

Colonel Jose “Joe” Gonzalez II

Colonel Jose A Gonzalez was born and raised in a military family. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1995 and attended the Communications Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, California until being awarded an NROTC scholarship. Colonel Gonzalez was discharged from active duty and attended Norwich University, graduating in 2000 with a degree in Engineering.

Upon commissioning, Colonel Gonzalez attended the Basic Officer’s Course and Logistics Officer’s Course and reported to 2nd Transportation Support Battalion, 2nd FSSG in December of 2000. Colonel Gonzalez served as a Motor Transport Platoon Commander and Assistant Transportation Support Detachment Commander, MEU Service Support Group-24, (MSSG-24) 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU.) Colonel Gonzalez deployed with the 24th MEU in August of 2002 and participated in peace-keeping operations in Kosovo as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF.)



Upon return from deployment in May of 2003, Colonel Gonzalez was assigned as the Logistics Officer for 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. In this role, Colonel Gonzalez deployed to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program. Upon return from Okinawa in April of 2004, Colonel Gonzalez deployed with 2nd Battalion 6th Marines, now attached to 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), responsible for enhanced embassy security in Baghdad, Iraq and Kabul, Afghanistan. From 2005-2008, Colonel Gonzalez served with the reserves as a Platoon Commander for 6th Motor Transport Battalion in Nevada as well as a Logistics Planner for Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California.

In May of 2009, Colonel Gonzalez reported to the Advisor Training Group, in Twentynine Palms, California, and served as Logistics Officer and Advisor Instructor. In this billet, he deployed to Afghanistan twice as part of an advisor curriculum development assessment and then as an augment to Regimental Combat Team-1 as the Assistant Operations Officer for Afghan National Security Force development. In July 2012, Colonel Gonzalez attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College, in Quantico, Virginia and received a Masters of Military Studies.

In June of 2013, Colonel Gonzalez reported to Combat Logistics Battalion-31 (CLB-31), 31st MEU on Okinawa, Japan as the Battalion Executive Officer. During his tour, Colonel Gonzalez deployed in support of Operation Damayan, a disaster response mission in the Republic of the Philippines, as well as five other deployments supporting Theater Security Cooperation.

From 2015-2017, Colonel Gonzalez served at both the G-4 of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) and the Command Element of III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) as an Assistant Operations Officer and Logistics Plans Officer. In this capacity, he supported OPLAN development and exercise execution for the Korean Theater of Operations.

In June of 2017, Colonel Gonzalez assumed command of Combat Logistics Battalion-7 (CLB-7) in Twentynine Palms, CA. During his command tour, CLB-7 participated in numerous exercises and operations in the Continental United States as well as overseas locations. Additionally, the battalion deployed detachments in support of contingency operations in the Central Command Area of Operations and in support of the Marine Rotational Force, Darwin Australia.

Colonel Gonzalez relinquished command in July of 2019 and transferred to Headquarters, Marine Corps Department of Installations and Logistics. During his tenure, he served as the Logistics Training and Education Plans Officer, coordinating several planning efforts to include the annual Logistics Training and Education Operational Advisory Group session, representing the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installation and Logistics (Plans).

From 2020-2021, Colonel Gonzalez attended Top-Level School at the Inter-American Defense College in Fort McNair, Washington DC. After completing Top-Level School, Colonel Gonzalez joined the OPNAV staff as the USMC Liaison Officer to OPNAV N3N5. In this capacity, Colonel Gonzalez was responsible for facilitating Service-level coordination and integration efforts. In 2022, Colonel Gonzalez reported to US Marine Corps Forces, Central Command for duty as the Officer-in-Charge of the Forward Coordination Element located in Bahrain. In this role he supported embassy and host nation engagements and RSO&I of Marines and units conducting operations and exercises. In July of 2023, Col Gonzalez reported to HQMC Installations and Logistics as the Branch Head for LPI (Logistics Information Technology)

Colonel Gonzalez’s personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.