

This Quilt of Valor will be awarded to:



**Colonel Steven B. Vitali
U.S. Marine Corps**

Colonel Vitali has served 35 years in the military, with 32 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1976 upon completion of Officer Candidate School and throughout his career he served in many different capacities including assignments as an Amphibious Officer, Reconnaissance Officer, Logistician, Public Affairs Officer, Tank Controller, Infantry Controller, Inspector General, Base Support Officer, Engineer, and Advisor on assignments at home and abroad. During DESERT STORM, Colonel Vitali served as Officer-in-Charge, 6th Marine Regiment (Rear), 2nd Marine Division. He also served as Force Deployment Planning & Execution (FDP&E) Director G-3, II Marine Expeditionary Force to deploy more than 40,000 troops from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina during IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. He later served as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-8 for II Marine Expeditionary Force FWD in Fallujah, Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In Afghanistan he served as Commanding Officer of the 201st Regional Corps Advisory Group, Task Force Phoenix in which he served as a maneuver element commander and as a Senior Advisor to the 201st Afghan National Army Corps. At the end of his successful career he was assigned to Marine Forces Central Command. He retired from the Marine Corps in July 2008 and resides in Columbia, S.C.

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