

## **Donna Desmarais, LMHC, LPC**

**Donna Desmarais, LMHC, LPC** is a Community Counseling Program Clinical Program Specialist with the Marine and Family Programs Branch at HQMC. Donna began her career as a therapist in 2008 after focusing her graduate studies on the mental health needs of veterans. Being raised in a military family and witnessing her father struggle following multiple combat deployments, she found her true passion in the counseling field when she began to work for the Community Counseling Program on Quantico in 2018. In her role as a therapist, she has focused on the promotion of resilience and trauma-informed interventions, as well as holistic wellness. In her current position at HQMC, she is responsible for creating policies and procedures for the Community Counseling and Marine Intercept Programs, as well as assisting CCP clinical counselors across the Marine Corps, in their clinical roles, by conducting quality audits and trainings, while providing ongoing guidance and advocacy.