

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY BALL

247
YEARS



Combat Logistics Regiment 17
Planet Hollywood Las Vegas, NV
4 NOVEMBER 2022



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Cocktails & Photographs

Invocation

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





CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Adjutant

1stLt. Griffen B. Hedrick

Narrator

SSgt Becky A. Guerrero

Color Guard

*Sgt Blanari
LCpl Erinfolomi*

*Sgt Ramos
LCpl Morrell*

Sword Detail

*Capt Rasche
1stLt Allen
GySgt Gomez
SSgt Aguilar
Sgt Arteaga
Cpl Varner*

*Capt Cechner
1stLt Boltz
GySgt Talamoni
SSgt Watson
Sgt Jacobs
Cpl Guzman*

Cake Escorts

*Sgt JordanGonzalez
LCpl Shirley*

*Cpl Once
LCpl Paulino*

Oldest Marine

MGySgt Domingo Villanueva Jr.

Youngest Marines

LCpl Ronaldo N. Mendez

Music provided by Band





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





COMMANDANT'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

70 years ago, Army Major General Frank E. Lowe was quoted as saying “The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight.” That testimonial rings as true now as it did then, and will remain so tomorrow. As we celebrate the 247th anniversary of our Corps’ founding, we reflect on nearly two and a half centuries of exceptional prowess, while also taking objective stock of where we are today and how we will prepare for future battlefields. Our birthday provides us a chance to focus on the one thing common to our success in the past, present, and future: the individual Marine. Victories are not won because of technology or equipment, but because of our Marines.

Since 1775, Marines have fought courageously and tenaciously in every conflict our country has faced. Through the Revolution, the Spanish-American War, World Wars in Europe and the Pacific, conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, and the operations in the Middle East, Marines consistently earned a reputation as the world’s elite fight force. We inherit and take pride in this reputation, evolved over time by Marines acquitting themselves with honor and distinction on every battlefield in every clime and place. Battlefields change, and Marines have always adapted to the environment and the changing character of war – but the reason we fight and win is immutable. It’s the individual warfighters, and their love for each other, that makes our Corps as formidable a force today as it has been for the past 247 years. It’s our ethos and our unapologetic resolve to be the most capable and lethal fighting force that sets us apart from the rest.

Current events around the world remind us that peace is not guaranteed. While we are justifiably proud of our past and pay tribute to the remarkable warfighters who came before us, we understand that the stories of yesterday cannot secure our freedom tomorrow. We must be ready to respond when our Nation calls. It falls on Marines who are in uniform today to write the next chapter of our Corps, the solemn responsibility of maintaining our illustrious warfighting legacy rests upon your shoulders. I know that you are up to that task. The battlefields of tomorrow are uncertain. The future characteristics of warfare are uncertain. But one thing is certain – wherever Marines are called, they will fight and win – today, tomorrow, and into the future.

Happy 247th Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

David H. Berger
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps



Brigadier General
Phillip N. Frieze
Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics
Group

Brigadier General Phillip N. Frieze is currently serving as the Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group.

The General hails from Las Cruces, New Mexico and is a graduate of New Mexico State University. He was commissioned through the Officer Candidate Course Program in August 1991 and attended The Basic School, the Marine Corps Engineer Officer's Course, the U.S.

Army Engineer Officer's Advanced Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Joint Forces Staff College, Defense War College, and is a Regional Area Officer for South America.

