

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY BALL
248 YEARS



1st Supply Battalion
Pechanga Resort Casino
2 NOVEMBER 2023



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Cocktails & Photographs

Commandant's Birthday Message

Invocation

Adjutant's Call

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of Colors

Cake Cutting

General Lejeune's Birthday Message

Commanding Officer's Remarks

Guest of Honor's Remarks

Dinner & Dance





CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Battalion Commander

Col Taujna M. Menke

Adjutant

1stLt Alexandria M. Mejias

Narrator

Cpl Jordan Conner-Garcia

Color Guard

Sgt Lourdes S. Silveira

LCpl Michael H. Tefft

Cpl Bradlee R. Fox

LCpl Luis A. Diaz

Sword Detail

Capt Devon M. Lides

2ndLt Andrew C. Dipietro

GySgt Anthony W. Pinegar

Sgt Bruce H. Woods

1stLt David M. Hill

CWO2 Ryan M. Aldrich

SSgt Dante C. Walker

Cpl Cristian A. Navario

Cake Escorts

Sgt Dakota A. Keevil

LCpl Jordan A. Rogina

Cpl Brandon M. Noel

LCpl Marye M. Saavedra

Oldest Marine

MGySgt Jason P. Johnson

Youngest Marine

LCpl Harry Fang

Music provided by Band

First Marine Division





GENERAL LEJEUNE'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name Marine. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our Corps is one, which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 167 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

John Lejeune
Lieutenant General
U.S. Marine Corps





10 November 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 248 years, Marines have earned a reputation as the most disciplined and lethal warfighters in the world. This legacy of honor, courage, and commitment passed on to us was paid for in sweat, blood, and sacrifice. From Belleau Wood to Inchon and Tarawa to Sangin, Marines have stepped forward to defend our Constitution when others either could not or would not. Our history is filled with heroes like Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, Private First Class Hector Cafferata Jr., Sergeant Major Dan Daly, and thousands of others who performed acts of bravery which went unseen in the heat of battle. We stand on the shoulders of these Marines, and we owe it to them to earn our title "Marine" each and every day.

Marines have given, and have been willing to give, their lives for Country and Corps in every fight our Nation has entered. Our actions turned back the tide of tyranny in Europe during the Great War, defeated fascism in Asia during World War II, fought for democracy in Korea and Vietnam, and offered the hope of self-determination in the Middle East. We go to war whenever our Nation calls, and in the interwar periods we train, we prepare, and we innovate. We have chosen a life of service and sacrifice — an honorable life that has meaning. We sacrifice so our fellow citizens don't have to, and we seek nothing in return but a chance to be first to fight. Most will never understand why we choose to attack when others do not, why we revel in being covered in mud, why we snap to attention when "The Marines' Hymn" is played, or why we say, "Ooh Rah." We understand it, and this message is for us, for the Marines.

As Marines, we live on a war footing because someone must. This means that we ruthlessly adhere to our standards of excellence — Marine standards — as we know this will best prepare us for the wars of the future. Our high standards are a prerequisite of professional warfighting, and how we keep our honor clean in the cauldron of combat. They prepare us for the most difficult mission there is: fighting from and returning to the sea. Most importantly they shape our unique Marine culture which is respected at home and across the globe.

Sergeant Major Ruiz and I are proud of all that you have done this past year to protect and enhance our reputation as America's best warriors. We hope you know that we will be with you every step of the way as we prepare for the fights ahead. We ask that every Marine - active, reserve, and veteran - honor the legacy of those who went before us by continuing to uphold our high standards.

Protect your fellow Marines and our shared legacy. Happy Birthday Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

**General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps**

LtCol Matthew L. Hubbard
Director
Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office West



Born in Tulsa, OK, on July 1, 1977, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew L. Hubbard has served as a Logistician in the Marine Corps for over two decades.

In 1996, he embarked on his military journey by joining the Marine Corps Reserve and subsequently graduating from the Basic Maintenance Management Course. By 2004, after pivotal roles with the 6th Motor Transport Battalion and deploying in support of OEF/OIF operations, LtCol Hubbard transitioned to the Active Reserve Program with MWSS 473 in Fresno, CA.

Juggling duties as the Maintenance Management Chief with academic pursuits, LtCol Hubbard earned a BS in Business Management from Fresno Pacific University in 2006. Dedicated to continued service in the Marine Corps, he climbed the ranks to Staff Sergeant before attending and successfully completing the Officers Candidate Course, where he earned his commission as Second Lieutenant in 2007.

LtCol Hubbard's commitment to service and academic excellence converged once again when he earned an M.B.A. from the Naval Postgraduate School, specializing in Material Logistics Support Management.

Throughout his career, LtCol Hubbard has served in several critical billets and on numerous deployments at units worldwide:

- Supply Officer for Combat Logistics Battalion 15, supporting HA/DR Operations in Pakistan and other global operations.
- Lead Project Officer for the implementation of the Defense Property Accountability System's Warehouse Module within the Marine Corps Consolidated Storage Program.
- Assistant Operations Officer at the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, supporting major exercises and operations.
- Executive and Operations Officer at Marine Corps Installation Camp Mujuk during critical infrastructural developments.
- Supply Management Unit Officer in Charge and Battalion's Operations Officer with 1st Supply Battalion. Key accomplishments at 1st Supply Battalion include receiving the ISO 9001:2015 certification and winning the 2020 Innovation Unit of the Year Award.
- Served as Logistics Operations Officer with the UN in the Central African Republic.

Lieutenant Colonel Hubbard is the recipient of several awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (Third Award), Meritorious Service Medal (Second Award), and Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in August 2023, he is currently serving as the Director of the Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office West. On the home front, Hubbard is blessed with a loving family—his wife, Vianney Luna, and their three children, Diego, Dorian, and Miranda. They currently reside in San Marcos, CA.





MARINES' HYMN

*From the halls of Montezuma,
to the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
in the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
and to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.*

*Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
from the dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern lands
and in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.*

*Here's health to you and to our Corps
which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life and
have never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded by
United States Marines.*

