



Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, USMC (retired) Lt. Col. Carlson describes himself as a “run-of-the-mill” U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer who retired in 2003 as Director of Operations (G-3) for Marine Corps University. He was Chief of Plans for 2nd Marine Division in the liberation of Kosovo and has a Master’s degree in military studies from the Marine Corps University. His other assignments include: Weapons Company Commander with BLT 3/1 in the liberation of Kuwait, Rifle Company Commander (Lima 3/1) with Joint Task Force 6, Infantry Officer Course Instructor and Basic School Tactics Instructor, S-3A for BLT 2/6 and BLT 1/8 in Beirut, and Weapons and Rifle Platoon Commander with Fox 2/6 in Beirut. In retirement, Lt. Col Carlson helped gather the official oral history of General Alfred M. Gray, Jr. through 17 recorded interview sessions with Al Gray, Scott Laidig, Paul Otte, and J.D. Baker, which also supported the publication of the Al Gray, Marine series of biographies.