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## Justin Thurber

### United States Marine Corps

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Justin E. Thurber was born in Jackson, Missouri on 9 May 1986. He grew up in Shawnee, Kansas, graduating from Shawnee Mission North High School in 2004.

In November 2004, he reported to Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA. In March 2005, he reported to Camp Johnson, NC for primary military occupational specialty training at Personnel Administration School. In June 2005, he graduated and received follow on orders to the Installation Personnel Administration Center, Cherry Point, NC. In October 2008,

Sergeant Thurber PCS'ed to HQMC to work at the Senior Leader Management Branch for General Officer Administration. In March 2011, he moved to Camp Pendleton as the Administration Chief of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines where he deployed on the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Makin Island. Upon completion of the deployment, he reported to Recruiters' school in September 2012. Upon graduating, he was assigned to Recruiting Station Fredrick, MD where he was a Recruiter at Recruiting Substation Chantilly. After a successful tour of Recruiting, he was assigned the HQMC Henderson Hall as the SNCOIC of Quality Assurance. In July 2017, he was assigned as the Administration Chief Marine Aircraft Group 26 at Marine Corps Air Station, New River. In February 2018, he was promoted to Warrant Officer and in May 2018 he reported to Delta Company, The Basic School, Quantico, VA. Upon Graduating in November 2018, he reported to HQBN Marine Corps Base Hawaii where he served as the Officer In Charge of Inbounds at the Installation Personnel Administration Center. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thurber was promoted to his current rank in August 2019. In July 2021, he transferred to Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic where he is assigned to his current billet as the Director, Personnel Administration Center and N1 Deputy Department Head.



Civilian Education includes Black Belt-Lean Six Sigma, General Studies Associate's Degree from Central Texas College, and Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management from University of Maryland

University College. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Science in Human Resource Management from American Military University.

Personnel Officer Thurber is married to Vanessa Thurber. They reside in Norfolk, VA and have four children. Lilly; 18, Emily; 18, Nicholas; 14, and Andrew; 12. They have been married for sixteen years. At the age of 25, he and Vanessa adopted his brother's two twin daughters who were 9 years old. Both girls are freshman in college.

His decorations include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal 4th award, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal 2nd award, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal 4th award, Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon Sea Service Deployment Ribbon Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation. Letter of Appreciation 6th award, Certificate of Appreciation 6th award, Certificate of Commendation, and Meritorious Mast 11th award.

The most interesting thing Justin has had done in the Marine Corp was serving in an Expeditionary Unit in Asian Pacific 2010-2011. He also enjoyed doing cross country training off the coast of Syria.

Justin's best piece of advice he has received in the Marines is "Bloom where you are planted." He states that one should do one's best wherever the Marines places you.