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Major General (ret.) Cornell Wilson, Jr. has provided diverse leadership, management, planning and training experience in the Marine Corps' most challenging positions. With over thirty-seven years of proven abilities in leadership, team building and innovative problem solving, Maj. Gen. Wilson is able to bring rare insights and perspectives to clients and projects.

Major General Cornell A. Wilson, Jr. is a retired United States Marine Corps Officer with 37 years of service. His military commands include The 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Logistics Group, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces South in Miami, Fl., The Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. and The Reserve Affairs Division

He possesses adaptable interpersonal skills and proven strategic planning abilities along with broad executive experience in complex and demanding assignments, complemented by advanced training in executive level national security, business and international relations. Gen. Wilson holds Top Secret clearance.

Military Battles/Wars

- Operation Enduring Freedom
- Operation Iraqi Freedom

Military Awards and Decorations

- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Legion of Merit
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal w/ 2 Svc. Stars
- National Defense Service Medal w/ 2 Svc. Stars
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon w/ 1 Svc. Star
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ silver hourglass device
- Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge

Professional Experience

Major General Cornell A. Wilson, Jr. served as Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces South Deputy Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command. Major General Wilson's last assignment was as the Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces South in Miami, Fl., and the Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., before retiring in 2010.

Major General Cornell A. Wilson, Jr. also served as Director, Reserve Affairs Division, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia. Wilson attended the University of South Carolina on an NROTC Scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry in 1972. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and assigned to The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia after graduation.

Upon completion of The Basic School and Armor Officer Basic in 1973, Wilson reported to 1st Marine Division, where he served as a Tank Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, Battalion Assistant Operations Officer and Tank Company Commander, 1st Tank Battalion.

In 1976, he was assigned to the USS Inchon as the Combat Cargo Officer at Norfolk, Virginia and transferred to Quantico, Virginia in 1978 where he served as an Advanced Tactics Instructor at The Basic School. He was selected to attend Amphibious Warfare School in 1979 and following its completion in 1980, reported to 2nd Marine Division. Assigned to the 2nd Tank Battalion, he commanded H&S Company and served on the Battalion S-4 staff as Maintenance Management Officer before leaving the active component in 1982.

As a Reserve officer, he served on the Maintenance Battalion staff in Charlotte, N.C. before taking command of the Communications Company in Greensboro, N.C. in 1985. In 1987 he transferred to the H&S Battalion staff in Marietta, Ga. and served as the Battalion's Operations Officer and Executive Officer before assuming command of the Battalion in 1990.

In 1993 he became the Executive Officer for the 25th Marine Regiment in Worcester, Massachusetts. Upon completing his tour with the 25th Marine Regiment, he served as the Depot Inspector for MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina in 1995 and served as the II MACE G-4 before taking command of 4th Supply Battalion in

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Newport News, Virginia in 1997. During this tour, he was selected for Brigadier General in 1999.

His first assignment as a General Officer was as the Deputy Commander for MARCENT at U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida. Following this tour, he was assigned as the Commanding General, 4th FSSG in New Orleans, La. In August 2002, he assumed command of the Augmentation Command Element of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force. He was selected for Major General in 2002.

In support of Operation Enduring Freedom, he was activated as the Deputy J-3 for Central Command in Tampa, Florida, from September to December 2002. From February through May 2003, he commanded the Combined Joint Task Force Consequence Management (C/JTF-CM), headquartered in Camp Doha, Kuwait, and supported Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. On July 9, 2004, he assumed command of 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Camp LeJeune, N.C., where he served as the MEB commander, Commanding General for II MACE and the Deputy Commander for II MEF.

In July 2005, he was assigned as the Director, Reserve Affairs Division, Manpower & Reserve Affairs at Headquarters Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia. In July 2007, Major General Wilson was assigned as Commanding General for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa in Stuttgart, Germany. He assumed his duties as Deputy Commander for U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in October 2008, and as Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces South in October 2009.

Major General Wilson's professional military education includes the Harvard University Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security, Marshall Center Senior Executive Seminar, NATO Defense College General and Flag Officer Course, Senior Information Warfare Application Course, Logtech Executive Course, Revolution in Business Practices, National Defense University's Capstone Course, Naval War College's Strategy and Policy Course, and Amphibious Warfare School.

Representative Examples of Experience:

- **Commanding General, US Marine Forces, Southern Command:** Responsible for Marine Forces operating in South America in support of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions as well as training of Partner Nation armed forces and senior

leader engagement. Notable accomplishment included providing over 4,500 Marines in support of the Haiti earthquake disaster relief and recovery operation.

- **Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Command:** Responsibilities as Deputy encompassed global visibility of force commitment, availability and capabilities; overseeing Marine Corps support to joint forces; oversight of \$1.5 billion annual budget in support of over 81,000 Marines and civilians.

- **Commanding General, U.S. Marine Forces, Europe/Africa:** Commander of all Marine Corps forces assigned to the European Command and the recently established Africa Command. Planned and organized the establishment of Marine Forces' support to the newly created Africa Command. Advised senior commanders on the proper employment, capability and support of U.S. Marine forces to facilitate the accomplishment of their overall objectives. Responsible for successful execution of operational missions and exercises, senior leader engagement along with the coordination and training of Partner Nation armed forces in the 92 countries that encompassed European Command and Africa Command.

- **Director of Reserve Affairs:** Reported directly to the Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Manpower. Responsible for the formulation of plans, policies, budgets and funds of the Marine Corps Reserve. Duties encompassed forecasting and providing oversight for annual personnel and equipment budget of \$48 million dollars. Supervised a staff of 185 military and civilian personnel. Additional duties during this tour included assignment to the Marine Corps' Operations and Plans Directorate in the Pentagon to oversee worldwide current operations represent Marine Corps capabilities/interests in joint service meetings, review strategic plans, policies and make recommendations for future contingencies.

- **Commanding General, II MEF Augmentation Command Element (MACE):** Established plans and policies to ensure readiness of reserve units to support active forces both domestically and internationally. Concurrently served as Deputy Commander for an active duty operational unit of over 45,000 Marines, sailors and their family members. Responsible for their training, operations planning, employment and deployment to meet global commitments. Effectively managed staff in the following areas: personnel, intelligence, operations, logistics and finance.

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Coordinated pre-deployment training for units preparing to support combat operations. Commanded a Combined Joint Task Force of over 1,800 personnel from the U.S., Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine in Kuwait during the initial stages of combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- **Commanding General - 4th Force Service Support Group:** Responsible for over 10,000 Marines and Sailors of major logistics organization. Managed a headquarters staff of Marines and Sailors in addition to eight subordinate commanders tasked with recruiting, planning, operations, training and readiness for Marines and Sailors as they prepared to deploy for worldwide contingencies and commitments. Managed operational budgets in excess of \$15 million. Conducted strategic planning for theatre logistics. Reduced equipment training allowance while maintaining a high state of training readiness.



Other Experience:

- **Account Executive:** Account Executive at Siemens ICN, responsible for hardware and software sales in North and South Carolina. Major General Wilson completed a sales and marketing career with Siemens ICN in January 2002.

Education and Certifications

- B.S. in Chemistry from the University of South Carolina (NROTC Scholarship)
- Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1972 and assigned to The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia after graduation.
- Harvard University Senior Executive Program in National and International Security, John F. Kennedy School of Government
- Executive Program, Logistics and Technology, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Revolution and Business Practices, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA
- NATO Senior Executive Course, Naval Defense College, Rome, Italy
- Senior Executive Seminar, Marshall Center, Garmisch, Germany
- Capstone, National Defense University