NOVEMBER 13, 2026 MARRIOTT MARQUIS, SAN DIEGO



MCRD SAN DIEGO BIRTHDAY BALL

TWO 251 FIFTY FIRST



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1700 - 1815	Senior Leaders' Reception / Cocktail Hour
1815 - 1830	Bars Close / Transition to the Ballroom
1830 - 1900	Ceremony
1900 - 1910	CMC / SMMC Birthday Ball Video
1920 - 1940	Guest of Honor Speech
1945	Dinner / Bars re-open / SLR re-opens
2300	Conclusion of Marine Corps Ball



CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Commanding General
Brigadier General D. C. Hyman

Depot Sergeant Major
Sergeant Major K. Labaran

Narrator
Sergeant E. R. Marino

Chaplain
Captain A. Carlton

Adjutant
Captain E. R. Hallman

Conductor
Chief Warrant Officer 2 M. E. Harper

Guest of Honor
Lieutenant General W. M. Jurney (Ret.)

Color Guard
Sergeant J. B. Cardoso
Sergeant J. Perez
Sergeant A. F. Castaneda
Sergeant A. Henderson

Cake Escort
2nd Lieutenant C. Garcia
Staff Sergeant M. Smith
Warrant Officer J. Jagerson
Private S. Williams

Sword Detail
Colonel E. J. Culver
Lieutenant Colonel C. Lopez
Major M. Austria
Captain R. J. Medina
1st Lieutenant D. Riswadkar
Chief Warrant Officer 2 S. O. Mormon
Sergeant Major R. Hernandez
1st Sergeant M. K. Dobrinoff Jr.
Gunnery Sergeant H. Zheng
Staff Sergeant E. A. CandelariaCordova
Sergeant J. K. Johnson
Corporal A. Andrade

Oldest Marine
Sergeant R. R. Tidmore (Vet.)
Born March 19, 1922
From Cedar Rapids, IA
University of Iowa
Enlisted Jan. 4, 1944

Youngest Marine
Lance Corporal J. Dominguez
Born Sept. 13, 2007
From Cherokee, IA
Washington High School
Enlisted Sept. 8, 2025

GENERAL LEJEUNE'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE



Lieutenant General

John A. Lejeune

The 13th Commandant
of the Marine Corps

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 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 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

10 November 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 251 years, the United States Marine Corps has been our Nation's premier expeditionary force in readiness. Born from the sea and forged in the fires of conflict, Marines have fought, and won, in battles all over the world. From our first amphibious landing 250 years ago at Nassau to the volcanic sands of Iwo Jima, and from the bold invasion of Inchon to the mountains of Afghanistan, we have always marched forward with rifles in hand. The Marines who came before us paved our legacy in sweat and blood. They built a foundation of excellence and proved time and again that Marines remain ready to answer the call.

As we reflect on our proud and illustrious history and commemorate the founding of our Corps, we must take inspiration for the future. We are marching forward, as we always have, to fight and win our Nation's battles in every clime and place. We're preparing every day by innovating and evolving. Through our ingenuity, ruthless adherence to standards, and sheer grit, we continue to demonstrate the unmatched lethality of our expeditionary naval forces.

Today, the operational demand for Marines is high. At this very hour, 40,000 Marines are forward deployed and stationed around the world to secure liberty and to strike when our adversaries test our resolve. Just as always, Marines are ready to go wherever the Nation needs us, whenever it needs us.

Sergeant Major Ruiz and I could not be prouder of your dedication to upholding our legacy as America's Soldiers of the Sea. This is who we are, and we are up to the challenge. We are honored to stand beside you as we prepare for the fights ahead. Happy 251st Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,



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

MCRDSD & WRR COMMANDING GENERAL



Brigadier General

David C. Hyman

Commanding General

Marine Recruit Depot San Diego

Western Recruiting Region

Brigadier General Hyman enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1993 and was a personnel clerk assigned to Company I, 3d Battalion, 23d Marines, 4th Marine Division in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended Officer Candidates School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1997, upon graduating from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 1999, he graduated from The Basic School and was later designated a Military Police Officer.

Brigadier General Hyman's Fleet Marine Force assignments have been with II Marine Expeditionary Force. He was a company commander for 2d Military Police Battalion and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 04-06.2 while attached to a logistics combat element. Also, while assigned to this battalion, he served as the Officer in Charge, Remain Behind Element and as the Assistant Operations Officer for 5th Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment (REIN), which was redesignated as Task Force Military Police Battalion. From 2014-2016, he was the Commanding Officer of 2d Law Enforcement Battalion.

Brigadier General Hyman's supporting establishment assignments include tours at Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, and Camp Butler, where he served in multiple military police leadership billets from Platoon Commander to Provost Marshal. He also served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer, Company F, Marine Security Guard Battalion (State Department) in Pretoria, Republic ofSouth Africa. Additionally, he served as the Commanding Officer of Recruiting Station Baltimore; a Military Faculty Advisor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College; the Assistant Chief of Staff (G-3), Marine Corps Installations Pacific, the Chief of Staff, Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic /Marine Forces Command / Marine Forces Northern Command; the Commanding Officer of Officer Candidates School; and as the Branch Head, Manpower Management Officer Assignments, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, HQMC. His joint assignment was as an action officer assigned to the Joint Staff J-39, Special Projects and Innovation Division.

Brigadier General Hyman is a graduate of the Expeditionary Warfare School (Distance Education Program), the Military Police Captains Career Course, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Distance Education Program), the College of Naval Command and Staff, and the Marine Corps War College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a Master of Arts Degree (with Distinction) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps University. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

Brigadier General Hyman's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (sixth award), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (fifth award), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMAND TEAM

Since 1775, the United States Marine Corps has stood ready when our Nation needed Marines most. From the shores and battlefields that shaped our legacy to the contested environments of today, generations of Marines have answered the call with discipline, courage, and an unwavering commitment to one another.

