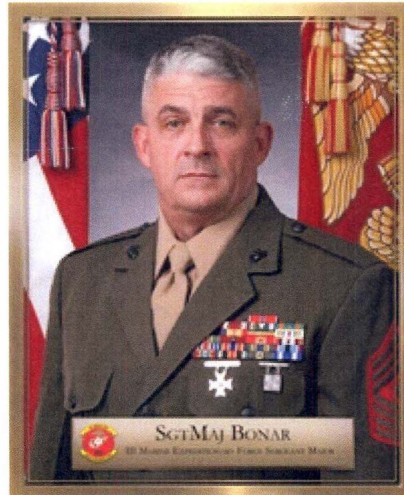


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Sergeant Major Lee D. Bonar Jr. was born 13 July 1960. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on 15 January 1985 at Wheeling, West Virginia and completed recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina, 18 April 1985.

Sergeant Major Bonar has served in a variety of units and billets throughout his career.

Upon graduation from boot camp he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal and reported to Infantry Training School, Camp Geiger, North Carolina, where he attained the MOS 0341/Mortar man. In July of 1985 he reported to Sea School, MCRD San Diego, California where upon graduating was assigned to the Aircraft Carrier USS Carl Vinson, CVN-70, docked in Alameda, California. His tour on Sea Duty ended on 2 August 1987 and he had been promoted to Corporal and graduated from NCO school. In September 1987 Corporal Bonar reported to 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Armored Vehicle Battalion, 29 Palms, California. Corporal Bonar became a Forward Observer and was promoted to Sergeant. On 1 December 1988, Sergeant Bonar reported to Rifle Security Company, Windward Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Sergeant Bonar held the billet of Platoon Sergeant for the guard force and weapons platoon. Upon completing his tour on Barracks Duty Sergeant Bonar reported to the Naval Drug and Alcohol Counseling School, Naval Station, San Diego, California, on 12 January 1989. On 12 April 1989 Sergeant Bonar was assigned to the Naval Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, NAS Miramar, California. Sergeant Bonar conducted inpatient counseling and was assigned as an Instructor at the Naval Drug and Alcohol Counseling School in April 1992. Sergeant Bonar re-enlisted and made a lateral move to Correction's in May 1993 where he reported to the Security Battalion, Base Brig, Camp Pendleton, California.

Sergeant Bonar was promoted to Staff Sergeant and held the billets of Section Chief, Guard Chief, Correctional Counselor, Minimum Custody Annex SNCOIC and Company Gunnery Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Bonar attended the

SNCO Career Course and Correctional Counseling School prior to his transfer to Drill Instructor School, MCRD, Parris Island, South Carolina, in June 1996. Staff Sergeant Bonar was assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Training Battalion, Mike Company and held the billets of Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Series Gunnery Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Bonar qualified as Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival and was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant during his tour at Parris Island. Gunnery Sergeant Bonar reported to the Base Brig, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia in September 1998 where he held the billets of Guard Chief, Company Gunnery Sergeant, Company First Sergeant and graduated from the SNCO Advanced Course. On 2 May 1999 Gunnery Sergeant Bonar was assigned to Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia for his second tour of duty as a Drill Instructor. Gunnery Sergeant Bonar held the billets of Platoon Sergeant and Company Gunnery Sergeant. He was frocked to First Sergeant on 1 April 2001 and attended the First Sergeant Seminar in June 2001. He completed his tour at OCS as Company First Sergeant for Charlie Company on 11 August 2001.

First Sergeant Bonar reported to 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on 18 August 2001 and was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. First Sergeant Bonar was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in January 2003 attached to Regimental Combat Team 2, Task Force Tarawa. He attended the First Sergeant/Master Sergeant Seminar during his tour at 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. First Sergeant Bonar attained a Bachelor Degree in Social Psychology in December of 2004. First Sergeant Bonar was frocked to Sergeant Major on 1 April 2005 and was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan and to take his post as Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, Squadron Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Bonar reported to HMM-265 on 10 April 2006 as the ACE Sergeant Major assigned to the 31<sup>st</sup> MEU. Sergeant Major Bonar was posted as the III MEF Headquarters Group/III Marine Expeditionary Brigade/Camp Hansen Sergeant Major on 13 February 2008. Sergeant Major Bonar was posted as the Command SgtMaj US Forces Afghanistan South/Southwest 21 May 2010 and completed his tour 4 April 2011. SgtMaj Bonar assumed the billet of Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower Management Division, SgtMaj on 4 May 2011 to 11 April 2014. SgtMaj Bonar assumed the duties as the III Marine Expeditionary Force SgtMaj on 11 April 2014 to 15 April 2017. He returned to Camp Lejeune, NC on 16 April 2017 and reported to Wounded Warrior Battalion East for transition to retirement. SgtMaj Bonar retired on 31 March 2018.

Sergeant Major Bonar's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Medal/Meritorious Service Medal (3), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal(2),1 (W/Combat V), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Combat Action Ribbon (Kuwait/Iraq), Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (11), National Defence Service Medal (2), Afghanistan Service Medal (W/1 star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Kuwait/Iraq), Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (11), Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon, Marine Corps Drill Instructor (2), NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan.