

**Colonel (RET) Martin “Marty” Spann** is the Chief Operating Officer for Tactical Drone Concepts. He has twenty-six years of law enforcement experience with the Los Angeles Police Department, including expertise in gangs, firearms, and airborne aviation operations.

He began his career by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, where he involved in Operation “New Arrivals”, the evacuation and relocation of 110,000 refugees displaced after the fall of South Vietnam.

After his discharge from the United States Marine Corps, he joined the U.S. Army National Guard and was commissioned through the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning Georgia where he was branched as an Infantry Officer. During his career, he commanded at every level from a rifle squad to an Infantry Battalion.

Martin’s joint experience includes serving during the early years of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Special Police Advisor to the Iraqi Special Police Forces which were nationally deployable police force that answered directly to the Iraqi Minister of the Interior. Under his guidance the force grew from 500 to a 18,000 personnel which assisted in the creation of an Iraqi security force that could deal with the insurgency and hostiles militias ultimately permitting a U.S. withdrawal.

In 2008 he was handpicked by the Multi-National Force- Iraq, Commanding General to serve as the Multi-National Force-Iraq Liaison to the Iraqi Minister of the Interior. He served as an advisor and mentor to the Minister and his staff. His carefully commented advise to the Iraqi Minister of the Interior, reflected the depth and breadth of his considerable experience and effected future programs and policy that helped to stabilize the country of Iraq.

From 2010 to 2011 Martin served as the Senior Advisor/Program Director for the NATO Training Mission/Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan to the Afghan National Civil Order Police brigades (A.N.C.O.P.), the premier police force in Afghanistan. Under his leadership and professional partnership with the A.N.C.O.P. leadership and coalition partners, he was instrumental in expanding 0 companies--an amazing force generation in less than one year. He directed and synchronized the Afghan wide advisor teams in the development, training and management to support the entire A.N.C.O.P. , 13,000 man security force.

His military awards include three Legion's of Merit, the Soldier’s Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V” for Valor, two Bronze Star Medals for Merit, the Purple Heart Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is a Joint Qualified Officer. In 2010 he was inducted into the United States Army’s Officer Candidate School’s Hall of Fame.