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Lieutenant General William Mark Faulkner is the President of the Institute for Defense and Business (IDB) and serves as the Executive Director of IDB's Center of Excellence in Logistics and Technology (LOGTECH). He was most recently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Marine Corps Association. The Marine Corps Association is the professional association of the Marine Corps and is a Military Service Association 501 (c)(19) with a supporting Public Charity 501 (c)(3).

General Faulkner served at Headquarters Marine Corps in the Pentagon as the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics prior to his retirement in 2015. He previously served as the Vice Director, J-4, Joint Staff. He commanded both 2d and 3d Marine Logistics Groups and served as the Chief of Staff, 2d Marine Logistics Group (Forward) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.

A graduate of East Carolina University, General Faulkner was commissioned in 1982 and initially served as an infantry officer with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines. After receiving a lateral move to the logistics operational field, he served as a logistics officer at all levels to include command of Combat Logistics Regiment 27 and MEU Service Support Group 26 during Operation Enduring Freedom.

His Joint assignments include duty with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the former Yugoslavia where he participated in Operation Provide Promise; United States Central Command where he participated in Operations Southern Watch, Desert Fox, and Noble Response; and on the Joint Staff as a Logistics Operations Officer in the National Military Command Center. A distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and Air Command and Staff College, General Faulkner also graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

General Faulkner has earned master's degrees in Business from Chaminade University and in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He was an Executive Fellow for the IDB in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and supported the Marine Air Ground Task Force Staff Training Program as a senior mentor.