



United States Marine Corps

**Master Gunnery Sergeant
Michael A. Skillings
Provost Sergeant
Provost Marshal's Office
Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma AZ**



A native of Maine, Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael A. Skillings enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February of 2000 and completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., in June 2000, where he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Private First Class. Following recruit training; Private First Class Skillings attended Military Police School at Fort Leonardwood, M.O., where he was assigned the primary MOS 5811.

At Military Police School Private First Class Skillings was selected to attend Military Working Dog School at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX, where he earned the secondary MOS of 5812. In January of 2001, Private First Class Skillings reported to Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters Battalion, MCRD San Diego, CA, for duty as a Military Police, Military Working Dog Handler. He filled the roles of Military Police Man, Patrol Supervisor, Special Reactions Team Member, Military Working Dog Handler, Military Working Dog Trainer, and Military Working Dog Assistant Kennel Master.

In July of 2004, Sergeant Skillings executed orders to Marine Corps Basic Recruiters School. Upon graduation Sergeant Skillings reported to Recruiting Sub-Station East Tucson, Recruiting Station Phoenix, 8th Marine Corps District. He served as a Canvassing Recruiter and Assistant SNCOIC of Recruiting Sub-Station East Tucson. In July of 2006, Sergeant Skillings was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. At that time he was assigned as a temporary SNCOIC for RSS East Tucson. In October of 2006, he was selected to stand up Recruiting Sub-Station North Tucson as the SNCOIC.

In May of 2008, Staff Sergeant Skillings reported to Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, where he was assigned as the Military Working Dog Kennel Master. He also assumed the duties of the Operations Chief, D.A.R.E./School Resource Officer, and Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor. Staff Sergeant Skillings volunteered for an individual augment billet as the Military Working Dog Kennel Master in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. While deployed from September 2008 to April 2009, Staff Sergeant Skillings was assigned as the Regional Kennel Master, attached to 3d Battalion 10th Marines and 1st Battalion, 12th Marines as a part of Task Force Military Police.

In July of 2010, Staff Sergeant Skillings executed orders to Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, where he was assigned as the Military Working Dog Kennel Master. Once promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in July of 2012 he was reassigned as a Platoon Commander and the Provost Marshal's Office Training Chief.

In April of 2013, Gunnery Sergeant Skillings executed orders to Marine Corps Basic

Recruiters School. Upon graduation Gunnery Skillings reported to Recruiting Sub-Station Tucson, Recruiting Station Phoenix, 8th Marine Corps District, where he served three years as RSS Tucson's SNCOIC.

In July of 2016, Gunnery Sergeant Skillings executed orders to Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. He was assigned as the Headquarters and Support Company, Operations Chief, Command Equal Opportunity Manager, and Command Financial Specialist. In August of 2017, Master Sergeant Skillings was promoted to his current rank.

In April of 2018, Master Sergeant Skillings was assigned to Task Force South West 19.1, where he served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for Team Police. During his tour in Afghanistan he advised the Afghan National Police Sergeant Major who was responsible for all of Helmand Province's Police Force.

In August of 2019, Master Sergeant Skillings reported to 2d Marine Division G3 where he was assigned as the 2d Marine Division G3, Current Operations Chief, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Chief, Physical Security Chief, and Law Enforcement Integration Chief.

In July of 2020, Master Gunnery Sergeant Skillings reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF) G3 where he was assigned as the II MEF G3, Current Operations Chief, Mission Assurance Chief, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Chief, Physical Security Chief, and Law Enforcement Integration Chief.

In July of 2021, Master Gunnery Sergeant Skillings reported to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Provost Marshal's Office, in his current billet as the Provost Sergeant.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Skillings has earned an Associates of Science in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy Session #280.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Skillings personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (fifth award / 1 w/Combat "C" device), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (second award), Good Conduct Medal (seventh award), and Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal (second award).