

# 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. While attending Iowa State University, he joined the Marine Corps Reserves, serving as a rifleman, automatic rifleman and squad leader. He was commissioned 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, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

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, and Engineering.

Colonel Abogunrin is remembered by Marines and civilian colleagues as a trailblazer, thinker, motivator, planner, inspiring leader, dedicated acquisition professional and Marine.

