

Biography : CRAIG C. CRENSHAW MAJOR GENERAL, USMC (RET)

A native of Pensacola, Florida, Major General Crenshaw received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in August 1984 through the NROTC Scholarship Program. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisitions Management from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri; a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Washington, DC; and is a graduate of the Senior Acquisition Course and the Program Manager Course from the Defense Acquisition University.

Major General Crenshaw began his military career as a Logistics Officer with 3d Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan. He was later reassigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, where he served as a Series Commander and Battalion Operations Officer. In September 1989, he was assigned to 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. While assigned to 1st Marine Regiment, he deployed to the Persian Gulf region in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and participated in Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Los Angeles in response to the civil disturbance during the Los Angeles riots.

In September 1992, Major General Crenshaw was assigned to the Program Executive Office for Cruise Missiles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Washington, DC. He served as the Marine Corps Integrated Logistics Support Manager and Deputy Director, Joint Logistics Program, Joint Logistics Directorate. Major General Crenshaw was subsequently assigned in 1995 to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the Group Logistics Officer.

Following this assignment, Major General Crenshaw was selected to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Virginia. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Defense Foreign Liaison Division, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, as an Executive Agent to the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In June 2002, Major General Crenshaw was assigned to 2d Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he assumed command of Headquarters and Service Battalion and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In August 2004 Major General Crenshaw was selected to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, in Washington, DC. Subsequently, he was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Logistics Directorate, as the Division Chief, Joint Logistics Operations Center, at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

In June 2007 he was assigned to the Department of Installations and Logistics (I&L) as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Commandant for I&L and Logistics Facilities for Defense Policy Review Initiatives.

In June 2008, Major General Crenshaw assumed command of Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2d Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). He was subsequently assigned as the Commanding General, 3d Marine Logistics Group, III MEF, Okinawa, Japan in June 2010.

In July 2012, Major General Crenshaw returned to the Joint Staff as the Vice Director, J-4, with the follow-on assignment as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (LP), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, in October 2013.

From May 2015 to June 2018, Major General Crenshaw served as the Commanding General of Marine Corps Logistics Command Albany, Georgia, and transitioned in July 2018 as the Director, Manpower Management Division, Department of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. The position he held until his retirement in 2019.

As a career Marine, Major General Crenshaw personal awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster in lieu of second award, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster in lieu of second award, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and numerous unit awards and citations.

He currently is the president of Claxton Logistics, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and is an Executive Fellow for the Institute for Defense and Business at University of North Carolina.