

Major Mark D. Sameit

Major Sameit was raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia, received his BS in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia in 2000, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in May 2000. Major Sameit attended the Basic School in Quantico, VA and graduated in December 2000 and then attended the Aviation Supply School in Athens, GA in the spring of 2001.

In June 2001, Major Sameit reported to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa Japan where he served as the supply accounting officer and the aviation supply officer for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. In May 2002, Major Sameit reported for duty at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, San Diego California where he served as the assistant operations officer and as the officer-in-charge of three sections within the supply department. He deployed in 2003 as the detachment officer-in-charge of a Marine logistics detachment supporting a KC-130 squadron as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Kuwait and Basrah, Iraq. He deployed again in support of humanitarian operations in 2005 to U-Tapao, Thailand as part of the tsunami relief.

In July 2005, Major Sameit moved to Williamsburg, VA to attend William & Mary law school as part of the Marine Corps funded legal education program. He graduated in May 2008, completed Naval Justice School in October 2008, and reported to the Legal Services Support Section (LSSS), Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Camp Pendleton, CA. While assigned to the LSSS, Major Sameit served as a defense counsel, trial counsel, and as the senior defense counsel.

Major Sameit was selected to attend the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in February 2011 and reported to Charlottesville, VA in August 2011. He graduated and received a LL.M. in Criminal Law in May 2011 and received orders to report to Quantico, Virginia to serve as the Regional Trial Counsel, Legal Services Support Section – National Capital Region. He oversaw the prosecution of cases within the National Capital Region from June 2012 until September 2013 when he reported to Judge Advocate Division to serve as the branch head, Trial Counsel Assistance Program.

Major Sameit's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards).

He is married to the former Meredith May of Brandon, Florida. They have a son, Henry (2), and expect a daughter soon.