BATTALION COMMANDERS OF 2/4

Well known battalion commanders of the “Magnificent Bastards:”

Lieutenant Colonel Clifton B. Cates, 1 Feb 1938 – 17 May 1939
Captain Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller 19 July 1940 – 26 Aug 1940
Lieutenant Colonel Paul X. Kelley 12 Feb 1966 – 6 Jul 1966
Lieutenant Colonel Carl E. Mundy, Jr. 29 Aug 1973 – 21 Aug 1974

Note: Lieutenants Colonel Cates, Kelley and Mundy went on to be Commandants of the Marine Corps

The entries appearing 21 April 1911 through 3 October 1927 are correct in listing these men as battalion commanders although the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines did not exist in its’ present form until September 1932.

Captain William W. Low 21 April 1911 – 11 June 1911
Major William N. McKeivy 21 April 1914 – 17 Feb 1916
Major Melville J. Shaw 20 Feb 1916 – 5 Dec 1916
Captain Robert B. Farquharson 7 Dec 1916 – 29 Jan 1917
Major William H. Pritchett 31 Jan 1917 – 7 Mar 1917
Captain Charles F. Williams 14 May 1917 – 1 July 1917
Major William H. Pritchett 17 July 1917 – 31 July 1917
Major Robert B. Miller 7 Aug 1917 – 18 Sept 1917
Captain Robert B. Farquharson 4 Oct 1917 – 2 Aug 1918
Major Gerald A. Johnson 1 Sept 1921 – 14 Dec 1921
Major Adolph B. Miller 15 Dec 1924 – 19 June 1925
Major Francis T. Evans 20 June 1925 – 22 Feb 1926
Captain John Waller 23 Mar 1926 – 1 Mar 1926
Captain Theodore A. Secore 2 Mar 1926 – 19 April 1926
Major Benjamin A. Moeller 20 April 1926 - 13 June 1926
Major Edward M. Reno 14 June 1926 – 5 July 1926
Major Benjamin A. Moeller 6 July 1926 – 8 Aug 1926
Captain Theodore A. Secore 12 Aug 1926 – 27 Oct 1926
Lieutenant Colonel Ellis B. Miller 19 Feb 1926 – 3 Mar 1927
Major Edward M. Reno 4 Mar 1927 – 31 Mar 1927
Major John L. Doxey 1 April 1927 – 3 Oct 1927
Major Lyle H. Miller, 8 Sept 1932 – 6 Mar 1934
Major Julian P. Wilcox 6 Mar 1934 – 28 Dec 1934
Lieutenant Colonel John B. Sebree 29 Dec 1934 – 30 Oct 1936
Major Raymond E. Knapp 31 Oct 1936 – 2 Nov 1936
Lieutenant Colonel Roswell Winans 3 Nov 1936 – 31 Jan 1938
Lieutenant Colonel Clifton B. Cates 1 Feb 1938 – 17 May 1939
Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. Montague 18 May 1939 – 25 June 1940
Major James S. Monahan 26 June 1940 – 18 July 1940
Captain Lewis B. Puller 19 July 1940 – 26 Aug 1940
Lieutenant Colonel Donald Curtis 27 July 1940 – 14 April 1941
Lieutenant Colonel Herman R. Anderson 14 April 1941 – 6 May 1942
Major John S. Messer 1 Feb 1944 – 20 Nov 1944
Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds H. Hayden 21 Nov 1944 – 26 May 1945
Major Edgar F. Carney Jr. 27 May 1945 – 30 Jan 1946
Lieutenant Colonel John G. Johnson 8 Mar 1946 – 12 April 1946
Major Jeff P. Overstreet 13 April 1946 – 21 April 1946
Lieutenant Colonel John E. Weber 22 April 1946 – 5 Aug 1946
