

SERGEANT MAJOR RONALD D. HIMSWORTH

Sergeant Major Himsworth joined the Marine Corps in Oct 1977, and reported to MCRD, San Diego, CA in Feb 1978, for recruit training. Upon his meritorious promotion to Private First Class and graduation in May 1978, he reported to Battery L, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division for duty. While there he attended his MOS school of Field Artillery Batteryman. He also attended Primary Marksmanship School and Section Chief School and was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal.

Lance Corporal Himsworth was meritoriously promoted to Corporal in May 1979, and then received orders to MCRD, San Diego, CA for Drill Instructor School in Jan 1980. He held billets as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor in Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, he was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant in Aug 1980. Sergeant Himsworth was discharged from the Marine Corps in May 1982, and reenlisted in August 1982.

He reported to Battery K, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Aug 1982. He held the billets of Section Chief and Platoon Sergeant. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in Jul 1985, and attended the SNCO Career Course and U.S. Army Basic NCO Course while with 1/11. In Aug 1986, Staff Sergeant Himsworth reported to MCRD, San Diego, CA for his second tour of duty as a Drill Instructor and assigned to E company, 2d Recruit Training Battalion he held billets as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Series Gunnery Sergeant. Promoted meritoriously to Gunnery Sergeant in Apr 1988, he then was assigned duties as an Instructor at Drill Instructor School. He attended the SNCO Advanced Course while at MCRD. He reported to H&S Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Dec 1990, and participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was reassigned to Battery A, 1/11 for duties as the Battery Gunnery Sergeant. He then reported to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps for duty as an Enlisted Career Counselor in Jan 1993, and he was promoted to First Sergeant in Jan 1994. In Apr 1994, he reported to 2d Marine Division for duties with Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Battalion, 6th Marines, 2d Marine Division. While there, he participated in Operation Sea Signal, Operation Deny Flight and NATO IFOR Operation Joint/Decisive Endeavor in the former Yugoslavia. Selected for Sergeant Major in 1997, he was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 and later to Marine Wing Support Group 17 in Okinawa, Japan in Jun 2000 assumed duties as the Director, SNCO Academy, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In September 2003, SgtMaj Himsworth assumed the duties as the Division Sergeant Major, 2d Marine Division, until June 2006 and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Assigned as the Sergeant Major of II Marine Expeditionary Force, in July 2006 and will retire Nov. 2009. He is married to the former Sharon K. Hein of Missouri and they live in Jacksonville, NC.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit Medal (Gold Star in lieu of 2nd award), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of 2d award), the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two gold stars in lieu of 3d award), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon (Gold star in lieu of 2D award).