

Major Ross H. Schwalm retired in 2001 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for 20 years. A native of Tower City, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Ursinus College at Collegeville, Pennsylvania in 1981. He continues to work in the defense industry as a Systems Engineer and Enterprise Architect.

Major Schwalm served as an artillery officer in all four artillery regiments of the Marine Corps to include commanding Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines during Operation Desert Storm. Staff assignments included artillery battalion adjutant, assistant operations officer, assistant inspector-instructor and 2nd Marine Division Target Information Officer. He served in training organization leadership billets in 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, and at Training and Education Division in Quantico, Virginia. He served as the Marine Corps Retirement Officer at Headquarters Marine Corps and as an operational advisor/system engineer with the Naval Surface Fire Support Program Office, Naval Sea Systems Command at Arlington, Virginia.

Major Schwalm's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Major Schwalm lives in Woodbridge and has been a member of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter of the SAR since 2019.