



DLA Distribution Jacksonville, Florida

Mr. John E. Simpson

Deputy Director



Retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. John E. Simpson became the deputy director of DLA Distribution Jacksonville, Florida, in Sept. 2021. Simpson retired from the Marine Corps after serving nearly 31 years.

Simpson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1988 and attended boot camp after graduating high school. Following boot camp, Marine Combat Training and the Enlisted Supply Basic Course, he was assigned to various commands at Quantico, Virginia, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and NSA Millington, Tennessee, as a supply clerk and warehouse chief; where he participated in several exercises and deployments.

In June 1997, Simpson was transferred to Inspector-Instructor Staff, Marietta, Georgia, where he served as the logistics and training chief for MWSS-472. Simpson reported to 2d Marine Division in Jan. 2009, where he served as a supply analyst and was responsible for helping to implement ATLAS II+ supply and maintenance tracking system for the Marine Corps throughout the Marine Expeditionary Force. Simpson was promoted to staff sergeant in 2002 and ordered to serve as a formal school instructor at the Marine Corps Combat Service Support School at Camp Johnson, North Carolina.

While assigned to MCCSS, Simpson was selected as ground supply operations warrant officer and ordered to serve with 2nd Supply Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During this tour, Simpson was responsible for reverting Operation Iraqi Freedom as the detachment operations and distribution officer. He also participated in numerous pilot programs with OSD and DLA. In 2008, Simpson was selected to serve as a distribution officer and subsequently promoted to Captain in 2009.

In Aug. 2009, Simpson reported to Combat Logistics Regiment-35 and was assigned as the operations officer. During this tour, Simpson was responsible for the logistics planning of several exercises and operations. He also served as the operations officer for the Joint Logistics Task Force assigned to Sendai, Japan. Simpson reported to Marine Forces, Central Command in Aug. 2012 and served as the force sustainment and distribution officer. During this tour, he served a combat tour with Operation Enduring Freedom and was responsible for supervising deployment/redeployment and retrograde operations throughout U.S. Central Command.

Simpson received orders to serve in a joint capacity with the Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution Headquarters as a joint distribution planner in J5. During this tour, he participated in Operation United Assistance and led the efforts to establish distribution networks and provide materials needed to establish health clinics in the remote jungle of western Africa. He also supported humanitarian efforts in Northern Iraq and Syria, providing badly-needed cold weather clothing and shelter to 2.5 million internally displaced people.

Simpson's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy, Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5) and the Navy Achievement Medal (4).