

Chief Warrant Officer 2 V. Tran (Ret)

Private Tran reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on 3 October 1988 for recruit training, and graduated 23 December 1988 and was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class.

On 10 January 1989, he reported to his Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) School in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was trained as an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Specialist.

Upon completion of MOS school in March 1990, Pfc. Tran was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan and was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 171. Pfc Tran was promoted to Lance Corporal in 1990 and participated in Exercise Team Spirit.



In July 1990, he was reassigned to MWSS-373, MCAS El Toro, California. A month later, he deployed with his squadron to Bahrain in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. On 1 November 1992 LCpl Tran was promoted to Corporal and a year later, he was promoted to Sergeant, on 1 November 1993.

Sgt Tran received orders to Good Fellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas where he served as a member of the ARFF instructor staff. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in July 1996 and was subsequently transferred to Marine Corps Air Facility (MCAF) on Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in August 2002 and received orders to report to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan for assignment with MWSS 171. While assigned to MWSS 171, GySgt Tran deployed to South Korea and Thailand in support of Marine Aircraft Group 12 operations.

In September 2004, GySgt Tran was selected to Warrant Officer (WO) and was promoted to WO on 1 February 2005. Upon completion of the Warrant Officer Basic Course he received follow-on orders to Expeditionary Airfield (EAF) School at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida.

Upon completion of EAF School, WO Tran was assigned to MWSS 272, MCAS New River, North Carolina. In September 2005, WO Tran was temporarily assigned to MWSS-271, at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, for a deployment to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 2 in August 2006.

At the conclusion of his deployment with MWSS 271, CWO 2 Tran rejoined his parent unit MWSS-272. Shortly thereafter, CWO-2 Tran deployed with MWSS-272 to Al Tegangum, Iraq in August 2007. After 20 years of service, CWO-2 Tran retired from the Marine Corps on 31 October 2008.

He joined the Gateway Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps staff in February 2009 where he serves as the Senior Marine Instructor.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.