



## Biography: Sergeant Major Frank E. Pulley, USMC (Ret)

A native of Springfield, TN, Frank E. Pulley enlisted in the Marine Corps on 11 December 1976 and reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, Calif., on 1 August 1977. Upon completion of recruit training, his first duty station was with the Camp Pendleton, California-based 1st Marine Division where he served as a field artilleryman and howitzer section chief with Battery E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 11th Marines.

In October 1979, Sergeant Pulley received orders to Recruiter School, MCRD, San Diego. Upon graduation, Sergeant Pulley reported to Recruiting Station Nashville, TN, where he was on production as a canvassing recruiter at Recruiting Substation Clarksville, TN. In 1981, while serving as a Non-commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), he was selected as the NCOIC of the Year, Recruiter of the Year Runner-Up, and was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He also earned the coveted Centurion Award during his tour for enlisting more than 100 applicants.

In February 1983, following his successful tour of recruiting duty, Staff Sergeant Pulley reported to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan to serve a one-year unaccompanied tour. Initially assigned as the Guns Platoon Sergeant for Battery I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 12<sup>th</sup> Marines, he was later nominated to serve as the Regimental Career Planner for 12th Marines. In this billet, he attended the Fleet Marine Force Pacific (FMFPAC) Career Planning Course and graduated as the Class Honor Graduate.

In March 1984, Staff Sergeant Pulley reported to the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigade in Kaneohe Bay, HI, where he was assigned to Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines. Shortly after reporting to Battery B, he attended the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Combat Course (BNCOCC) at Fort Sill, OK. During the course, Staff Sergeant Pulley received the Leadership Award and made the Commandant's Honor Roll. During his tour with 1/12, he served as a Local Security Chief, Platoon Gunnery Sergeant and participated in a ØWESTPACØ deployment with Battalion Landing Team (BLT), 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. On 1 August 1986, he was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant.

In March 1987, Gunnery Sergeant Pulley reported to the Inspector-Instructor Staff, Battery F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Marines, Oklahoma City, OK, for duty as I-I Field Artillery Chief. During this tour, he was directly responsible for supervising the unit's transition from 8Ø Self-Propelled (SP) artillery to the M-198 155mm towed-artillery weapon system.



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In August 1990, Gunnery Sergeant Pulley received orders to Drill Instructor (DI) School, MCRD San Diego. After graduation, he was assigned to Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Recruit Training Battalion (RTBN) where he served as a Drill Instructor and Chief Drill Instructor/Series Gunnery Sergeant. In July 1992, he was selected to serve on the DI School Staff where he was assigned as the Senior Instructor. In May 1993, after his selection to the rank of First Sergeant, he was assigned to Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> RTBN. One year later, he was selected to serve as the First Sergeant for Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCRD San Diego.

In December 1994, First Sergeant Pulley was selected to attend the U.S. Army's Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) in Fort Bliss, TX. While attending the USASMA from January 1995 to July 1995, First Sergeant Pulley exceeded all course requirements and further distinguished himself by being named to the Commandant's Honor Roll. After graduation, his follow-on assignment was as the Inspector-Instructor (I-I) First Sergeant for Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (4LARBN), Fort Detrick, MD. He served in this billet until his selection to the rank of Sergeant Major in May 1997.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Pulley served in each of the respective elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF). As a Sergeant Major, his assignments included: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division (Jun 97-Jul 99); 3<sup>rd</sup> Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Force Service Support Group (Jul 99-May 01); Marine Wing Support Group-17, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing (May 01-Mar 03); and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA/Western Recruiting Region, where he served from April 2003 until January 2006. Sergeant Major Pulley assumed the post as Division Sergeant Major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division on 2 February 2006 and served in that billet until 19 October 2007.

During his career, Sergeant Major Pulley received various personal and service awards. He was also inducted into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara for lasting contributions to the Field Artillery community. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in management/Human Resources (Summa Cum Laude) and also an Associate of Science Degree in Office Management.

Mr. Pulley is employed by the Marine Corps Association and Foundation (MCAF) and serves as the West Coast Area Representative. He is responsible for increasing the overall awareness and membership base of the MCAF; the Marine Corps' pre-eminent professional association and foundation.

Mr. Pulley stays actively involved in assisting separating service members and veterans with their transition. In 2010, he was appointed to the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. Mr. Pulley also serves on the Board of Directors for the Marine Executive Association (MEA) in Quantico, VA and the Marine Memorial Association (MMA) in San Francisco, CA. In 2011, he founded his own company, Military Veteran Solutions (MVS). "MVS" primary mission is to serve as a pathway for honorably discharged veterans looking for employment or training with reputable military-friendly companies.

Mr. Pulley is married to the former Martha Alejandra Formariz-Ocampo of La Paz, B.C.S. Mexico and has four children (Joshua, Brooklyn, Chrisshonda and Naomie). He also has five grandsons (Keenan, Armani, Malachi, Braxton and Braylon).