

MAJOR GARY JAMES WINDT
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Major Windt was born in Morris Plains, New Jersey and graduated from Morristown High School in 1998. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering from the United States Naval Academy and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation in 2006.

Major Windt attended Basic Officers Course 4-06 at The Basic School in Quantico, VA. Upon graduation with Delta Company in December 2006, he proceeded to Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida.

In 2008, Major Windt completed Primary Flight Training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL and was selected to attend jet training in Meridian, MS. Upon completion of Advanced Jet Training in the T-45C Goshawk in 2009, Major Windt received his Wings of Gold and was selected to fly the AV-8B Harrier.

Major Windt completed the AV-8B Fleet Replacement Squadron syllabus in Cherry Point, NC, and reported to the "Blacksheep" of Marine Attack Squadron 214 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, AZ in October 2010. As a "Blacksheep," Major Windt served as the S-1 Officer, Adjutant, Schedule Writer, NATOPS Officer, and Aviation Safety Officer and deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Essex.

In October 2012, Major Windt deployed as an individual augment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Area Air Defense Planner for the 609th Air and Space Operations Center.

In July of 2013, Major Windt reported to Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 in Yuma, AZ and assumed command of Airfield Operations Company.

In March 2014, Major Windt began KC-130J transition training at Fleet Replacement Detachment West aboard MCAS Miramar. Upon completion of training, he joined the "Raiders" of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352. As a "Raider," Major Windt served as the Logistics Officer, Flight Officer, and Detachment Executive Officer and deployed twice to Kuwait in support of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Crisis Response - Central Command and Operation Inherent Resolve.

From June 2017 to June 2018, Major Windt attended the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in Newport, RI where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Defense and Strategic Studies.

In July of 2018, Major Windt reported to the "Yankees" of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 452 in Newburgh, NY and was the final Marine aviator to complete the KC-130T conversion syllabus prior to the squadron's transition to the KC-130J. As a "Yankee," Maj Windt completed his Department Head Tour as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

In 2021, Major Windt returned to MCAS Yuma as the Marine Air Group 13 Director of Safety and Standardization. During the winter of 2022, Maj Windt deployed in support of Marine Forces Europe/Africa as a UC-12F augment pilot for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Yuma.

In 2023, Maj Windt assumed his present billet as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Yuma Executive Officer and NATOPS Instructor where he continues to fly the UC-12F.

Over his career, Major Windt has accrued over 2,700 mishap-free flight hours across 9 Type/Model/Series aircraft including 230 combat hours. His personal decorations include the Air Medal-Strike/Flight with Numeral Three and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Major Windt and his wife, Lindsay, have three daughters, Virginia (11), Jameson (9), and Claire (3).