



William (Bill) E. Heyob, Sergeant Major/USMC (Retired)

Bill Heyob is a VFW Life Member of Post 63, Boise, ID. He began active duty service in the Marine Corps on December 12, 1988 and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major on December 31, 2012. During his service in the Marine Corps, Bill served as an Infantryman, Field Artillery Fire Direction Controlman, Drill Instructor, Small Arms Weapons Instructor, Competitor/Coach on the Marine Corps Rifle Team, Inspector-Instructor First Sergeant with Company C, 4th Tank Battalion in Boise, ID and as an Infantry Battalion Sergeant Major. His combat deployments included the Republic of Panama for Operation JUST CAUSE, the country of Honduras in support of Operation AHAUS TARA '90, the Kingdoms of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, Operation DENY FLIGHT and Operation JOINT/DECISIVE ENDEAVOR-Bosnia as part of NATO-IFOR Forces, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in the city of Ramadi, Iraq and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM- Afghanistan in the Garmsir District of Helmand Province. His personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star, Combat Action Ribbon with three Gold Stars.

Bill has been working as the Program Manager/State Service Officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services at the Boise VA Regional Office since his retirement from the Marine Corps and is accredited with the VFW, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association, Marine Corps League, AMVETS and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He is a Life Member and Past Department Commandant for the Department of Idaho, Marine Corps League, Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans and member of the Fleet Reserve Association, the American Legion and AMVETS. He is married to Nancy B. Heyob and has a teenaged daughter-Tia.