

239<sup>TH</sup>  
H&HS, MCAS  
BIRTHDAY BALL



MARRIOTT RESORT AND SPA  
HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014



# *Ceremony Participants*



## *Honor Escorts*

*Captain Givan*  
*Warrant Officer Sitz*  
*Gunnery Sergeant Ray*  
*Sergeant Pena*  
*Lance Corporal Lane*

*Chief Warrant Officer Hatcher*  
*Master Sergeant Chrjapin*  
*Staff Sergeant Groen*  
*Corporal Nzinga*  
*Private First Class Gonzales*

## *Narrator*

*Staff Sergeant Wolfe*

## *Chaplain*

*Commander Holiman*

## *Adjutant*

*Captain Murdock*

## *Cake Escorts*

*Staff Sergeant Hopkins*  
*Corporal DeAlba*

*Sergeant Garay*  
*Lance Corporal Hernandez*

## *Color Guard*

*Color Sergeant – Sergeant Lauck*  
*Organizational Colors – Corporal Lewis*  
*Rifleman – Lance Corporal Jackson*  
*Rifleman – Lance Corporal Abedin*

*Oldest Marine – First Lieutenant Rich Hoag (ret)*  
*Youngest Marine – Private First Class Woodring*





# *Schedule of Events*



<i>Cocktails &amp; Photos</i>	<i>1700-1800</i>
<i>Movement to Ball Room</i>	<i>1730-1800</i>
<i>Ceremony</i>	<i>1800-1900</i>
<i>Dinner Served</i>	<i>1900-2030</i>
<i>Dancing &amp; Photos</i>	<i>2030-0001</i>

*Welcome*

*Commandant's Birthday Message*

*Invocation*

*March on Honor Guard*

*Guest of Honor*

*March on Colors*

*National Anthem*

*Birthday Cake*

*Major General Lejeune's Message*

*Oldest and Youngest Marine*

*Commanding Officer*

*Guest of Honor*

*Retire Colors*

*March Off Honor Guard*

*Marines Hymn*





# Marine Tradition



## Globe and Anchor

*The Marine Emblem as known today dates from 1868. Brigadier General Jacob Zeilin, 7th Commandant, who felt a distinctive emblem was needed, contributed it to the Corps. His choice fell on a device borrowed from the British Marines: the globe. King George IV had conferred the globe on the Royal Marines in 1827. "Because it was impossible to recite all the achievements of Marines on the Corps' Color," said the King, "the Great Globe itself" was to be their emblem, for Marines had won honor everywhere. General Zeilin's U.S. Marine globe displayed the Western hemisphere since the "Royals" had the Eastern hemisphere on theirs. The eagle and the fouled anchor were added, to leave no doubt that the Corps was both American and maritime.*

## Marine Corps Seal

*The official seal of the Corps, designed by General Shepherd, 20th Commandant, consists of the Marine Emblem in bronze, the eagle holding in his beak a scroll inscribed "Semper Fidelis," against a scarlet and blue background, encircled by the word "Department of the Navy \* United States Marine Corps."*

## Marine Corps Colors

*The colors of the Corps are scarlet and gold. Although associated with the U.S. Marines for many years, these colors were not officially recognized until General Lejeune became the 13th Commandant. In addition to scarlet and gold, forest green enjoys at least semi-official standing as a Marine Color. Forest green comes from the same source as the light infantry bugle, which was once part of the Corps Badge. The costume of the 18th century huntsmen was forest green. The riflemen recruited from that calling wore green uniforms – a green, which survives today in Marine uniforms.*

## The Marine Corps Motto

*"Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful) is the motto of the Corps. That Marines have lived up to this motto is proven by the fact there has never been a mutiny, or even the thought of one, among the U.S. Marines. "Semper Fidelis" was adopted about 1883. Before that, there had been three mottoes, all traditional rather than official. The first, antedating the War of 1812, was "Fortitudine" (With Fortitude). The second, "By Sea and Land" was a translation of the Royal Marines, "Per Mare, Per terram." Until 1848, the third was "To the Shores of Tripoli," in commemoration of Lieutenant O'Bannon's capture of Derma in 1805. In 1848, after the return to Washington of the Marine battalion that took part in the capture of Mexico City, this motto was revised to: "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli."*

*Guest of Honor*  
**Colonel Peter D. Buck**  
*Commanding Officer MCAS Beaufort*



*Colonel Buck was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Concordia University, Chicago, Illinois, in 1987, was commissioned through the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) in May of 1987, and designated a Naval Aviator in July 1989.*

*He completed CH-46E training at Marine Corps Air Station, Tustin, California, in 1989 and reported to the "Ridgerunners" of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-163 where he served as the Ground Safety Officer and Flight Line Officer. During this period, he completed two WestPac deployments with 11th and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU) including operations in the Arabian Gulf, Philippines, and Somalia.*