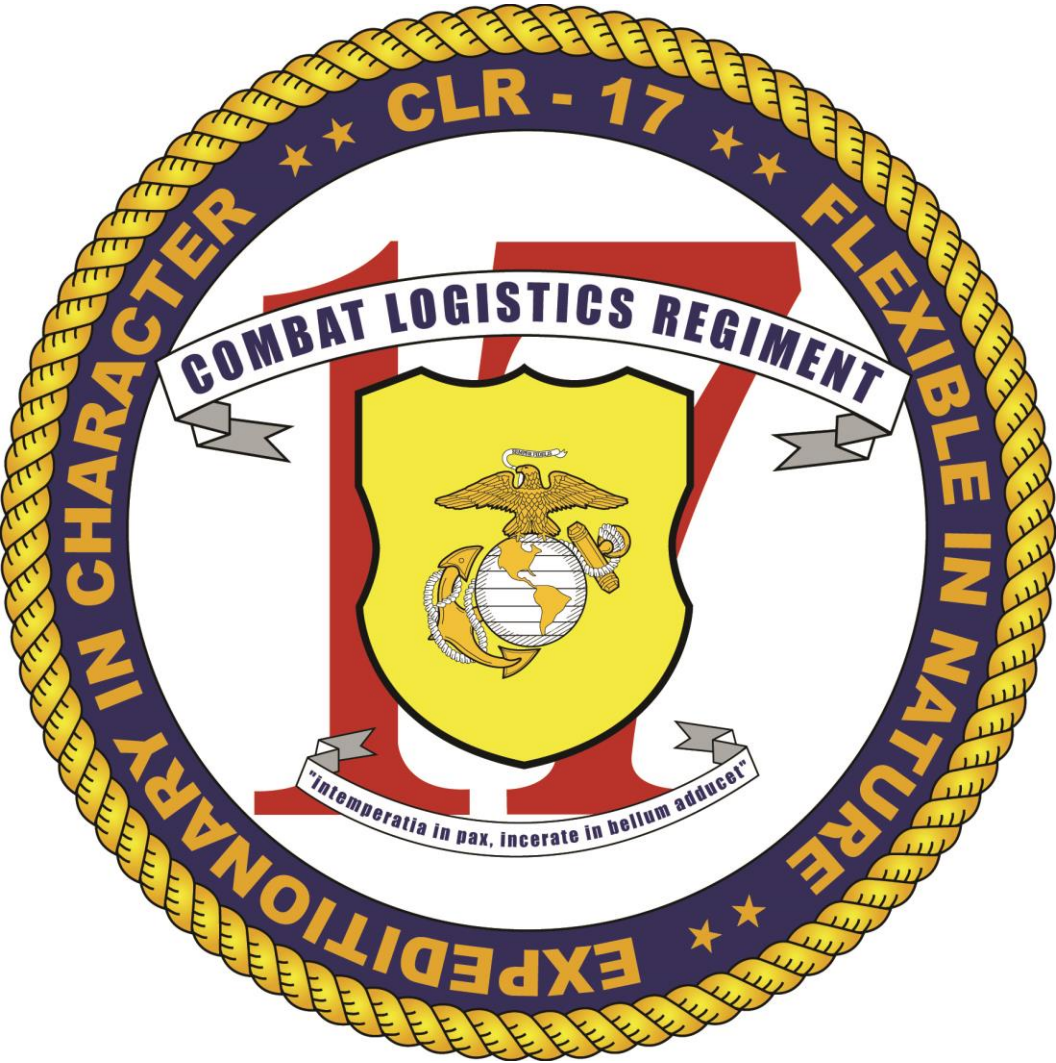
His service spans all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, with command and staff assignments at all levels.

Command time with the Fleet Marine Forces include:

Construction Platoon Commander, Marine Wing Support Squadron-374, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Marine Wing Support Group-37, 3d Marine Air Wing; Inspector-Instructor, C Company, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division; Commanding Officer, Engineer Support Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group; Commanding Officer, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Regiment, 1st Marine Logistics Group; and Commander, U.S. Marine Forces South.

Staff assignments include serving as the Assistant Operations and Plans Officer, Marine Wing Support Group-37, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; Facilities Engineers, Marine Corps Base Okinawa, Japan; Executive Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion-22, 2d Marine Logistics Group; G3 Operations Officer, 2d Marine Logistics Group; G4 Engineer Officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Executive Officer, Combat Logistic Regiment-15, 1st Marine Logistics Group; Branch Head for Engineering and Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Deputy Commandant Installation and Logistics; G3 Operations Officer, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and Deputy Director, Capabilities Development Directorate, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration.

Joint assignments include Engineer Plans Officer, Joint Task Force – North, Northern Command and Civil Military Operations Officer, Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.





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.*

