

The Colonel D.J. Abogunrin Training Center

Dedicated to
Col. Bamidele J. “D.J.” Abogunrin, USMC
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“We should be willing to teach each other, and humble enough to ask for help and learn from each other.” – Col. D.J. Abogunrin, Leadership Philosophy

Colonel Bamidele J. “D.J.” Abogunrin was born December 31, 1969, in Iowa City, Iowa. He joined the Marine Corps Reserves while attending Iowa State University, serving as a rifleman, automatic rifleman and squad leader. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1992, and completed the U.S. Marine Corps Infantry Officer Course in 1993. Throughout his career, Colonel Abogunrin deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to Afghanistan in 2009 as a liaison officer for Marine Corps Systems Command.

Colonel Abogunrin was one of the first Marines to earn the Marine Acquisition Officer Military Occupational Specialty 8061. A believer in the importance of technical proficiency, he held certifications in Program Management, Test and Evaluation, Systems Planning, Research and Development, and Engineering-Program Systems Engineer. Colonel Abogunrin is remembered by Marines and civilian colleagues as a trailblazer, thinker, motivator, planner, inspiring leader, and dedicated acquisition professional and Marine.

