



Major Kingslee G. Gourrick

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

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Major Kingslee G. Gourrick was born in Georgetown, Guyana, was raised in Costa Rica and became a United States Citizen following his arrival in 1995. He later enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in August of 1998, following High School. While stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Staff Sergeant Gourrick completed his bachelor's degree and applied for the Enlisted to Officer Commissioning Program (ECP). While forward deployed, Gunnery Sergeant Gourrick was selected for ECP and attended Officer Candidate School. In December of 2010 following his training, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Major Gourrick is married to Liga Tarvida, and together they have three daughters, Elza Nanette (11), Viviana Lina (9), Adelina Kate (5), and a son Lukas Kingslee (9 Months).

Academic Achievements:

- Master of Science, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Engineering Management, with an emphasis on Systems Engineering, with distinction
- Bachelor of Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with an emphasis in Professional Aeronautics *magna cum laude*
- Associate in Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with an emphasis in Professional Aeronautics

Professional Achievements:

- Maintenance Standardization Inspector
- Air Traffic Control, Ground Qualification, Pink Ticket
- Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Marine Aviation logistics Squadron (MALS) 16
- Graduate of the British Engineering Officer Foundation Training Course
- Exchange Officer, Royal Air Force, 17 Test and Evaluation Squadron (TES)
- Operations Officer and Department Head, MALS-12
- Commandant of the Marine Corps Fellow

Professional Assignments:

- **1999 – 2003**, Crew Chief, CDI, Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative, HMH-361, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar
- **2004 – 2006**, Crew Chief, QAR, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 769, Edwards Air Force Base
- **2006 – 2008**, QAR, Division Chief, Crew Chief Instructor, Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Detachment Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Naval Air Training Operating Procedures Standardization Evaluator, HMH-465, MCAS Miramar
- **2008 – 2010**, Division Chief, UVA, Suicide Prevention Representative, HMH-363, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
- **2011 – 2012**, Air Traffic Control Officer, Marine Air Control Squadron 2, MCAS New River

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- **2012 – 2013**, Division Officer, MALS-26, MCAS New River
- **2013 – 2015**, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Marine Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 261, MCAS New River
- **2015 – 2015**, Ground Support Equipment Division Officer, MALS-26, MCAS New River
- **2015 – 2015**, Maintenance Material Control Officer/Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer (augmented due to personnel gaps), VMM-163, MCAS Miramar
- **2015 – 2017**, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, MALS-16, MCAS Miramar
- **2017 – 2020**, Junior Engineering Officer, Deputy Engineering Officer, 17 TES, Royal Air Force, Edwards Air Force Base
- **2020 – 2023**, Operations Officer / Aviation Logistics Information Management Systems Department Head / Ground Logistics Officer, MALS-12, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan
- **2023 – Present**, Commandant of the Marine Corps Fellow, Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

Operational Experience:

- Major Gourrick's enlisted career spanned 12 years of dedicated service, where he augmented multiple units and executed 7 deployments. His combat deployments were (3) Special Operations Capable MEU Air Command Elements deployments and (3) with his assigned squadrons as a unit deployment to both Afghanistan and Iraq.
- As an Officer, he deployed in 2014 to Afghanistan where he supported the closure of Camp Leatherneck and spearheaded VMM-261's advance party to establish Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, Kuwait.
- Major Gourrick has served in multiple operations and assignments abroad throughout his career. Over the course of these assignments, he has visited the shores of Guam, Japan, Republic of Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Diego Garcia, Seychelles, Kenya, Turkiye, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Dubai, Iraq, Afghanistan, Norway, United Kingdom and Germany.

Personal and Academic Interests:

- Personal
 - Spending time with Family (I've asked so much of them over the years)
 - Soccer, Sailing, Fishing, Swimming, Camping
- Academic
 - Societal Cultural Ambivalence and The Leaders of the Next Generation of Marines
 - Military Relations, Balancing the Meaning of Democracy and Special Interest
 - Public Policy and Polarizing Perceptions of Democracy, Why One Person Can Influence or Alter the Course of History

Personal Awards:

- Air Medal with Combat "V" device, individual Award for valor
- Air Medal with the numeral 12 for Strike Flights
- Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, lieu of third award for meritorious performance
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with four gold stars, lieu of fifth award for professional achievement
- Good Conduct Medal with three bronze Stars, lieu of fourth award
- Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for sustained community engagement
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one silver and three bronze stars, lieu of ninth award for sea service and overseas tours.