

William R. Watts
Master Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps
Legal Services Chief
Judge Advocate Division
April 2003 - present

Master Gunnery Sergeant Watts transferred during April 2003 and currently serves as the Legal Services Chief, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC.

Born on December 2, 1962, in Seoul, South Korea, Master Gunnery Sergeant Watts joined the Marine Corps in June 1980. Following boot camp at Parris Island, he attended Legal School and transferred to the Marine Corps Base, Japanese Jurisdiction Section, Okinawa, Japan, as a clerk and NCOIC from December 1980 to November 1982. Corporal Watts transferred to 2d Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he served as a Military Justice clerk, Legal Assistance NCOIC, Review clerk and Administrative Separations clerk.

Sergeant Watts then served on Drill Instructor duty from March 1987 to March 1989 at Parris Island, South Carolina. In April 1989, he transferred to the Navy Legal Service Office, Memphis, Tennessee, where he served as the Senior Enlisted Marine and NCOIC in numerous sections to include Judiciary Activity, Defense, Military Justice, and the Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney. In July 1992, Staff Sergeant Watts reported to III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as Review Chief, Administrative Law Chief and Legal Chief. While on Okinawa, he completed his Bachelor of Science degree (Business Management) with the University of Maryland.

In February 1995, Gunnery Sergeant Watts transferred to Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, where he served as the Legal Assistance Chief. While stationed at Camp Pendleton, he completed his Masters of Art Degree in Education with Central Michigan University. In November 1997, he was assigned as the Chief Instructor, Legal Services Course, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Master Sergeant transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California and served as Legal Chief from June 2000 until April 2003.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Watts' decorations include Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3rd award), Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3rd award), Good Conduct Medal (7th award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3rd award), Overseas Ribbon (2nd award) and Drill Instructor Ribbon.