

## **Captain Scott (Russell) Shinn**

Captain Shinn is currently the Officer-in-Charge of the Defense Counsel Assistance Program, Marine Corps Defense Services Organization, stationed at Headquarters, Marine Corps in Arlington, VA.

Captain Shinn was born in Columbia, Missouri and raised in Missouri, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas, before joining the Marine Corps. After graduating from high school in College Station, Texas, he had a brief stint at Texas A&M University before reporting for recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego California on 28 November 1994. After graduating from boot camp in February 1995 and Infantry Training Battalion as a TOW gunner in May 1995, Private First Class Shinn reported to 4th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan for duty.

Lance Corporal Shinn was next assigned to Weapons Company, 1st Battalion 2d Marine Regiment aboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina starting in June 1996. He held several billets including TOW Gunner, Vehicle Commander, and Squad Leader. He participated in Operation NOBLE OBELISK and Operation GUARDIAN RETREIVAL while attached to Battalion Landing Team 1/2, 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit in 1997.

In November 1998, Corporal Shinn received an Honorable Discharge and returned to College Station to attend Texas A&M University once more and subsequently earned a Bachelor's of Arts in Anthropology in December 2002. While attending Texas A&M, Corporal Shinn reenlisted in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve and drilled with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 23d Marine Regiment until his transfer to Headquarters Company, 4th Tank Battalion in August 2003, when he began law school at Texas Tech University School of Law. In 2004, Sergeant Shinn became the Platoon Sergeant of Scout Platoon and led his Marines through a successful combat tour in Al-Fallujah, Iraq as Regimental Combat Team 1 Commanding Officer's Personal Security Detachment, during which he and his Marines participated in Operation AL-FAJR (PHANTOM FURY) and the subsequent rebuilding of Al-Fallujah, Iraq.

Seven weeks after returning from Iraq, Sergeant Shinn reported to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines in August 2005. Second Lieutenant Shinn immediately reported back to Scout Platoon and became its Platoon Commander. In February 2006, Second Lieutenant Shinn became the Executive Officer of Direct Support Motor Transport Company B(-), 6th Motor Transport Battalion, located in Lubbock, Texas. Second Lieutenant Shinn assumed command on 10 November 2006 and held the billet of Company Commander until his orders to active duty in August 2007.

First Lieutenant Shinn graduated with his Doctor of Jurisprudence in May 2007 and successfully sat for the Texas Bar Exam in July 2007. Before reporting to The Basic School in January 2008, First Lieutenant Shinn acted as the Assistant Officer Selection Officer for Officer Selection Station Lubbock, Texas. First Lieutenant Shinn graduated with honors from The Basic School in July 2008 and reported to Naval Justice School, completing the curriculum in October 2008.

Upon graduation from Naval Justice School, First Lieutenant Shinn returned to Okinawa, Japan. During this tour, First Lieutenant Shinn served as the Legal Assistance Officer-in-Charge, the Director of the VITA

Tax Center, and the Review Officer. Captain Shinn was promoted to his current rank on June 2009. Immediately following, Captain Shinn became a Defense Counsel; however, in July 2009, Captain Shinn deployed in support of Operation TALISMAN SABRE 2009 as the Joint Task Force 505 Staff Judge Advocate to Rockhampton, Australia. Captain Shinn completed his tour as a Defense Counsel in April 2010 and deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as the Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for Detention Operations and Litigation Support Attorney. He began his current duties as OIC, Defense Counsel Assistance Program on 15 October 2011.

Captain Shinn's personal decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device with gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal as well as several unit awards.

Captain Shinn is married to the former Tonya Gerdes, and they have one son and one daughter: Anthony (10) and Audrey (8).