

## **Colonel José L. Montalván**

*United States Marine Corps*

Colonel (Col) José L. Montalván, originally from Nicaragua, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1995 from his adopted home of Hialeah, FL. He graduated from the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training Program in 2000. Upon graduation, he was selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program. Col Montalván attended Florida State University as part of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Criminology. Col Montalván was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 2002.



As a company grade officer, Col Montalván served as the Motor Transport and Assistant Logistics Officer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marines, where he deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. He subsequently served as the Executive and Operations Officer for Recruiting Station Albuquerque, NM. His follow-on assignments included Assistant Logistics Officer for the 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he deployed in support of Western Pacific 11-2 and Support Branch Officer-In-Charge for I Special Operations Training Group, later renamed to I Expeditionary Operations Training Group.

As a field grade officer, Col Montalván was the Expeditionary Branch Officer-In-Charge at the Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group. He then completed his Joint tour at Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, United States Strategic Command, where he served as an Integrated Missile Defense Watch Commander and later as the Global Ballistic Missile Defense Training, Education, and Exercise Director. Upon completing his Joint tour, Col Montalván served as the 6th Marine Corps District Recruiting Operations Officer. Upon graduation from the National War College, Col Montalván served as the Assistant Chief of Staff of Logistics (G-4) and Administration (G-1) for Marine Forces Japan and as the Plans and Exercises Officer (J43) for United States Forces Japan. Currently, Col Montalván is the Director of Logistics for Special Operations-North in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Col Montalván has a Master of Science in National Security Strategy with a War Studies Concentration from the National War College. In addition, he is a graduate of the Expeditionary Warfare School and the Marine Corps Command and Staff Non-Resident program. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Star in lieu of a Third Award, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a Second Award, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a Gold Star in lieu of Second Award, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Star, and Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with Bronze Star.

Col Montalván is married and has two sons.