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Colonel Drew Cukor is a native of Southern California and a graduate of the University of Southern California (1992-BA), the Naval Postgraduate School (1997-MS), and the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (2014-MS).

Cukor has been a Marine Intelligence Officer for 25 years, and served in multiple command and staff assignments. As a Lieutenant and Captain, he served as the Intelligence Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and 7th Marine Regiment in the 1st Marine Division, where he participated in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.



As a Captain and Major, he served as the Intelligence Officer of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). In this billet, he participated in operations in the Balkans, Task Force 58—the 2001 amphibious deployment into southern Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, the 2003 attack and stability of Northern Iraq with Joint Special Operations Task Force-North (JSOTF-N) during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and stability operations in Monrovia, Liberia.

As a Major, he served as the Fusion Officer within the 2nd Marine Division, II MEF Tactical Fusion Center in Anbar Province, Iraq. As a Major and Lieutenant Colonel, he served as the Middle East branch chief, Marine Corps Intelligence Activity supporting I and II MEF in Iraq. In this billet, he designed and fielded the counterinsurgency intelligence Project LEGACY in Anbar Province, Iraq.

As a Lieutenant Colonel, he served as the Inspector/Instructor of the Intelligence Support Battalion, a 400 Marine Reserve intelligence battalion, and fielded the LEGACY program in Helmand, Kandahar and Kabul, Afghanistan. Also, as a Lieutenant Colonel he served as chief, Intelligence Assessments, Intelligence Department, Headquarters Marine Corps where he co-authored Operate to Know (OtK), a draft operating concept where fighting for intelligence ascends as a primary operational activity, with operations delivering appropriate actions that cause the adversary to become visible (pulsing), and intelligence detects and creates a continuous enemy situation picture.

As a Colonel, Cukor served as the Commander, Marine Corps Information Operations Center (MCIOC), where he led the Service IO enterprise and deployed Information Warfare (IW) teams consisting of Military Information Support Operations (MISO), Electronic Warfare (EW), OPSEC, Deception and other Information Capabilities worldwide in support of operations and exercises. In this billet he co-authored Attacking the Cognitive (AtC), a draft operating concept that blends physical and information power to create continuous influence, deny and deceive actions to bend adversary decision-making, influencing adversaries toward desired actions in order to cognitively defeat them.

Cukor is a Foreign Area Officer, Systems Analyst, MAGTF/Joint Operational Planner, and Acquisition Officer. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two gold stars), Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (one gold star), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon (one gold star).

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1992 – June 1993, Intelligence Officer, 7th Marine Regiment, (Operation Restore Hope, Somalia), 29 Palms, CA
2. July 1993 – August 1995, Intelligence Officer, 2d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 29 Palms, CA
3. September 1995 - September 1997, Student, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA
4. October 1997 – December 2000, Systems Analyst, Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, VA
5. December 2000 – Nov 2004, Intelligence Officer, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom), Camp Lejeune, NC
6. Nov 2004 – April 2005, Fellow, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington DC
7. April 2005 – February 2006, I and II MEF Fusion Officer, Anbar Province, Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
8. January 2006 – June 2008, Middle East Branch chief, Marine Corps Intelligence Activity, Quantico, VA
9. June 2008 – August 2010, Inspector/Instructor Intelligence Support Battalion (Operation Enduring Freedom), New Orleans, LA
10. August 2010 – May 2013, Analysis and Futures Chief, Intelligence Department, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington DC
11. June 2013 – June 2014, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
12. June 2014 – June 2016, Commander, Marine Corps Information Operations Center, Quantico, VA