*In August of 1994, he reported to Quantico, Virginia where he attended the Amphibious Warfare School. Following school, he was assigned to The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, where he served as Land Navigation Instructor, Staff Platoon Commander Co. B 2-96, Executive Officer Co. F 6-96, The Basic School Assistant Operations Officer, and Commanding Officer Co. B 2-98.*

*Following refresher training in the CH-46E, he returned to the Fleet Marine Force in October of 1998 and served as Commanding Officer, Personnel Support Detachment 36, MAG 36, Okinawa, Japan. In December of 1999, he joined the "Dragons" of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265 where he served as the S-1 Officer and Aircraft Maintenance Officer. During this period, the squadron served as the Aviation Combat Element (ACE) to the 31st MEU and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) East Timor.*

*Following selection to Intermediate Level School, he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, where he completed requirements for a Masters in Military Studies. In June of 2002, he reported to the Pentagon, where he served as Aide de Camp to the Chief of Naval Operations until August of 2004. Upon notification of his selection for command, he reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and served as Commanding Officer Marine Transport Squadron One (VMR-1) from January 2005 to February 2007. Following command, he attended the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, where he completed requirements for a Masters in Strategic Studies.*

*Following graduation from Top Level School, he reported to United States Northern Command, where he served as Executive Officer for the Joint Training and Exercise Directorate and Deputy Executive Officer to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command. Following his Joint assignment, he reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force, G-3 as Force Effects Coordinator for II MEF(FWD) /Regional Command Southwest in Helmand Province, Afghanistan and II MEF Current Operations Officer. In January 2013, he assumed duties as Chief of Staff, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.*

*His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Three Gold Stars), Air Medal (Numeral "1"), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.*

*Colonel Buck and his wife Pamela have two sons, James and Jonathan, and a daughter Annika.*



## **Lieutenant Colonel Brian W. Foster**

*Commanding Officer H&HS*

*Lieutenant Colonel Brian W. Foster is originally from Columbia, Missouri. He attended Rock Bridge Senior High School where he played varsity football and baseball. Upon graduation he enrolled at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.*

*Upon arrival at the University of Michigan in August of 1989 he reported to the varsity football program where he played for the legendary Glenn "Bo" Schembechler and college ball of fame coach Lloyd Carr. While receiving his degree in Economics, he played football all four years, was part of four Big Ten championship teams that played in three Rose Bowls and a Gator Bowl. He graduated in December 1993 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.*

*2nd Lieutenant Foster was assigned to Charlie Company, The Basic School in March 1995. He completed the Basic School in September of that year and subsequently reported to NAS Pensacola, FL for flight training. After completion of Aviation Preflight Indoctrination training 2nd Lieutenant Foster reported to NAS Corpus Christi, TX for Primary Flight Training at VT-27 in May 1996. 1st Lieutenant Foster completed Primary Flight Instruction in September 1996 where he graduated on the Commodore's List. 1st Lieutenant Foster selected jet training in order to pursue his desire to be an F/A-18 pilot and subsequently reported to NAS Kingsville, TX as part of the first Total System (TS) system class for VT-21. While at VT-21 1st Lieutenant Foster was promoted to Captain. He was winged a Naval Aviator in October 1998, again selected on the commodore's List, and was subsequently selected for training as an F/A-18 pilot.*

*Captain Foster reported to VMFAT-101 as MCAS Miramar and completed training in May 2000. During his tenure as a "Shooter" Captain Foster attended EWRGPAC and became a qualified Forward Air Controller. He reported to VMFA-232 in May 2000. During his initial tour as a "Red Devil" Captain Foster served as the Schedules Officer, Flight Officer, NATOPS Instructor Pilot, Air Combat Tactics Instructor (ACTI), and earned his division lead. He deployed to the Western Pacific in 2000 in support of the United Deployment Program in September 2001 and subsequently participated in the Noble Eagle mission in support of the 13th Air Force.*

*In January 2003, Captain Foster reported to 2nd Battalion 5th Marines as a Forward Air Controller. In February 2003, Captain Foster deployed with 2/5 in support of OIF-1. Captain Foster served as a FAC during the initial invasion of Iraq and served as the Battalion Operations Officer during sustainment operations in Samawah, Iraq. Upon redeployment Captain Foster returned to VMFA-232 in December 2003.*

