. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM from November 2012 to July 2013. In February 2014, Captain Giraldi reported to the Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS), Blended Seminar, and graduated with distinction in July 2014.

Captain Giraldi reported to 1st Battalion, 10th Marines in July 2014 and was assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer. In September 2014, he attached to 2d Battalion, 8th Marines where he served as the OIC of the Battalion Fire Support Team and the battalion Assistant Operations Officer. Captain Giraldi deployed to Romania in support of the Black Sea Rotational Force from February to July 2015. Captain Giraldi returned to 1st Battalion, 10th Marines in August 2015 and assumed command of Kilo Battery in November 2015.

In May 2016, Captain Giraldi was selected to be the Aid-de-Camp to the II MEF Commanding General, and was promoted to Major in July 2017. Major Giraldi reported to the Marine Command and Staff College in July 2017 and graduated with a Master's in Military Studies in June 2018. Following completion of the Command and Staff College, he

reported to Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific (EWTGPAC) where he was assigned to the Expeditionary Fires Division, serving as the head of the Naval Surface Fires Support section and the course manager for the Supporting Arms Coordinating Center course. Major Girdali deployed to Baghdad, Iraq from September 2018 to March 2019 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In July 2020, Major Girdali reported to 1st Battalion, 12 Marines, and served as the battalion Logistics Officer and the battalion Executive Officer. Major Girdali reported to US PACIFIC FLEET in July of 2022 and assumed the role of Deputy Director of the Joint Fires section. In October of 2022, Major Girdali was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

In June of 2023, Lieutenant Colonel Girdali assumed command of 1st ANGLICO, and following relinquishment of command in July 2025, he assumed his current role as Fellow, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the United States Naval Academy.

Personal Decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star and Combat Distinguishing "V" Device, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.