

## Biography

John M. Allison  
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps (Retired)

Mr. Allison is currently a DOD Strategic Initiatives Consultant for Solutions Development Corporation, Inc. Prior to this he served as the President and CEO of IST Research headquartered in Fredericksburg, Virginia and as the Executive Vice President for A-T Solutions, Inc. He also served as the Quick Reaction Capability Program Manager for the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity. In 2000 he was appointed the first Director of the Office of Science and Technology Integration for the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, Quantico, Virginia. Mr. Allison retired from the Marine Corps in 1999 after 20 years of active service.

Born in Jefferson City, Missouri he joined the Marine Corps in January of 1976 and was commissioned in 1979. His first assignment was as a Platoon Commander for Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. From 1982-1984 during the early phase of the "Oil Tanker" War in the Persian Gulf, he served as the Executive and Guard Officer of the Marine Detachment in the USS Kitty Hawk, CV-63. In 1985 he commanded the first line company of Light Armored Vehicles for the 1st Marine Division. In his next duty he served as the Inspector-Instructor of Company B (-) 4<sup>th</sup> Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Galveston, Texas from 1987- 1990. In the fall of 1990 he returned to the Persian Gulf and served with Task Force Papa Bear, 1st Marine Division (Rein) supporting the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (-) as the OIC of Obstacle Clearing Detachment II. He became the 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion Operations Officer upon his return from the Gulf War. In February of 1992 he was assigned as the Assistant G-3 Operations Officer for the 1st Marine Division. He served as the G-3 Operations Officer for Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, Los Angeles during the LA riots in May 1992. In December 1992 he deployed to Somalia and Served on the Marine Forces Somalia Staff as a G-3 planner, operations officer, and force protection specialist. In January 1995 he returned to Somalia as a member of the C/J-3 Future Operations and Current Operations Sections, Combined Task Force United Shield. After his return from Somalia he served on the staff of the Marine Air Ground Task Force Staff Training Program working as the Joint and Component Branch Head. Prior to his retirement, LtCol Allison served as the G-3/Director of the Experimental Operations Division for the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab, Quantico, Virginia during the Urban Warrior series of experiments.

He holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Missouri State University and is a graduate of the US Army's Armor Officer Advance Course at Fort Knox, KY and the US Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He is also a May 1995 graduate of the School of Advanced Warfighting (MMS), Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.

His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V", Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon. He has served on the Board of the Families of the Wounded Fund, Inc. and the board of the National Forensics Science Technology Center. He is a lifetime member of the Marine Corps League.

He is married to the former Susan O'Donnell of St. Louis, MO and they have three adult children Amanda, Stephanie, and John Jr.