

## **Biography**

### **Aaron Werbel, Commander, PhD**

Commander Werbel currently serves as Behavioral Health Affairs Officer and Suicide Prevention Program Manager with the United States Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical and Medical Psychology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and a certified trainer for mental health providers in assessing and managing suicide risk. Commander Werbel previously served as Staff Psychologist at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; Regimental Psychologist, Plebe Training at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and Head of Behavioral Healthcare at the Capodichino Branch Medical Clinic in Naples, Italy. Academically, Commander Werbel received a BS in Psychology from the University of Michigan (1998), a MA in Clinical Psychology from Michigan State University (1993), and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Michigan State University (1997). He completed an internship in Clinical Psychology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland in 1997.

Commander Werbel is Chair of the Federal Executive Partners Working Group on Suicide Prevention, Member of the DoD Suicide Prevention and Risk Reduction Committee, Member of the USMC Combat Operational Stress Control Advisory Board, Augment Inspector of the USMC Inspector General Inspections Division, and Program Manager of the Leaders Guide for Managing Marines in Distress. He is affiliated with several professional organizations, including the International Task Force on Defense and Police Forces (Founder and Chair), International Association for Suicide Prevention (Member), Postvention Task Force (Member), National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (Member), and American Association of Suicidology (Member). He has presented at many national and international conferences.