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A message from the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

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 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 war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home generation after generation of Marines have grown grey 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 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.”

To those of us that have worn this Warrior's Emblem it stands as the world's emblazoned symbol of our commitment to assault tyranny, our willingness to sacrifice, our resolve to honor our Corps and protect our nation.

*Semper Fidelis*



231st Birthday Celebration  
of The United States Marine Corps  
hosted by  
Marine Corps League

SOUTH COAST DETACHMENT 022

Join us at The El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano  
Friday November 10th, 2006. 1830 hours

## Marine Corps Birthday 10 November, 2006

### **SITUATION:**

The UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY will be celebrated at the “EL ADOBE RESTAURANT” 31891 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, California, 949-493-1163. The date will be Friday November 10th, 2006 at 1830 hours until completion of the 231st anniversary celebration. In compliance with the will of the 13th Commandant, Article 38., USMC Manual, Edition of 1921, wherever MARINES are located the will celebrate the birthday. There is no exception. We will honor our CORPS and MARINES lost in battle. It is also fitting that MARINES drink a toast to the honor of those that have gone before us, those who will follow and those who when called upon have yet to make the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms for which we stand and are willing to fall for.

### **MISSION:**

- ⊙ To Celebrate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for those not doing so.
- ⊙ To Report all violations of the order to have fun to appropriate persons.
- ⊙ To celebrate to the maximum of each attendees abilities. This will stress the limited capabilities of some guests but that can't be helped, therefore, you should be practicing well in advance of this momentous event.
- ⊙ To leave the celebration only when properly relieved. In the event of being improperly relieved from the festivity celebration, special N.J.P. legal latitude may subject the violator or violators found in breach to be hung by the neck until “DEAD”. (Just kidding)

### **EXECUTION:**

There will be a static colors display or a Color Guard, the cake cut and shared according to tradition, the COMMANDANTS MESSAGE on the big screen television, a battle experienced guest speaker. 30/60 second self introductions, your U.S.M.C. funniest story, and the recognition of the “oldest” and the “youngest” MARINE attendees. Each Marine must toast to the birth of our Corps and other appropriate toasts.

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

“Check in” includes formal greetings, sign-in, receipt of name tags and event payment. (Check or Cash ONLY). “No Credit Cards”. The event cost will be \$40 per person, which includes a sit down dinner and the program. There will be a No-Host bar. Those that will to get involved in this organization can sign up and help plan next year's celebration. Those that wish, may donate to the administration costs of this event in the designated box.

### **COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS:**

A limited number of battle experienced members of the sisters of services may attend the celebration of the birth of the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS with the MARINES of the San Juan Capistrano and NAVY CORPSMAN, SEABEES, SEALS, RIVERINE BOAT PERSONNEL AND C.A.S. PILOTS. We welcome your guest from the sister services. Those attendees must behave themselves and not consider themselves as members of the armed services, except for AIR FORCE PILOTS that can fly CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ARMY Helicopter Pilots and those personnel wearing the COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE.

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Registration and Cocktails .....	1830 HOURS
Ceremony .....	1930 HOURS
Dinner .....	2030 HOURS
Deploy to the Swallows .....	2130 HOURS

### Dress:

Business attire or your new or old dress blues  
(miniature Metals Optional, Dog Tags Mandatory)

### Guests:

1st BN. 11th Marines, former Marines, otherwise see  
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### Host Committee:

Duane Matthews Commandant

Colonel Jim Williams, U.S.M.C. “Ret” Co-Chairman

MSgt. Daniel J. Connelly, U.S.M.C. “Ret” Co-Chairman

Tom Hribar, Co-Chairman

Michael A. Vanni, Co-Chairman

Kelly Bruner

Katrina Faulkner

Mark Campaign

Gil Jones

Cloyce Kelly

Tom Vetter