



## Major General Carl B. Jensen - Retired

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Major General Jensen graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism, and also holds a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. Major General Jensen was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1975 through the Platoon Leaders Course.

After completing The Basic School, Major General Jensen entered flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1977. Afterwards, he reported to the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, where he was assigned to HML-167, Marine Aircraft Group 29, and served in a variety of billets including Ground Safety Officer, Intelligence Officer, and Adjutant. Subsequently, Major General Jensen was assigned to HMH-461 as the Intelligence Officer for an amphibious deployment to Norway, and upon return received orders to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines in Okinawa, Japan where he served as the Air Liaison Officer and H&S Company Commander.



Returning from overseas, he attended Amphibious Warfare School from 1981 to 1982, and was then reassigned to the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing where he served in HMLA-167, HMM-365, HMM-261, and MAG-26 Headquarters. During this tour, he graduated from the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1 Weapons & Tactics Instructor Course and held numerous billets including Flight Line Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, and Group Weapons & Tactics Officer.

From 1987 through 1990, Major General Jensen attended the Armed Forces Staff College, and was subsequently assigned to the Department of Aviation in the Aviation Plans, Programs, and Budget Branch, HQMC. During 1990 and 1991, he deployed with MAG-50 as the Weapons & Tactics Officer in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Following the conflict, Major General Jensen served alternately as the Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer of HMLA-367, and also as the Aviation Combat Element Commander of Special Purpose MAGTF (Philippines) during the U.S. withdrawal from NAS Subic Bay.

After squadron command, Major General Jensen became the Executive Officer of MAG-39, and subsequently attended the National War College from 1995 to 1996. Following school, he was

assigned to The Joint Staff Pentagon, as the Strategic Plans Branch Chief in the J-5 Strategy Division. During 1998, Major General Jensen then received orders to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters, and subsequently commanded MAG-39 from 1999 to 2001.

Following his MAG-39 command tour, Major General Jensen returned to the Pentagon for assignment as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development & Acquisition), Expeditionary Forces Programs. Major General Jensen was then assigned as the Deputy Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, in the National Military Command Center. In 2004, Major General Jensen assumed concurrent responsibilities as the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area, and also the Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California.

In June 2005, Major General Jensen assumed command of Expeditionary Strike Group THREE and deployed in 2006 in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM/OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. During this deployment, he twice served as Commander Task Force 158, commanding all Coalition Naval and Marine forces operating in the North Arabian Gulf and Iraqi territorial waters. Further, he served as Commander Task Force 59, leading the Joint non-combatant evacuation of American citizens from Lebanon in the summer of 2006.

Following command of Expeditionary Strike Group THREE, Major General Jensen was assigned in June 2007 as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for U.S. Marine Forces Command in Norfolk, VA.

On 30 July 2008, Major General Jensen assumed command of Marine Corps Installations East Camp Lejeune, NC commanding bases and stations on the east coast from Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, Virginia to Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, Jacksonville, Florida.

On 22 July 2011, Major General Jensen relinquished command of Marine Corps Installations East and retired from active duty after 36 years of service.

Major General Jensen's personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (2), the Legion of Merit (2), the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Air Medal "Strike/Flight, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3) and the Humanitarian Service Medal.