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MARINE CORPS  
BIRTHDAY BALL

1st Landing Support Battalion

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2 November 2022

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# Sequence of Events

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Cocktails & Photographs

Invocation

Marine Corps Birthday Video

Adjutants Call

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of Colors

Cake Cutting

General Lejeune's Birthday Message

Commandant's Birthday Message

Commanding Officer's Remarks

Guest of Honor Remarks

Dinner & Dance



# Ball Participants

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## Color Guard

Sgt Tadarrius Poe  
Cpl Gabriel Hall

Cpl Edgar Puchales  
LCpl Michael Mendez

## Cake Escorts

2ndLt Julia Cook  
SSgt Francisco Guerra

CWO2 Joseph Durand  
LCpl Mathew Thomas

## Official Party

Maj Holly Berger  
1stLt Mattie Kincannon  
GySgt Marvin Lawson  
Sgt Quiendarius Salters

Capt Patrick Dosono  
2ndLt Samuel Shroust  
SSgt Karley Rickstad  
Cpl Presten Boydston

Guest of Honor.....BGen David Reist, USMC (Ret.)

Adjutant.....1stLt Nathan Knueven

Oldest Marine.....CWO4 Keith Earhart

Youngest Marine.....LCpl Elan Baissoune





# LtCol Autumn D. Swinford



Lieutenant Colonel Autumn D. Swinford is from Fredericktown, Missouri, and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program at Northwestern University in June 2004. She then attended The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, and Logistics Officers Course at Camp Johnson, North Carolina. In August 2005, Second Lieutenant Swinford was assigned as a Motor Transport Platoon Commander with Combat Logistics Battalion 1. From February to September 2006, she deployed with Combat Logistics Battalion 5 to Camp Fallujah, Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07. In October 2006, First

Lieutenant Swinford joined Combat Logistics Battalion 13, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (13th MEU) as the Assistant Operations Officer. During WESTPAC 07-01, 13th MEU deployed ashore to Al Anbar Province, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. In February 2008, she executed orders to the Command Element, 13th MEU as the Assistant Logistics Officer and deployed for WESTPAC 09-01. From July 2009 to July 2012, Captain Swinford was the Marine Officer Instructor at University of Missouri NROTC. From July 2012 to May 2013, she attended Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia. After graduation, Captain Swinford reported to Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and assumed command of Motor Transport Company. In September 2013, Captain Swinford joined Third Battalion, Eighth Marines to deploy with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Africa as the Uganda Security Cooperation Officer-in-Charge. In August 2014, Major Swinford joined Marine Aircraft Group 14 as the Group Logistics Officer. In July 2016, she reported to U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa and was assigned as the G-4 European Operations and Plans Officer. From July 2017 to July 2019, she performed the duties of Staff Secretary. From July 2019 to June 2020, Major Swinford attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia. From June 2020 to May 2022, Lieutenant Colonel Swinford was the Speechwriter to the 35th and 36th Assistant Commandants of the Marine Corps. She assumed command of 1st Landing Support Battalion on 22 June 2022. Lieutenant Colonel Swinford has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in American Culture Studies and American History from Northwestern University, a Master of Public Affairs degree from University of Missouri, and a Master of Military Studies degree from Marine Corps University. She is a Distinguished Graduate of Expeditionary Warfare School and Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and has completed the Air War College Distance Education Program.





## Guest of Honor

# BGen David G. Reist, USMC (Ret.)

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A native of Buffalo, NY, BGen Reist graduated from the State University of New York at Geneseo with a degree in Biology. Following graduation he served for over 31 years to include Commanding Officer, 1st LSB 1997-1998. Across his career he proudly wore the “red patch” for 12 years. He has participated in both amphibious and prepositioning exercises

and real-world operations in the Pacific, Atlantic, Caribbean, Mediterranean and Middle East. As a red-patcher, BGen Reist has experience in helicopter support team, beach, rail, AACG/DACG and port operations. He served three combat tours in Iraq and has served in various billets supporting Marine Corps and Joint operations. BGen Reist holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps War College. He retired while serving as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Logistics Plans, Policies and Operations at Headquarters, US Marine Corps. Following retirement, BGen Reist spent five years at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, an independent not-for-profit public policy research institute that informs public policy. He currently serves as a Program Manager for Knowledge Management Inc. supporting HQMC efforts to apply data/data analytics to ground equipment requirements. He and his wife Kathy, married 43 years, reside in Alexandria VA.



## A Birthday Message From Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune



On 1 November 1921, John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the honorable service of the Corps be published by every command, to all Marines throughout the globe, on the birthday of the Corps. Since that day, Marines have continued to distinguish themselves on many battlefields and foreign shores, in war and peace. On this birthday of the Corps, therefore, in compliance with the will of the 13th Commandant, Article 38, United States Marine Corps Manual, Edition of 1921, is republished as follows :

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 organization in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the nations 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 the 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 nations 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.





# Marine Corps Hymn

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*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 dawn to setting sun.  
We've 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 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*

