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James H. Adams, Jr., CJM

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James H. Adams, Jr., is the Assistant Officer in Charge and Technical Director at Naval Consolidated Brig Chesapeake.

Born in Moultrie, Georgia, Mr. Adams enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1981. He served as a Military Policeman until 1989 when he was selected to be a Drill Instructor. In 1990, he was assigned as a Corrections Officer.

Over the next 14 years, Mr. Adams served as a Supervisor in each facet of corrections. Because of his unique background, he was selected to support Operations United Shield (Evacuation of the United Nations Forces from Somalia) and Emerald Express (Demonstration for the SECDEF and Congress of the technology and techniques used in the evacuation). He was then ordered to Headquarters Marine Corps as the Operations Officer and later Deputy Director of Marine Corps Corrections. His last assignment was to the Base Brig at Camp Lejeune where he served as the Brig Officer (Deputy Warden), and Commanding Officer (Warden) until his retirement. After retirement from the Marine Corps, he was hired by the Department of the Navy Corrections as their Western Region Inspector and soon took over as the Operations Officer. He was promoted to his current assignment in 2011.

Mr. Adams has a BAAS degree from Texas State University and MA degrees in management and security management from Webster University. He is an ACA Auditor and a Certified Jail Manager (CJM).

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Services Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Drill Instructor Ribbon. He is also the 2015 recipient of the ACA/MCC Austin MacCormick Award.

He and his wife, Yolanda, have a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Alisha.