

Timothy M. Salmon was born and raised in New Jersey and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1982. After completing Boot Camp in Parris Island, SC and Infantry Training School in Camp Geiger, NC he served as a rifleman with D Co, 25th Marines in Picatinny Arsenal, NJ. He then attended the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI and was commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science.



Lieutenant Salmon completed The Basic School, Quantico, VA in 1988; Flight School, Pensacola, FL in 1990; and CH-46E training at HMT-301, MCAS Tustin, CA in 1991. He was then assigned to HMM-161 (Reinforced) and served as Adjutant during deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in 1992 and Aviation Safety Officer during deployment with the 13th MEU (SOC) in 1995 participating in UN sanctions enforcement against Iraq and Operation UNITED SHIELD, the UN withdrawal from Somalia.

Captain Salmon attended the Amphibious Warfare School from 1995 – 1996. His follow-on assignment was to the Presidential Helicopter Squadron (HMX-1) from 1996 – 2000 where he flew President Clinton and Vice President Gore while serving as the Assistant S-4 Officer, Operations Duty Officer, and S-5 Officer.

Major Salmon returned to operating forces from 2000 – 2003 and served as the 2nd Marine Division G-3 Assistant Operations Officer; MAG-26 S-3 Assistant Operations Officer; HMM-261 (REIN) Executive Officer, Operations Officer, Detachment Officer In Charge, and Director of Safety and Standardization deploying with the 22nd MEU (SOC) to the U.S. Central Command region where he participated in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He was also the II Marine Expeditionary Force G-7 Rotary Wing Air Officer for the 26th MEU's SOC Exercise.

Lieutenant Colonel Salmon transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps where he served as the Programs and Resources, Program Development Officer from 2003 – 2005 and the Aviation, Program Budget Officer from 2005 – 2006 in the Pentagon, Washington, DC. He then transferred to Okinawa, Japan and served as the MAG-36 Assistant Operations Officer before commanding HMM-265 (REIN). He led the "Dragons" through three 31st MEU deployments in 2007 – 2008 conducting security cooperation with partner nations in the Western Pacific.

Colonel Salmon attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces from 2008 – 2009 and was awarded a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy. His follow-on assignment was to U.S. Southern Command in Miami, FL as the Current Operations Officer (J33) from 2009 – 2011, during which time he assisted in the coordination of Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE relief efforts to Haiti. Colonel Salmon returned to II MEF, Camp Lejeune, NC and served as the G-3 Future Operations Officer before deploying to Afghanistan where he served as the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Deputy Operations Officer (CJ3) from Nov 2011 to Nov 2012. He was the Acting Commanding Officer of II MEF Headquarters Group from Jan to Jul 2013 before becoming the Commanding Officer of MCAS New River, NC from Jul 2013 to Jun 2016. Col Salmon completed his 36 years of military service in Aug 2018 at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium as the U.S. Military Delegation Acting Chief of Staff and a strategic planner.

Colonel Salmon's military awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal (2), Legion of Merit (2), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2), NATO ISAF Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Joint Service Badge, and Presidential Service Badge.

Tim Salmon joined the City of Goldsboro as the City Manager in April 2019.