

## Jordan Ames

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Jordan, a 21-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, is the Project Director for Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania. He began his active-duty career just two weeks after graduating from Central Dauphin East High School and retired on July 1, 2022. Jordan served in the enlisted ranks for 10 years before accepting an officer's commission. He served at the Presidential Retreat, Camp David as a security guard followed by service with 2d Force Reconnaissance Company and 2d Marine Special Operations Battalion in Camp Lejeune, NC. He deployed once to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM as a Force Recon Marine and once to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as a Marine Special Operator before attending Penn State University.

Upon receiving his commission as an officer, Jordan became an infantry officer and served with 2d Battalion, 2d Marines, 2d Marine Division in Camp Lejeune. After two deployments to the European Combatant Command area of responsibility, he returned to Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC). Jordan is the first Marine to have served as a special operator with MARSOC in the enlisted ranks and then return as an officer to serve as a Special Operations Officer. He returned to 2d Marine Raider Battalion (redesignated from the former "2d Marine Special Operations Battalion") and was given the assignment as Team Commander, Marine Special Operations Team (MSOT) 8213. He deployed with MSOT 8213 to Jordan to train, advise, and assist the Jordanian Special Forces (JORSOF). He deployed on his sixth and final deployment to Afghanistan in October 2019 to serve as the aide de camp to the Deputy Commanding General, Special Operations Joint Task Force—Afghanistan.

Jordan is from the Harrisburg area and is a 2001 graduate of CD East. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Penn State University and a Master's degree in History from Millersville University. He and his wife, Sarah, are proud parents of seven children, six of who they adopted. Jordan's second oldest son is currently serving as a Marine Security Guard in the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group. Jordan and Sarah have a heart to help and serve "the least of these."

Jordan's service with some of the nation's best, most talented and service-oriented individuals drives him to serve the veterans in society who need an extra hand to, once again, become producing citizens of the nation for which they so selflessly served and sacrificed.