



Colonel Ryan “Conan” Cohen

Division Chief, Joint Assessment Division



Colonel Ryan B. “Conan” Cohen serves as the Division Chief for the Joint Assessment Division, Joint Staff J6. He directly supports and advises the Deputy Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber Integration (DDC5I) regarding Joint Command and Control requirements, interoperability of legacy and future Command and Control capabilities with Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance systems, joint warfighting systems and cyber. Additionally, he oversees the development of accelerated joint warfighting capabilities through joint capability assessments. Col Cohen leads a diverse Joint team that provides the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) with a robust capability to conduct full spectrum analysis of Joint missions in laboratory and operational environments to produce data-driven assessments and recommendations that support decisions to improve Joint C5I and interoperability to enable a more lethal Joint force. His team of experts analyze current and emergent Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control (CJADC2) battle management systems, supporting architectures, and procedures spanning Joint Command and Control, Joint Fires, and Joint Intelligence functions.

Col Cohen was born in Honolulu Hawaii on 20 December 1978 and raised as a Marine Corps dependent. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Broward County Community College and Florida Community College Jacksonville where he earned an Associate’s Degree. He then attended University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science. In May of 2002, Col Cohen was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and enrolled into The Basic School. Upon graduation, Col Cohen was assigned the Infantry Military Occupational Specialty and graduated the Infantry Officer Course in the summer of 2003. Col Cohen was then assigned as an Infantry Platoon Commander in Company ‘F’, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

During his tour with 2/3, he served as a weapons platoon commander and company executive officer, completing two deployments between 2003 and 2006 with the 31st MEU and an Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) deployment. During the 31st MEU deployment he served as 1st Platoon Commander, as well as Sparrow Hawk Platoon Commander. For the OEF deployment he served as the Weapons Platoon Commander and Company Fire Support Officer, as well as a maneuver element leader in Laghman and Kunar Provinces, Afghanistan.

From 2006 to 2009, Col Cohen then reported to Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG), Twenty-Nine Palms, California where he served as a Coyote for the Urban Warfare Training Center. In January of 2009, he attended the Maneuver Captains Career Course in Fort Benning, Georgia. Col Cohen subsequently assigned to 2d Battalion, 4th Marines as the Assistant

Operations Officer. From October 2009 to March 2010, Col Cohen served as the Assistant Operations Officer for Battalion Landing Team 24 with the 11th MEU. From March 2010 to October 2010, Col Cohen was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines as the Kilo Company Commander. During this combat deployment in support of OEF, Col Cohen served in the most contested and kinetic areas of operation of Musa Qaleh and Sangin Districts, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Upon return Col Cohen executed orders to SOI West to run Infantry Squad Leader's Course and Infantry Unit Leader's Course at the most premier infantry training ground of School of Infantry West. From November 2011 to June 2014, he was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments as the Deputy of MMEA-2 in Quantico Virginia.

From June 2014 to June 2017, Col Cohen was assigned as the Commanding Officer Recruiting Station Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Upon successfully completing a recruiting tour, Col Cohen attended Command and Staff College as a student at Quantico Virginia. Upon graduation in June of 2018, Col Cohen was assigned as the Operations Officer for 6th Marine Regiment in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In March of 2019, the 6th Marines Command Element formed Task Force Southwest 19.2 and deployed to Helmand Province Afghanistan. Upon redeployment in February 2020, Col Cohen finished out his time as the 6th Marines Operations Officer before assuming Command of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines in July 2020 and deployed to the Baltic and Mediterranean Region in support Theatre Cooperation Operations as part of Combined Task Force and Strike Force NATO during the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. Prior to leading the Joint Assessment Division, Col Cohen served as the Lead Faculty Advisor for Command and Staff College Blended Seminar Program at Camp Lejeune North Carolina.

Awards

Col Cohen's Personal Combat Decorations include the following: The Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart (Second Award), Meritorious Service Medal (Third Award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with combat distinguishing device), and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Col Cohen was also the Runner Up for the Leftwich Combat Leadership Award as a Company Commander in V37 for the Marine Corps.

Additionally, his leadership was pivotal to Second Battalion, Sixth Marines Calendar 2022 II MEF LtGen "Chesty" Puller Award Recipient for sustained superior performance in the large unit category – under his command with Sergeant Major Jose "Tony" Acero.