

Major Brent A. Harrison

Major Brent A. Harrison is the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. He joined "The Commandant's Own" as a percussionist in 1979.

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Major Harrison attended local public schools and graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1978. He began percussion instruction at age 8 and during his school years studied percussion with Jack Wagner, Paul Akins and Louis McMahon. Prior to his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, Harrison also studied with Wilbur England at Indiana University. Following graduation from recruit training at MCRD, San Diego, CA in 1978, Harrison attended the Armed Forces School of Music at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA where he graduated with honors as a drum and bugle corps percussionist. In 1979, Harrison reported to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. for duty with "The Commandant's Own."

Throughout his lengthy tour at the "Oldest Post of the Corps," Harrison has traveled around the world performing before thousands of spectators, five U.S. Presidents, various heads of state and other dignitaries. Before being appointed a Warrant Officer in 1994, Harrison served in a variety of enlisted support billets including: Training Noncommissioned Officer, Administrative Chief and Company Gunnery Sergeant.

Commissioned to his present rank in 2001, Major Harrison assumed his current duties as Commanding Officer Sept. 15, 1998. In this capacity, he is responsible for the unit's administrative and operational commitments.

Major Harrison's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and the Good Conduct Medal (5th Award). A graduate from The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, Harrison also holds a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from Strayer University in Washington, D.C.