

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
BIRTHDAY BALL



*Celebrating 247 Years*

1ST SUPPLY BATTALION  
PECHANGA CASINO RESORT  
3 NOVEMBER 2022



# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

*Cocktails & Photographs*

*Invocation*

*Taps*

*Commandant's Birthday Message*

*Adjutant's Call*

*Arrival of Official Party*

*Presentation of Colors*

*Cake Cutting*

*General Lejeune's Birthday Message*

*Retirement of Colors*

*Commanding Officer's Remarks*

*Guest of Honor Remarks*

*Dinner & Dance*





# CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

## *Adjutant*

*First Lieutenant Alexandra M. Mejias*

## *Narrator*

*First Sergeant Kelly H. Garmer*

## *Color Guard*

*Sergeant Gabriel Carrion  
Corporal Noe I. Moreno*

*Corporal Bradlee R. Fox  
Lance Corporal Bobbie L.  
Loudermilk*

## *Sword Detail*

*Major Owen T. Trotman  
Captain Laban O.  
Townes  
First Lieutenant Robert  
L. Howard III  
Chief Warrant Officer 3  
Juan C. Chinique*

*Master Sergeant Rubin  
W. Lecount Jr.  
Gunnery Sergeant Erick  
S. Crozier  
Staff Sergeant Martha  
P. McKinney  
Sergeant Haley Suarez*

## *Cake Escorts*

*Second Lieutenant Kelly  
Harris  
Sergeant Isaiah R. Medina*

*Corporal Yushua Usmanu  
Lance Corporal Jacob  
Baiza*

## *Oldest Marine*

*Sergeant Major Julio R. Gonzalez*

## *Youngest Marines*

*Private First Class Bryan R. Luckey*

*Music provided by 1st Marine Division 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





COLONEL  
TAUNJA M. MENKE  
COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST SUPPLY  
BATTALION



Taunja Menke, a native of McMinnville, Oregon, graduated from Oregon State University and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in June 1999. She reported to The Basic School in July 1999. Upon completing The Basic School, Col Menke reported to 2d Supply Battalion and attended the Ground Supply Officers Course at Camp Johnson. During her 2d Supply Battalion tour she served in Rations, Initial Issue Provisioning, Deployment Support Unit, and Customer Service/Procurement, deploying twice as an individual augment with the 22nd MEU and again with 2d Supply Battalion in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Upon her return from OIF in 2003, Col Menke transferred to Headquarters & Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune where she served a year each as the Battalion Supply Officer and the Alpha Company Commander.

From 2005 to 2008, Col Menke served as the Officer Selection Officer, Recruiting Station Portland, Oregon and from there she attended Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) in Quantico, Virginia during academic year 2008-2009. After EWS, Col Menke reported to MACG-28 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point where she served from 2009-2012. During her tenure she deployed to Iraq in support of OIF as the MACG-28 (Forward) S-4. While in garrison she served as the Group Supply Officer and PSD Company Commander. In 2012, Col Menke attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia graduating with a Masters in Military Studies. Upon graduation, she served at the Pentagon for two years as a Project Officer in the Special Projects Directorate, Headquarters Marine Corps until July 2015.

After completing that assignment, Col Menke served as the Executive Officer at 2d Supply Battalion from July 2015 through July 2016. Having been selected for promotion, she was transferred to 2d MAW for service as the Deputy G-4. From June 2017 to June 2019, Col Menke served as the Commanding Officer for Ground Supply School, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Camp Johnson. Following command, she attended The National War College from July 2019 to June 2020 and was awarded a Masters of Science Degree in National Security Strategy. From school, she went on to serve on the Joint Staff, the first year as an action officer in the J8. Her second year, as the Chief of Staff for the Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment. She took command of 1st Supply Battalion in June 2022.



*GUEST OF HONOR  
SERGEANT MAJOR  
STENNETT W. REY  
SERGEANT MAJOR, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS  
GROUP*



Sergeant Major Rey enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1994 and reported for recruit training at MCRD Paris Island in October of 1994. After recruit training he received orders to aviation electrician school in Millington Tennessee. Upon completion of "A" school, he received orders to Ft. Huachuca Arizona, for training as an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technician. Upon graduation he received orders to VMU-2 MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina. Sergeant Rey served at VMU-2 from July 1996- December 1999. During this time he deployed twice to Bosnia ISO Operation Joint Endeavor and Operation Joint Guard. He served in numerous billets to include, Night Crew Supervisor, Collateral Duty Inspector, and Avionics Chief. In December of 1999 Sergeant Rey transferred to the Active Reserve program and received orders to I-I MAG-46 DET A, HMLA-775 for duty and retraining as an Avionics Tech on UH-1N/AH-1W aircraft. He served in numerous billets to include, Avionics Tech, Avionics NCOIC, and Maintenance Controller. In January of 2003 Staff Sergeant Rey volunteered for recruiting duty. He attended Recruiters school and upon graduation was assigned to RS San Diego, PSRO 12, 12<sup>th</sup> MCD. His billets on recruiting included Canvassing Recruiter, Site SNCOIC.

In January of 2006, Gunnery Sergeant Rey received orders to HMLA-775 for duty as an Avionics Tech. Upon arrival he was assigned as the Maintenance Control SNCOIC. May of 2006, Gunnery Sergeant Rey received orders to HMLA-367, and served as the Maintenance/Material Control Division Chief. He deployed with the squadron ISO OIF from October 2006-April 2007. December of 2007 Gunnery Sergeant Rey was selected to First Sergeant. June of 2008 Gunnery Sergeant Rey was frocked to First Sergeant and received orders to 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 3DMARDIV, Okinawa Japan. During his assignment, he served as the Headquarters Company First Sergeant, acting Camp Sergeant Major Camp Schwab, and RBE SgtMaj. He deployed as the Senior Enlisted Advisor of an Embedded Training Team advising an Afghan Infantry battalion ISO OEF attached to TF 1/3- RCT 7, and TF 3/3- RCT 1 from March 2010-December 2010. In February 2011, First Sergeant Rey reported for duty at 7<sup>th</sup> ESB, 1st MLG. His billets while assigned were 7<sup>th</sup> ESB (RBE) SgtMaj, and Engineer Support Company First Sergeant. In June 2012, First Sergeant Rey received PCA orders to 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, 1st MLG. His billets while assigned were H&S Company 1stSgt and Battalion SgtMaj. In February 2014 Sergeant Major Rey reported for duty as the SgtMaj of 5<sup>th</sup> ANGLICO, III MHG. In December 2016 Sergeant Major Rey reported for duty as the SgtMaj of 7<sup>th</sup> ESB. In February 2018 Sergeant Major reported for duty as the SgtMaj of CLR-15. In April 2020 SgtMaj Rey reported for duty as the 1<sup>st</sup> MLG Sergeant Major.

# 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.*



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