

Travis Green



- 1. What made you want to enter military service?** I watched William F. Buckley on Firing Line growing up, I didn't know any better at the time, and we couldn't afford cable, so PBS it was, and he spoke glowingly of the military, what it meant to serve your country and how the military shaped him. Also, I had a chance to interview former Mayor Wyeth Chandler in high school and his regaling stories of the Marine Corps and enlisting before he was 18 and the adventure coupled with hearing Fred Smith give a speech on Vietnam as a former officer, the people he served with and the life-changing nature of the Corps, I couldn't resist.
- 2. What branch of the military did you join and why?** The United States Marine Corps.
- 3. How many years did you serve?** Six
- 4. What was your rank upon discharge?** Corporal
- 5. What has been your greatest achievement in the military?** Being part of a unit that came back without losing anybody in Iraq and working as a team member in the greatest fighting organization.
- 6. What lesson did you learn while in the military that you still use today?** Leaders eat last.
- 7. Did your military service influence your life today?** Yes, every time I put on a suit and tie, I am checking my gig line. Moreover, perhaps bearing and unselfishness are two of the 14 traits that play a role in my everyday life that immediately comes to mind.
- 8. Tell us a funny story that could only happen in the military.** None that I care to share at work.
- 9. What duty station did you most enjoy?** New Orleans.
- 10. Why did you choose your military job specialty.** I did not choose the infantry, the Marine Corps did, and it was the one less traveled, and that has made all the difference.