

Captain Christopher R. Emde

Date and place of Birth: Dec 19, 1979 Las Vegas NV.

Education: Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice of The Citadel Charleston SC (May 2012).

Hotel Company TAC Officer, The Citadel

Captain Christopher Emde was born on December 19, 1979, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in August 2002 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Upon graduation from boot camp, Private First Class Emde reported to Marine Combat Training (MCT) West at Camp Pendleton. Following completion of MCT, he attended Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he received Fire Direction Course. In January 2003, PFC Emde received orders to the 12th Marine Regiment in Okinawa, Japan, serving as an artilleryman. In November 2003, Lance Corporal Emde was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, California. Shortly thereafter, he deployed to Ramadi, Iraq, as part of the first wave of combat replacements in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In October 2004, Corporal Emde deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) to the Philippines. In 2005, Sergeant Emde deployed to Okinawa, Japan, in support of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

In June 2006, Sergeant Emde received orders to Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, where he served as a Combat Marksmanship Instructor. In November 2008, Staff Sergeant Emde attended Advanced Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In 2009, Staff Sergeant Emde was selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP). He attended MECEP Preparatory School in Quantico, Virginia, and subsequently enrolled at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. During this period, he also attended Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. In May 2012, he graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Following graduation, Second Lieutenant Emde attended The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, with Fox Company, where he was designated Military Occupational Specialty 0402, Logistics Officer. He then attended the Logistics Officers Course at Camp Johnson, North Carolina, before receiving orders to MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, California.

On September 7, 2014, 1st Lieutenant Emde deployed to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response-Central Command (SPMAGTF-CR-CC) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. During this deployment, he served as the Build Partner Capacity Combat Service Support Officer in Charge. In April 2016, he again deployed to Al Asad, Iraq, serving as a Watch Officer.



In 2017, Captain Emde reported to 2nd Battalion as the Golf Company Series Commander before assuming command of Echo Company. In 2019, Captain Emde became the Assistant Operations Officer at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. He was later transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he checked into Combat Logistics Battalion 27 as the Future Operations Officer and was selected for promotion to the rank of Major.

Captain Emde retired honorably from the United States Marine Corps on September 1, 2022, after twenty years of dedicated service.

From 2022 to 2026, Mr. Emde served as Chief of Operations for Charleston Swim School and later worked with GRIS as an Exploitation Equipment Subject Matter Expert. Captain Emde is currently the District five City Councilman for North Charleston S.C.

In November 2026, Captain Emde assumed the role of Hotel Company TAC Officer at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Fourth Award), the Combat Action Ribbon, and various unit and service awards. Captain Emde's personal interests include raising his two children, playing with the Citadel Underwater Rugby Club, cooking and working out.