

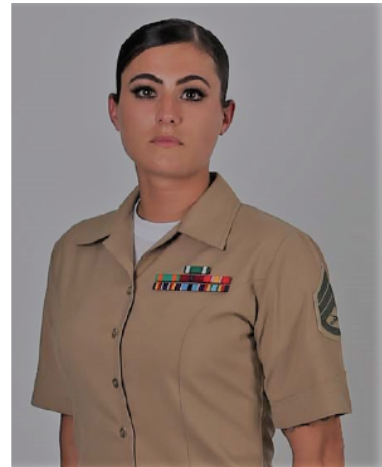


Staff Sergeant Katy A. Willis

Commanding General's Communication Team SNCOIC

I Marine Expeditionary Force

Staff Sergeant Katy A Willis enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 2012 and graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island. Then, she reported to her military occupational specialty (MOS) school in Twenty-nine Palms, California, and earned the MOS of 0621, Radio Operator. In September, she reported to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. As a Lance Corporal, she was the Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major's Radio Operator and Jump Vehicle Operator. Lance Corporal Willis participated in many exercises while on the Marine Expeditionary Unit, including a humanitarian aid operation, Operation Damayan in the Philippines (2013). As a result, she received the Humanitarian Service Medal. In March 2014, she was promoted to Corporal.



In May 2014, Corporal Willis reported to Communications Company, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She performed the billets of GCSS clerk, training NCO, and assistant platoon sergeant. On June 1, 2015, Corporal Willis was promoted to Sergeant. Consequently, she became Radio Platoon's Platoon Sergeant. Sergeant Willis attended a radio supervisor course and received a Letter of Appreciation for achieving the highest grade point average.

In September of 2017, Sergeant Willis reported to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, to be a police sergeant. Sergeant Willis assumed collateral billets such as Battalion Equal Opportunity Representative, Battalion Uniform Victim Advocate, Substance Abuse Control Officer, and the Depot Color Guard Sergeant. During her time on the Depot, she received an Impact Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

In November 2017 and 2018, Sergeant Willis assisted in the hurricane evacuation on Parris Island. On June 1, 2019, Sergeant Willis was promoted to Staff Sergeant out of the below zone. In July, Staff Sergeant Willis received the billet as the Logistics and Operations Chief for Headquarters and Service Battalion. On February 1, 2020, Staff Sergeant Willis received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for her performance.

In March 2020, Staff Sergeant Willis reported to 9th Communications Battalion Support Company as Transmissions Platoon's Platoon Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Willis contributed to I MEF level exercises and company level exercises on behalf of satellite architectures. Staff Sergeant Willis was 9th Communications Battalion's Operations Chief during PACIFIC FURY, facilitating command and control. In July 2021, Staff Sergeant Willis graduated from Transmissions Chiefs Course in Twenty-nine Palms, California. In April 2021, Staff Sergeant Willis was Marine Information Group's nomination for Sea Service Member of the Year Award. In October 2021, Staff Sergeant Willis was selected to be the I MEF Commanding General's Communication Team SNCOIC. On 29 July 2022 SSgt Willis received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for her performance by LtGen Smith, I MEF Commanding General.

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Staff Sergeant Kaylyn R. Whitman

Kaylyn R. Whitman was born on 27 May, 1997 in Wichita Kansas, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in November, 2015. She attended Recruit Training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina and graduated in April 2016. In May 2016 Private First Class Whitman graduated from Marine Combat Training aboard Camp Geiger and continued on to her MOS training at the Ground Supply School, Camp Johnson.

Upon graduation from Ground Supply School she was assigned to 3rd Supply Battalion, Okinawa, Japan. While assigned to 3rd Supply Battalion she worked in the Deployed Support Unit where she assisted all units within the III MEF. In October, 2016, Private First Class Whitman was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. In December, 2016, she graduated Lance Corporal Seminar as Gung Ho.

Lance Corporal Whitman then attended and graduated Corporals Course in April, 2017, and graduated as Gung Ho above her peers and superiors. In October, 2017, she was promoted to the rank of Corporal and became the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter. In January 2019, Lance Corporal Whitman transferred to SMU General Account within 3d Supply Battalion, where she served as the Stock Control Clerk.

Corporal Whitman was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October, 2018. Sergeant Whitman then assumed then became the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Stock Control for the SMU. From January to March of 2019, Sergeant Whitman attended exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand where she held the Supply Admin Chief billet.

In September 2019, Sergeant Whitman was deployed to Darwin, Australia in support of the Ground Equipment Staging Program 20.1. She assumed the billet of IMA Supply Admin Chief and managed the intermediate warehouse to support all class nine repairs.

In May, 2020, Sergeant Whitman returned to SMU General Account where she held the platoon Sergeant billet.

In August, 2020, Sergeant Whitman departed her four-year tour in Okinawa, Japan to attend the Basic Recruiter's Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Sergeant Whitman reported to Recruiting Station Raleigh, Recruiting Substation Raleigh where she is currently serving as a Canvassing Recruiter. Sergeant Whitman was promoted to her current grade of Staff Sergeant on March 1, 2022.

Staff Sergeant Whitman's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal Silver Star in lieu of sixth award, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal.

