

Colonel Liz Welch

United States Marine Corps

Colonel Liz Welch graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 2001. She then attended The Basic School. Upon completion of The Basic School in November 2001, Second Lieutenant Gomez was selected for the military occupational specialty of 0180, now 0102 Manpower Officer, and completed the Adjutant's Course aboard Camp Johnson, NC on 1 February 2002.

In February 2002, Second Lieutenant Gomez reported to Headquarters Battalion, Marine Air-Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA where she served as the Adjutant/Legal Officer. Due to an increase in manning levels, she reported to Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 in October 2002 where she served as the S-1/Adjutant/Legal Officer. During this tour, she deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II from February to August 2004.

In March 2005, First Lieutenant Gomez reported as the Officer Selection Officer San Diego, Recruiting Station San Diego, CA where she served during the 202K increase of Marine Corps manning levels. During this time she completed Expeditionary Warfare School (Non-Resident) and her MBA (National University).

In May 2008, Captain Gomez reported to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, CA where she served as the Adjutant/S-1 Officer. During her tour, she deployed in support of Western Pacific (WESTPAC) 08-2 and WESTPAC 10-1. During this time she completed Command and Staff (Non-Resident).

In July 2011, Captain Welch reported as the Executive Officer, Marine Corps Detachment, Newport, RI. Upon the completion of her tour, she attended the College of Naval Command and Staff where she received a degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in June 2015.

In July 2015, Major Welch reported to the Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force where she served as the G-1, Adjutant, before deploying in support of Task Force Southwest Rotation 1 as the G-1 Advisor to the 215th Corps, Afghan National Army in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and the Resolute Support North Atlantic Treaty Organization mission. Following her re-deployment to II MEF, she served in G-1 Operations, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

In June 2018, Major Welch reported to the Commanding General 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA to serve as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

In June 2019, Lieutenant Colonel Welch assumed command of Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry-West until June 2021 when she reported for Top Level School at the Army War College.

After the completion of the Army War College in June 2022, Colonel Welch reported to Commander, Marine Corps Forces Central Command for duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1.

Colonel Welch's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

