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## **Leila Gardner**



### **Senior Intelligence Analyst, HQMC Marine Corps Intelligence Activity**

Ms. Gardner is the Senior Advisor to the Director of Intelligence for Analysis and Production, Headquarters, Marine Corps. In her present position she represents the Marine Corps as the senior intelligence analyst and provides policy and management guidance on intelligence analysis and production to assist the Director of Intelligence in the conduct of Service Intelligence activities within the Marine Corps, Defense, and National Intelligence Communities.

Ms. Gardner was selected as a Defense Intelligence Senior Leader in September 2011. Her areas of responsibility include Advancing Analysis across the Marine Intelligence Enterprise, the Unified Intelligence Strategies, National Intelligence Estimates, and strategic planning. She was assigned to the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity (MCIA) from 2000-2010 where she held various analytic and leadership positions including threat analysis and regional specialist. Her areas of concentration included cultural intelligence, irregular warfare, and the need to utilize open source material to provide intelligence products at the lowest classification level. In October 2010 she assumed the duties as the N2, Director of Analysis, for the KENNEDY Irregular Warfare Center at the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Ms. Gardner began her intelligence career in 2000 at the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity where she served in a number of analytical positions including the Balkans, Horn of Africa, and Russia regional analysis. In addition to her duties as Senior Advisor to the Director of Intelligence, Ms. Gardner is a commissioned intelligence officer in the Naval reserve. She was commissioned in 2003 after having served 10 years as an enlisted Marine Corps intelligence specialist in the Marine Corps reserve. Her personal decorations include the Bronze Star, Navy Commendation medal, Joint Service Achievement medal and Navy Marine Corps Achievement medal.

Ms. Gardner is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and holds a master's of science in military studies degree from Marine Corps Command and Staff College. She received her Intelligence Community Officer designation in 2009.