

8523031 Lieutenant Colonel Grant Reid Shottenkirk, RACT

Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk entered the Australian Defence Force in 2007 as a lateral entry officer, having previously been commissioned in the United States Marine Corps (USMC).

A native of Kansas, Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in Political Science and Anthropology. On graduation he attended the USMC Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1997. Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk was subsequently assigned the Logistic Officer Military Occupational Speciality. During his Marine Corps career, Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk served in three operational commands: 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Transportation Support Battalion (a combined Motor Transport and Landing Force Support Battalion), and Combat Service Support Group-11. His postings encompassed the spectrum of logistic roles to include Maintenance Management Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, Battalion S4 and Company Commander. The highlight of his USMC career was serving as the Commanding Officer of Combat Service Support Company 111 which provided direct logistic support to the 5000 Marines and sailors of Regimental Combat Team 1 during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.



After leaving USMC active duty in 2005 and moving to Australia with his wife, Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk was commissioned into the Australian Regular Army in early 2007. His postings include 1st Combat Service Support Battalion as a staff officer at the sub-unit and battalion level, a Support Watchkeeper at Headquarters Joint Operations Command, and the Logistic Current Operations Officer at Special Operations Headquarters. Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk subsequently had the privilege of sub-unit command with 35 Water Transport Squadron. After graduation from Australian Command and Staff College in 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk served as the Deputy Assistant Adjutant/Quartermaster General (DQ) for 3 Brigade. On promotion in 2016, Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk served as the Commander Amphibious Division aboard HMAS *Canberra*. In 2018 Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk returned to Townsville where he was appointed as the Deputy Commander for 3 Brigade. In 2021 Lieutenant Colonel Shottenkirk took up his current post as the Force Modernisation and Development Officer (S8) at Headquarters 3 Brigade.