



Lieutenant General Emil R. Bedard - Retired

Effective December 1, 2003, Lieutenant General Emil R. "Buck" Bedard retired with over 37 years of active duty service.

General Bedard graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1967. In addition to holding a M.S. degree, General Bedard's formal military education includes the U.S. Army Advanced Infantry Course in 1973, Armed Forces Staff College in 1980, and Army War College in 1986.

General Bedard was commissioned a second lieutenant on December 1, 1967, and designated an infantry officer. While a lieutenant he served as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer with 2d Battalion, 27th Marines and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines in the Republic of Vietnam. Subsequently, he was ordered to Quantico, Virginia, where he served as Commander and Staff Officer with Schools Demonstrations Troops.



As a captain he was assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence School as an instructor and served as a company commander in the 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. He was also the Marine Officer Instructor on the NROTC Staff at Vanderbilt University and a platoon and company commander at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia.

As a major he served as Logistics Officer, 7th Marines and Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel, he served as Assistant Operations Officer, I Marine Amphibious Force, G-3 and Pacific Plans Officer, G-5. Assigned to NATO in Holland, he served in the Central Region operations division in charge of reinforcement operations of allied forces to Central Europe.

Upon promotion to colonel he was reassigned to Twentynine Palms, California, where he directed the Combined Arms Exercise Program at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. He became Assistant G-3 for Operations for the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From May 1991 through June 1993, he commanded the 7th Marine Regiment, which deployed to Somalia in December 1992. In July 1993, he was assigned

as the Assistant Division Commander for the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. In October 1993, he was assigned as J-3 Operations Officer, Joint Task Force, Somalia.

In June 1994, he was advanced to brigadier general and was assigned as the President, Marine Corps University/Commanding General, Marine Corps Schools, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. He was assigned as the Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii in June 1995. Assuming command of 2d Marine Division in July 1997, General Bedard was promoted to major general on September 1, 1997. He relinquished command of 2d Marine Division in June 1999 and assumed command of II Marine Expeditionary Force in July 1999. On June 29, 2000, General Bedard relinquished command of II Marine Expeditionary Force.

On 25 July, 2000 he was advanced to lieutenant general and assumed the duties as the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC.