

*United States Marine Corps*

# *Birthday Ball*



*Celebrating 249 Years*



# 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*

*First Lieutenant Katherine O. Farrell*

### *Narrator*

*Sergeant Andres M. Espinal*

### *Color Guard*

*Sergeant Adolfo J. Nieves      Corporal Sage D. Mann*  
*Corporal Tony Reyesrincon   Lance Corporal Mark A. Babak*

### *Sword Detail*

*Major Jason M. Rees      Captain Eric B. Hanaman*  
*CWO2 Jeffery F. Tracy    Master Sergeant Kyle M. Hope*  
*GySgt Travis S. Ortega    Staff Sergeant Dakota H. Cox*  
*Sergeant Connor T. Merriott   Corporal Luke R. Petroccione*

### *Cake Escorts*

*Sergeant Michael J. Defries II      Sergeant Ezekiel J. Shaefer*  
*Sergeant Julio C. Carattini      Sergeant Jacob L. Banuelos*

### *Oldest Marine*

*First Lieutenant Albert Acri (Retired)*

### *Youngest Marine*

*Private First Class Ismmael J. Olivarrosas*

*Music provided by the 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





**10 November 2024**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS**

For 249 years, Marines have served as our Nation's sentinels of freedom. As we celebrate our Corps' birthday this year, I encourage all Marines to reflect on our legacy forged in blood on battlefields since 1775, and to rededicate ourselves to carrying that legacy untarnished into the future. Collectively, we who wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor have an obligation to uphold the ideals of self-discipline, warfighting proficiency, professionalism, and personal conduct that define what it means to be a Marine. I know you are all up to the task.

Twenty years ago this month, Marines fought and won the Second Battle of Fallujah, a brutal, grinding house to house fight, whose victory ultimately paved the way for the stabilization of the Republic of Iraq. Often in Iraq there were no true front lines, and by necessity, Fallujah was a battle in which every Marine fought, demonstrating once again our cornerstone philosophy that Every Marine is a Rifleman.

Our history bears witness to Marines of all stripes picking up their rifles and fighting for Corps and Country when the call came. From Wake Island to the Chosin Reservoir to Khe Sanh to Camp Bastion, every Marine fought. Our future battles will be no different. Our rear areas will be as vulnerable as our front lines and every Marine from our infantry battalions to our aviation squadrons to our headquarters and support elements will have to stand-to when called.

Preparing for the threats of the future requires the same exceptional standards and ironclad discipline that are the hallmarks of our Corps. Twenty years ago in Fallujah, our predecessors staunchly adhered to these virtues, earned our Nation's trust, and ensured the U.S. Marine Corps would remain the most feared fighting force in the world. It is our sworn duty to uphold those standards and stay true to our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Though technology and equipment change, the Marine Corps' culture of excellence must not. The road ahead is far from certain, but our ethos will never change — Every Marine a Rifleman and Everyone Fights.

As I've said before, it is the honor of my lifetime to be a Marine and serve as your Commandant. I'm proud to stand alongside each of you, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for our Corps. When I travel to visit Marines here at home and deployed around the globe, I find absolute confidence that this generation of Marines has what it takes to uphold our Corps' legacy and prevail in any conflict we face. Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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



**BRIGADIER GENERAL  
TAMARA L. CAMPBELL**  
Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command



Brigadier General Campbell is a native of Boston, MA. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography.

She attended The Basic School, Quantico, VA in June 1997 and upon completion proceeded to Marine Corps Communications and Electronics School, 29 Palms, CA for MOS training as an Air Defense Control Officer. Upon completion, 2ndLt Campbell was assigned to MACS-1, Camp Pendleton, CA earning her qualifications as an Air Intercept Controller. In 2001, Captain Campbell was selected to attend Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) where she earned a dual Master of Science degree in Program Management and Financial Management.

Upon graduation from NPS, Captain Campbell was assigned to Marine Corps Systems Command. From April 2003 to July 2006, she served in several key billets to include: Project Officer and Assistant Business Manager with the ACAT II Common Aviation Command and Control System (CAC2S) Program and an ACAT III Joint Program - Joint Interface Control Officers (JICO) Support System (JSS).

In July 2006, Captain Campbell was assigned as an Integrated Air and Missile Defense Capabilities Officer within the Combat Development Directorate, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

In September 2007, she was assigned as the Command and Control Plans Officer within the G-3, Force Fires Section at III MEF, Okinawa, Japan. In March 2008, Major Campbell was selected for lateral re-designation as an Acquisition Professional. In September 2009, she transferred to MTACS-18 to serve as the S-6, Maintenance Officer and Senior Air Coordinator within the Tactical Air Command Center.

From August 2010 to July 2013, she served as the Deputy Program Manager for Air Traffic Control (ATC) Systems at PMA213, NAVAIR, where she was responsible for the Acquisition and Life Cycle Support of various Navy and Marine Corps ATC Systems.

In July 2013, she returned to Marine Corps Systems Command and served within PM-MAGTF Command, Control and Communications as the Product Manager for Integration, Interoperability and Situational Awareness, a Command Equivalent tour. LtCol Campbell was then selected for Top Level School and attended The Eisenhower School at National Defense University. In 2017, she earned a Master of Science degree in National Security and Resource Strategy with a concentration in Strategic Acquisition.

From July 2017 to July 2018, she served as the Chief of Staff for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management. She returned to NAVAIR in July 2018 and served as the Strategic IPT Lead for PMA-272, Advanced Tactical Aircraft Protection Systems.

On 19 Aug 2020, Colonel Campbell assumed command as Program Manager of PMA-272. On 3 June she was promoted to Brigadier General.

BGen Campbell's personal decorations include Meritorious Service Medal x3, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal x3 and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal x2.

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