SSgt David Coan

SSgt Coan was born in Massachusetts on June 6, 1982. He graduated from Greater Lowell Technical High School class of 2001 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After finishing Marine Corps Recruit training he reported to the School of Infantry where he received training in Military Occupational Specialty 0311. He was then assigned to 1st Bn 3rd Marines at Marine Corps Base Hawaii where he held positions from team leader to Platoon Sergeant. In 2003, as a Lance Corporal, he deployed to Bahrain and conducted shipborne security for Maritime Prepositioning Ships. During this time he provided security throughout the whole Navy 5th Fleet area of responsibility. In 2004 he deployed to Iraq and participated in numerous operations in and around the country.

In 2006, Cpl Coan moved from Infantry to Data Communications Network Specialist and was assigned to 7th Marine Regiment at 29 Palms, CA. During his tenure he ran numerous live fire ranges and helped design new training regiments for four infantry battalions rotating to and from the Central Command area of responsibility. In August 2008 Sgt Coan was promoted to SSgt and took over responsibilities as Asst Data Chief/ Asst Information Assurance officer.

In 2010 SSgt Coan deployed to Afghanistan with Regimental Combat Team 7 on a twelve month tour as Vehicle Commander for the Marine Corps' first ever Mobile Modular Command & Control Vehicle and assigned to Regimental Combat Team 7 Personnel Security Detachment.

In 2011 SSgt Coan checked into the Defense Information Systems Agency Joint Service Support Center where he assumed the role of Communications Watch Officer.

In SSgt Coan's spare time he coaches youth sports at Fort Belvoir and is den leader and webmaster for his son's Cub Scout pack.