



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



### COLONEL RICK "SLICK" NEITZEY

Colonel Richard F. Neitzey grew up in Waldorf, Maryland and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 1991 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1991 and was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1993.

After completing training in August 1994 with Marine Helicopter Training Squadron (HMT)-302 at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Tustin, California, he was transferred to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH)-362, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-26, at MCAS New River, North Carolina. He relocated with the squadron to the 1st Marine Air Wing Aviation Support Element (MAW ASE), Marine Corps Base (MCB) Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii in August 1995. Colonel Neitzey's billets with HMH-362 included administrative officer, adjutant, aviation safety officer, safety director, weapons and tactics instructor, and assistant operations officer. He participated in Combined Arms Exercise (CAX) 1-95, ULCHI FOCUS LENS (1996) aboard the USS *Blue Ridge*, and CAX 2-97. He graduated from Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) 1-98 in October 1997.

In June 1999, Colonel Neitzey was selected to attend the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland. Following completion, he was assigned to the Rotary Wing Test Squadron (HX-21) in June 2000 where he served as a test pilot and H-53 platform coordinator. For the final year of this assignment, Colonel Neitzey was the operations officer and served as the government flight test director for the replacement presidential helicopter program.

Colonel Neitzey reported to HMT-302, MAG-29 at MCAS New River in July 2003 as an instructor and served as the operations officer and executive officer. From October 2005 to April 2006, he deployed as an individual augment to the Office of Security Cooperation Afghanistan in Kabul serving as a mentor to the G-1 of the Afghan National Army. On return in July 2006, Colonel Neitzey became the CH-53E detachment Officer in Charge (OIC) and Director of Safety and Standardization for Helicopter Marine Medium (HMM)-264 (Rein) deploying with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) aboard the USS *Bataan*. Following the deployment, he served as the operations officer and executive officer for HMH-461 from 2007 to 2008.

In June 2008, Colonel Neitzey became the assistant OIC of II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Special Operations Training Group at Stone Bay, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Colonel Neitzey reported to 2d Marine Division (Forward) in October 2010 to serve as the division air officer. He deployed with the division (forward) to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan from February 2011 until January 2012. On return, he served as the commanding officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron (HMHT)-302 from June 2012 until May 2014. Following command, Colonel Neitzey attended the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. He assumed his next position as the J-3 Director of Operations for Joint Interagency Task Force South in July 2015.

In August 2018, Colonel Neitzey was transferred to the Joint Staff J6 where he currently serves as the division chief for the Joint Deployable Analysis Team (JDAT) at Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida.

Colonel Neitzey's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars. He is married to the former Dawn Burke and has three children.