



MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER OWENS
DIRECTOR OF EXPEDITIONARY DIVISION (N95)



MajGen Christopher Owens grew up in Oregon and was commissioned in 1982. Following flight school, 2ndLt Owens was assigned to HML-367 as an AH-1 pilot, where he served in various billets, deployed with the squadron twice and attended Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course. He was promoted to captain in November of that year.

In 1988, Capt Owens reported to 1st Tank Bn as a forward air controller. He returned to MAG-39 and HMT-303 in 1989 and rejoined HMLA-367 in 1992. He deployed with the squadron in 1992, and with 15th MEU /HMM-166 (REIN) in 1994, participating in operations in Somalia. He was promoted to Major in September 1994.



Maj Owens attended USMC Command and Staff College in 1995 and was selected to attend the School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW) the following year. Following SAW, he joined I MEF as an operational planner for operations in the Pacific AOR.

Promoted in July 1999, LtCol Owens next served as Executive Officer, HMLA-267 and Commanding Officer, HMLA-169. LtCol Owens completed Marine Corps War College in 2003 and then served as Director of SAW. He was promoted to Colonel in October 2004.

Col Owens assumed command of MAG-29 in 2005 and deployed the MAG in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. Col Owens relinquished command in 2007 and reported to USJFCOM to serve as Chief of Staff for the Joint Concept Development and Experimentation Directorate.

Upon selection for Brigadier General in 2008, he was assigned as Chief of Staff, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO. In 2010, BGen Owens was assigned as Deputy Commanding General II Marine Expeditionary Force and Commanding General, 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

BGen Owens assumed command of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in 2012 and was promoted to Major General in September. In 2013, he assumed command of US Marine Corps Forces Korea, with concurrent duties as United Nations Command, ROK-US Combined Forces Command, and US Forces Korea U/C/J-5.

In 2015, MajGen Owens assumed duties as Director of Expeditionary Warfare Division, OPNAV N95.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal. He has accumulated over 4000 flight hours in a variety of type/model/series aircraft.