



**Colonel Rayfel Margate Bachiller**  
**United States Marine Corps, Retired**



Col Rayfel M. Bachiller is a native of Washington DC and was commissioned in 1970 from the NROTC at the University of South Carolina. In 32 years he has served in a wide range of billets on high level staffs as well as command positions of a platoon, a squadron, a battalion, and an Air control Group.

He has worked at Headquarters Marine Corps at every rank since Captain and also served on the Joint Staff as the Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He has also served as a White House Military Aide during several administrations.

The diversity of his assignments is rare considering that he was initially assigned as an Air Command and Control Officer. He served a highly successful 4 year tour on recruiting duty at RS Baltimore which was the number one Recruiting Station during his entire tour.

He has extensive Joint Experience having served as the OIC of a Joint Task Force in Central America; as the Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; as the Senior US Officer in a NATO Command in Denmark.

He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He served as Director, Special Projects Directorate for the Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1995 to 1999. Completing his headquarters tour Col Bachiller transferred to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point NC as the Director of Operations for Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Region.

In February of 2001 Col Bachiller was selected as Deputy Commander for Joint Task Force Olympics. His previous tours in Joint Assignments combined with his Air Command and Control background and Antiterrorism and Force Protection Training were key in his selection for this critical billet in support of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City Utah.

On 30 June 2002 Colonel Bachiller retired completing 32 years of active commissioned service in the Marine Corps.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal 2d award, Legion of Merit 3<sup>rd</sup> award, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal 3<sup>rd</sup> award, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal 2d award, Joint Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star.

Since retiring, Col Bachiller was appointed Vice President of Government Operations for Target Sport Adventures based in Boston. Specializing in Olympic security and logistical support he also worked for SAIC as the senior consultant in the Greek Intelligence Security Command during the Athens 2004 Olympics. He was initially involved with the Winter Olympics in Torino Italy 2006 prior to accepting a position with MPRI at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. There he assisted the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in accomplishing its transition to a more expeditionary force in preparation for their deployment to Iraq in 2005.

His next US government assignment was in Baghdad working as the Executive Secretary and Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Minister of Defence. He completed his year tour with the US State Department and returned from Iraq in February of 2006. Upon his return to Utah he assumed the senior consultant position for the Military Division of Symbol Arts in Ogden.

Currently he is President of AEON Group LLC, an international sports management organization representing and training professional tennis players.

Col Bachiller currently serves on the Board of American Patriot Service Corp. a nonprofit corporation dedicated to assisting Veterans, surviving spouses, and their families. He also has served Fisher House Salt Lake City, a \$5.8 million facility where families of Veterans in the Salt Lake Veterans Hospital can stay during their visits. He has been engaged in this program since May of 2007 and served as the Utah Champion for Fisher House in raising local funds for this worthy charity.

His pastime activities include woodworking, music, art, teaching and coaching tennis, as well as community and church involvement.

Col Bachiller is the son of the late SDC Raynero Bachiller, USN and Socorro Margate Bachiller of Camarines Sur, Republic of the Philippines. He lives in Sandy, Utah with his wife Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Cicchini Bachiller, USMC Retired who completed two civilian tours in Iraq as a consultant for the US State Department. Their son Jon Paris, a Citadel 05 graduate is a Lt in the US Navy stationed at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD..