

Sergeant Major Oldenburg was raised in Poughkeepsie, New York and joined the Marine Corps in June 1986. Upon graduation of recruit training, he attended the Basic Helicopter Course in Millington Tennessee. In July 1987, he was assigned to MCAS Tustin for duty with HMMH-361 as a CH 53 A/D mechanic.

While attached to the Flying Tigers, he served as a section leader, night crew supervisor and collateral duty inspector. During these years he participated in two WESTPAC deployments to Okinawa and mini detachments to Korea and the Philippines. When the Squadron returned, they were the first west coast CH-53A/D unit to begin the transition to CH-53E.

In September 1990, he was transferred to the Presidential Helicopter Squadron (HMX-1) in Quantico VA, for duty as CH-53 D Crew Chief. In November 1991, he was assigned to the Executive Flight Detachment and served as a VH-3D crew chief and full systems quality assurance representative. While serving in the "Cage" he flew in numerous Presidential, Vice Presidential and Foreign Heads of State mission throughout the United States, England and France.

In September 1994, Sergeant Major Oldenburg returned to MCAS Tustin for duty with HMMH 465. While with the "War Horses", he served as the flight line SNCOIC, crew chief and maintenance control chief. During this time the Squadron deployed to Okinawa and Korea, as well as participated in operations with the 31st MEU.

In 1996 he applied for recruiting duty and upon graduation, was transferred to RS Albany, New York. While in New York, he served as a recruiter and sub-station commander for both RSS Oneonta and RSS Poughkeepsie.

In July 2000, he was transferred back to HMMH-465, now stationed in MCAS Miramar California. He was selected to become the detachment SNCOIC for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit deployment, assigned to HMM-163. While with the Evil Eyes, he served as a CH-53 E crew chief, Quality Assurance Chief, and detachment SNCOIC. During the WESTPAC deployment from Aug 2001- March 2002, he participated in numerous combat sorties involving a tactical recovery of a crashed UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, flights in and around Camp Rhino and Kandahar Afghanistan, and many flights in Pakistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In April 2002, he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and transferred to Company E, Second Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. The Battalion was soon attached to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and deployed to Kuwait in preparation for the invasion of Iraq. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Echo Company performed offensive and defensive combat operations in the areas of UmmQasr, An Nassariah, Az Zyubayer, and Ah Shratra Iraq. Upon conclusion of organized resistance, his company continued to provide stability and security patrols, as well as humanitarian assistance. In March 2004, he was transferred to MATSG-21 in Pensacola for duty as the Aviation Maintenance Squadron- 1 First Sergeant.

Promoted to his current rank in December 2007, SgtMaj Oldenburg transferred back to MCAS Miramar for duty with the Red Devils of VMFA 232. Shortly after arrival, the Devils embarked on board the U.S.S Nimitz for a western pacific deployment. In April 2009, SgtMaj Oldenburg assumed the duties as Squadron Sergeant Major for the Stingers of HMLA-267. In April 2011, The Stingers deployed to Camp Leatherneck in support of OEF 11.1-11.2.

Sergeant Major Oldenburg's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with strike/flight numeral 1, Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Navy Achievement Medal with gold star, and Combat Action Ribbon with gold star and the Presidential Service Badge. He is married to the former Susan Doland from Highland New York and they have 4 children, Billy (23), Matthew (22), Nicole (18) and Kimberly (16) and 4 grandchildren.