

Lieutenant Colonel Michael D. Libretto
United States Marine Corps

Lieutenant Colonel Michael D. Libretto graduated Summa Cum Laude from Norwich University and was commissioned through the NROTC Program in May 2000.

After graduating from The Basic School and Combat Engineer Officer Course he served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer, Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 272. During this operational tour, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto deployed to Jamaica in support of the Humanitarian Operation New Horizons 2002 where he served as a Military Liaison Officer to the U.S. Embassy to Jamaica.

Upon returning to the United States, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto was assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in January 2003. Upon returning from deployment he assumed command of Engineer Operations Company from June 2003 through May 2004.

In April 2004 Lieutenant Colonel Libretto was selected to serve at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. During his assignment to the Oldest Post of the Corps he served as a ceremonial officer, Assistant Training Officer, Facilities and Grounds Officer in Charge, and as Headquarters Company Executive Officer.

In 2005, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto was selected for the Funded Law Education Program and reported to the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School to pursue his law degree. In May 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto earned his Juris Doctor (Magna Cum Laude) and, after successfully passing the bar exam, was licensed to practice law by the state of North Carolina.

Lieutenant Colonel Libretto graduated with honors from the Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island in October 2008 and reported to the Legal Services Support Section, Camp Lejeune North Carolina for duty shortly thereafter. Lieutenant Colonel Libretto served as a defense counsel for the duration of his tour. While at Camp Lejeune, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto was selected to attend the U.S. Army's Graduate Lawyer Course at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School where he earned a Masters of Law degree (LLM) in Military Law with a concentration in Military Justice.

Upon graduation from the Graduate Course in May 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto returned to the Legal Services Support Section aboard Camp Lejeune where he was assigned as the Senior Complex Trial Counsel for the Eastern Region. In March 2013 Lieutenant Colonel Libretto assumed duties as the Regional Trial Counsel overseeing all prosecutions within the Eastern Region until September 2013 when he was assigned as the Senior Trial Counsel for Legal Services Support Team – Camp Lejeune. In March 2014, upon notification of his selection to serve as Military Judge, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto was assigned as the Regional Review Officer, Legal Services Support Section East.

After completing the Military Judges Course in May 2014, Lieutenant Colonel Libretto took the bench as a trial judge at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune presiding over General and Special Courts-Martial. He remained in that position until December 2016 when he assumed his current billet as the Military Judge stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC.