

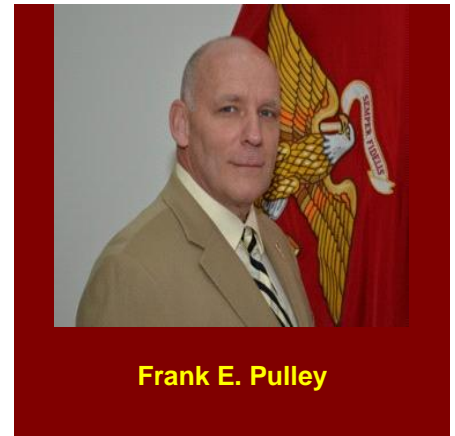


## Biography: Sergeant Major Frank E. Pulley, USMC (Ret.)

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Sergeant Major Pulley's military career spanned over 30 years. A native of Springfield, Tenn., 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, Calif.-based 1st Marine Division where he served as a field artilleryman and howitzer section chief with Battery E, 2nd 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, Tenn., where he was on production as a canvassing recruiter at Recruiting Substation Clarksville, Tenn. 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.



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In February 1983, following his successful tour of recruiting duty, Staff Sergeant Pulley reported to the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan to serve a one-year unaccompanied tour. Initially assigned as the Guns Platoon Sergeant for Battery I, 3rd Battalion 12th 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 1st Marine Brigade in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where he was assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. Shortly after reporting to Battery B, he attended the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Combat Course (BNCOCC) at Fort Sill, Okla. 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 "WESTPAC" 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, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines, Oklahoma City, Okla., for duty as I-I Field Artillery Chief. During this tour, he was directly responsible for supervising the unit's transition from 8" 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, 1st 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 First Sergeant, he was assigned to Company H, 2nd RTBN. One year later, he was assigned 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, Texas. 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, 4th 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 at the battalion, group/regiment level, his assignments included: 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Jun 97-Jul 99); 3rd Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group (Jul 99-May 01) and the Marine Wing Support Group-17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (May 01-Mar 03). At the major command level, his assignments included the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif./Western Recruiting Region (MCRD/WRR), where he served from April 2003 until January 2006. MCRD/WRR's main mission is the accession and initial training of USMC enlisted male recruits living in the 24 states west of the Mississippi River. Over 21,000 recruits are trained at MCRD San Diego each year. Sergeant Major Pulley's last assignment on active duty was as the Division Sergeant Major of the 1st Marine Division. The 1st Marine Division is the Corps' "oldest, largest and most-decorated division" and is comprised of over 22,000 Marines and sailors. Sergeant Major Pulley served in that prestigious organization from 2 February 2006 until 19 October 2007.

Sergeant Major Pulley received various personal and service awards during his military career and 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 Personnel Management.

Mr. Pulley is an employee of the Marine Corps Association and Foundation (MCA&F) and serves as their West Coast Area Representative. Since leaving active duty, Mr. Pulley has remain committed to assisting separating service members with their transition from the military. In 2011, he founded his own company and is the president of Military Veteran Solutions. He was appointed to the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Retiree Council and is an active member of several military and veteran associations. Mr. Pulley also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the following Nonprofit Organizations - Marines' Memorial Association (MMA) San Francisco, CA; Marine Executive Association (MEA) Quantico, VA; Marine Executive Association (MEA-West) (Camp Pendleton, CA); MCRD Museum Historical Society (San Diego, CA) and the West Coast Drill Instructors Association (WCDIA) (San Diego, CA). He also serves in an advisory capacity for the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) (Alexandra, VA) and the Navy and Marine Association (NMA) in La Jolla, CA.

Mr. Pulley is married to the former Martha Alejandra Formariz-Ocampo of La Paz, B.C.S Mexico and resides in Murrieta, CA. He has three adult children - Joshua, Brooklyn and Chrisshonda and a younger daughter (Naomie) born 22 June 2010. He is also the proud grandfather of five grandsons - Keenan, Armani, Malachi, Braxton and Braylon.