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Lieutenant Colonel Barnes serves as the Branch Chief, Networks, Services, and Strategy Branch, Deputy Commandant for Information, Information C4 Division. He is responsible for the development of vision, policy and strategy for the Marine Corps' unified network. This includes oversight and development for all tactical transmissions systems, PNT, enterprise services, and coalition networks.

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Barnes was born in Joliet, Illinois in September 1977. He attended Arizona State University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant following graduation from Officer Candidates School (OCS) in August of 2000 through the Officer Candidates Course (OCC) program. Lieutenant Colonel Barnes completed initial training at The Basic School (TBS) and the Communications and Information Systems Officers Course (CISOC) in Quantico, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Barnes' staff assignments include S-6A for 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, California; S-6 for 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment and Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), Camp Pendleton, California; Executive Officer, Bravo Company, 8th Communications Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; S-3A, 8th Communications Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Assistant Chief of Staff G-6, 2d Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Executive Officer, 8th Communications Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; G-6 Operations Officer, Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, and Branch Chief, Strategy and Plans Branch, DISA Pacific, Ford Island, Hawaii



Lieutenant Colonel Barnes' command assignments include Company Commander, Charlie Company, 8th Communication Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and Inspector-Instructor, Communications Company, 4th Marine Division, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lieutenant Colonel Barnes holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography, Arizona State University (2000), and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, University of Oklahoma (2020). Lieutenant Colonel Barnes is a graduate of the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Advanced Communications Officer's Course, Marine Corps Command & Staff College, and the Joint and Combined Warfighting School.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/2 gold stars), and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (w/3 Gold Stars)