Lieutenant Colonel Theodore F. Beeman 16 Aug 1946 – 12 Oct 1946
Lieutenant Colonel Fredrick Belton 19 Oct 1946 – 10 July 1947
Lieutenant Colonel James C. Murray Jr. 11 July 1947 – 1 Sept 1947
Lieutenant Colonel George C. Ryffel 30 Oct 1952 – 11 July 1953
Lieutenant Colonel George M. Dawes 12 July 1953 – 23 Jan 1954
Major George W. McHenry 11 July 1954 – 12 July 1954
Lieutenant Colonel James T. Kisgen 13 July 1954 – 7 Jan 1955
Lieutenant Colonel Frank H. Vogel Jr. 8 Jan 1955 – 7 June 1955
Major Paul M. Moriarty 8 June 1955 – 26 July 1955
Lieutenant Colonel Alex H. Sawyer 22 Mar 1956 – 16 July 1956
Lieutenant Colonel Quintin A. Bradley 17 July 1956 – 1 July 1957
Major Leo V. Gross 2 July 1957 – 13 July 1957
Lieutenant Colonel Foster C. LaHue 14 June 1957 – 15 Aug 1958
Lieutenant Colonel Theodore D. Hess 16 June 1959 – 24 July 1959
Major Don H. Blanchard 1 June 1960 – 25 July 1960
Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Kuhn 26 July 1960 – 6 Feb 1962
Lieutenant Colonel Carrol D. Rowe 7 Feb 1962 – 11 June 1962
Lieutenant Colonel William N. Draper 12 June 1962 – 4 May 1963
Major Ralph M. Head 5 May 1963 – 10 Sept 1963
Lieutenant Colonel Donald T. Doxey 11 Sept 1963 – 3 June 1964
Lieutenant Colonel Paul X. Kelley 22 Feb 1966 – 6 July 1966
Lieutenant Colonel Arnold E. Bench 7 July 1966 – 15 July 1967
Major Charles W. Knapp 3 May 1968 – 5 May 1968
Lieutenant Colonel Louis A. Rann 6 May 1968 – 30 Sept 1968
Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Hopkins 12 Nov 1968 – 6 May 1969
Lieutenant Colonel William C. Britt 7 May 1969 – 6 Sept 1969
Lieutenant Colonel Donald J. Garrett 7 Sept 1969 – 10 Mar 1970
Major John M. Keenan 1 Sept 1970 – 8 Sept 1970
Lieutenant Colonel John Phillips 20 July 1971 – 24 June 1972
Lieutenant Colonel Carl E. Mundy Jr. 29 Aug 1973 – 21 Aug 1974
Lieutenant Colonel George P. Slade 22 Aug 1974 – 10 July 1975
Lieutenant Colonel Roger C. Hagerty 11 July 1975 – 1 July 1976
Lieutenant Colonel J.P. Brickley 1 Aug 1978 – 30 May 1979
Lieutenant Colonel J.H. Redgate 22 June 1979 – 30 May 1980
Lieutenant Colonel J.W. Murphy 10 May 1981 – 18 Dec 1983
Lieutenant Colonel K.D. Schreiber 19 Dec 1983 – 3 Feb 1984
Lieutenant Colonel J.D. Steel 4 Feb 1984 – 11 May 1984
Lieutenant Colonel R.L. Jaehne 12 May 1984 – 10 April 1986
Lieutenant Colonel K.A. Conry 1 July 1990 – 28 July 1992
Lieutenant Colonel P.A. Hand 7 June 1997 – 13 July 1999
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew H. Schlaepfer 13 April 2001 – 18 Jan 2003
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew R. MacMannis 19 Jan 2003 - 30 May 2003
Lieutenant Colonel Paul J. Kennedy 31 May 2003 – 14 Jan 2005
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew G. Wilcox 15 Nov 2008 - Jul 2010
Lieutenant Colonel Robert S. Weiler 23 Jun 2012 - 7 March 2014
Lieutenant Colonel Mike F. Wilonsky 8 March 2014 -