*During his second tour with the "Red Devils", Captain Foster was selected to attend Naval Strike Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), was qualified as a Post Maintenance Check Flight Pilot, and Division Lead. Now Major Foster served again as the AAMO, followed by serving as the Pilot Training Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Director of Safety and Standardization. During this time VMFA-232 made its first carrier deployment in over 30 years aboard the USS Nimitz. Major Foster was selected by the Personnel Exchange Program to serve as the USMC representative to the Royal Canadian Air Force and he executed these orders in September 2005. Major Foster served with the Canadian Air Force in Tactical Fighter Squadron (TSF) 416 and 409. During his time with the Canadian Air Force, Major Foster served as the Air to Ground Officer. He was subsequently assigned as the Combat Readiness Training (CRT) Flight Officer where he was in charge of each newly assigned F/A-18 pilot's initial combat qualifications. His*

*last assignment in the Canadian Air Force was the Operations Officer of TFS-409 where he was charged with the execution of a 36 jet flight schedule, the management of 28 pilots, and a 24/7 North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) mission. He earned every F/A-18 qualification that the Canadian Air Force issues including re-qualifying for previously held qualifications in the USMC and he also earned his Mission Commander and Mass Attack Lead (8 ship tactical execution) qualifications.*

*In September 2008, Major Foster reported to I MEF where he served as the Operations Officer for Current Operations. He also served as the Wildbans Firefighting Officer, the I MEF Air Officer, and the Personnel Recovery Officer for I MEF. During the next two years Major Foster ran the Command Operations Center at Camp Pendleton, worked on numerous Pacific Command and Central Command operational plans, and deployed to Bahrain in support I MED/MARCENT initiatives.*

*Major Foster was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 11 in June 2010 and served as the MAG-11 Weapons Tactics Instructor (WTI) prior to deploying on an Internal Augment (IA) assignment as the Team Lead for the 707th Regional Afghan Uniform Police Team in October 2010. Now LtCol Foster deployed to Regional Command Southwest and remained until June 2011. Upon his return to MAG-11 he served as the MAG-11 Operations Officer until his assignment to VMFA-314 as the Executive Officer.*

*Lieutenant Colonel Foster's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat V and 2 Gold Stars in lieu of third award, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.*





## *Major General John A. Lejeune 13th Commandant's 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 146 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 the war and in the long era 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 to 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 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.*





## *36<sup>th</sup> Commandant's Message for all Marines*

*Marines, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your Commandant. I'd like to begin my tenure by thanking General and Mrs. Amos for their four decades of extraordinary service and commitment. They transition to the next phase of their lives with the admiration, appreciation, and affection of all Marines and their families.*

***The Marine Corps is in great shape.** We are recruiting and retaining high quality Marines who are fit, tough, and smart. Our Marines are well led, well trained, and well equipped. The infrastructure at our posts and stations -- our barracks, family housing and training facilities -- has been significantly enhanced over the past decade.*

***We remain forward deployed and forward engaged** in the Pacific, South America, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Just in the last year, we have responded to crisis in the Philippines, South Sudan, Libya, and Iraq. In Afghanistan, we have remained engaged in combat operations. We have clearly demonstrated our flexibility, versatility, and adaptability. Marines are relevant and in high demand.*

***We have answered the call and we have delivered!** Throughout the last decade, Marines have enhanced their reputation as the Nation's premier force in readiness. Today's Marines, like their predecessors, can be very proud to claim the title United States Marine.*

***Despite these accomplishments, much work remains to be done.** As Marines, we maintain the highest standards and we constantly seek to improve. We will continue to attack by:*

- *Maintaining a first-rate, well-trained total force of Marines in a high state of readiness.*
- *Prioritizing the support of those Marines in harm's way.*
- *Developing and fielding MAGTF capabilities that will ensure that the Marine Corps remains an innovative, relevant, naval, expeditionary force-in-readiness.*
- *Building upon our success in leader development, professional military education, wounded warrior care, and family readiness.*

***Our Corps is informed by your input.** I will continue to engage with Marines of all grades to solicit feedback. Your ideas will help us improve our warfighting and crisis response capabilities and provide the foundation for detailed Commandant's Planning Guidance in the New Year.*

*Know that I'm extraordinarily proud to stand in your ranks.*

*Thanks for who you are and what you do.*

***Continue to march...***

*JOSEPH F. DUNFORD, JR.  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps*



# *Dinner Menu Options*



*Warm Rolls and Butter*

*Mixed Field Green Salad*

*Chicken Piccata*

*or*

*Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Burgundy Demi*

*with*

*Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus*

*or*

*Vegetarian Option*

*Cheesecake or Chocolate Cake*

*Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Specialty Teas*



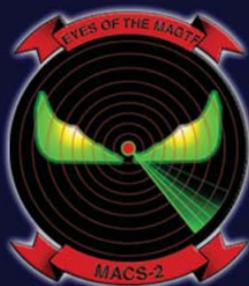


# *Marine Hymn*



*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.  
Ours flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From 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 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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