Tonight, we gather to honor that legacy, but also to recognize the Marines, Sailors, civilians, families, and friends who carry it forward every day across Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region.

The title Marine has always represented something greater than an individual. It represents the trust our Nation places in those who are prepared to go first, endure hardship, and prevail when the mission demands it. That trust was earned by the Marines who came before us, and it is sustained by the Marines serving today.

Across Western Recruiting Region, recruiters earn the confidence of young Americans and their families, helping the next generation take the first step toward service in our Corps. Aboard the Depot, recruits arrive with ambition, potential, and a willingness to be tested. Through the professionalism and commitment of our drill instructors and staff, comprised of Marines, Sailors, and civilian teammates; they are transformed into United States Marines.

This is demanding work. It requires high standards, disciplined preparation, innovation, and the determination to improve every day. It requires us to honor the traditions that define us while remaining ready to adapt to the challenges ahead.

The future will ask much of our Marine Corps. Our Nation continues to rely on Marines who are ready, capable, and willing to fight and win wherever they are needed. Meeting that responsibility begins here, with the Marines we make, the future Marines we recruit, and the teams who enable both missions.

To the families joining us tonight: thank you. Your support, resilience, and sacrifice strengthen this command in ways that cannot be measured. You stand beside Marines through long hours, demanding schedules, and the constant call to serve. Our ability to accomplish this mission depends on you, and we are deeply grateful.

As we celebrate the 251st birthday of our Corps, let us remember that we are both heirs to an extraordinary legacy and responsible for its future. The history of the Marine Corps does not ask us merely to admire what previous generations achieved. It challenges us to meet the standard they set to remain ready, to uphold our values, and to prove worthy of the title Marine in all that we do.

We are proud to serve alongside you. We are proud of what this command represents. And we are confident in the Marines who will carry our Corps into its next chapter.

Happy 251st Birthday Marines.



Brigadier General D. C. Hyman
Commanding General
Marine Recruit Depot San Diego
Western Recruiting Region



Sergeant Major K. Labaran
Sergeant Major
Marine Recruit Depot San Diego
Western Recruiting Region

GUEST OF HONOR



Lieutenant General (Ret.)

William M. Jurney

Lieutenant General Bill Jurney graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1986. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1987 as an infantryman. In 1988, he was commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. From 1989-1992, he served as a Rifle Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in 2d Battalion, 4th Marines participating with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in support of Operation Sharp Edge in the U.S. Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia and deploying in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Other operational assignments include Rifle Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines (1996-2000). While serving as the Operations Officer for Battalion Landing Team 3/8, he deployed with the 26th MEU which provided security to refugee camps in Albania (JTF Shining Hope) and conducted peace support operations in Kosovo (Joint Guardian). From 2004-2007, he served as the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, deploying the battalion twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi. In 2011, he assumed command of 2d Marine Regiment until deploying in 2013 to Afghanistan for duty as the Executive Officer to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

His service outside the Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) include: Company Commander and Assistant Director of Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina (1992-1995); Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Baltimore, Maryland (2001-2004); and Chief of Plans, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia (2009-2011).

General Officer assignments include: Deputy Director for Joint Training, Joint Staff J7 (2014-2016); Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region (2016-2018); Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan (2018-2020); Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (2020-2021); Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force (2021-2022); and Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, and Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific (2022-2024).

In addition to The Basic School and the Infantry Officers Course, Lieutenant General Jurney is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Naval War College. He has earned master's degrees in Military Studies, and in National Security and Strategic Studies.

His personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device with gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars. He is also a recipient of the Navy League's General Holland M. Smith Award for Operational Competence, and the Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Leadership Award.

OLDEST MARINE BIOGRAPHY



Sergeant

Roberta "Randy" Tidmore

World War II Veteran

Rosie the Riveter

Roberta "Randy" Randolph was born on March 19, 1922 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After graduating from high school, Randy began her studies at the University of Iowa with plans to become a nurse. In 1943, she realized nursing wasn't her path—and instead, answered a different kind of call to serve. She moved to Rockford, Illinois, where she and a few of her friends went to work at the J.I. Case Company, a farm equipment manufacturer that was producing airplane parts for the war. As a Rosie the Riveter, she worked on aircraft parts for the Martin B-26 Marauder bombers. Her job was to install the gap covers on the leading edge of the planes.

After working as a Rosie, she sought an even deeper purpose to help with the war effort. At 22 years old, Randy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and was one of 18,000 women who joined the Marines by that year. After completing boot camp at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, she went to motor transport school and learned how to drive trucks, and do vehicle maintenance. She drove garbage trucks, and transported military officers to Washington, D.C. before transferring to San Diego where she was assigned to the motor pool at MCRD San Diego. Randy served with distinction until the war ended and earned an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant. She was awarded the American Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

After discharge from the military, she was a flight attendant, chief stewardess, and chief supervisor with United Airlines. She married Terry Tidmore, an Officer in the U.S. Navy and began working as a tomato farmer with her husband.

In her free time, she took ballroom dancing lessons, volunteered with the Salvation Army, Daughters of the American Revolution, Women Marines Association, the Globe Theater, and Honor Flight San Diego. In 2021, she was named as a Woman of Dedication by the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary of San Diego County. In April 2024, she was one of about 6 million American Women who, collectively, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. In June 2026, she was one of the 31 Rosies who received the American Spirit Award at the WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA. Randy is 104.5 years young!

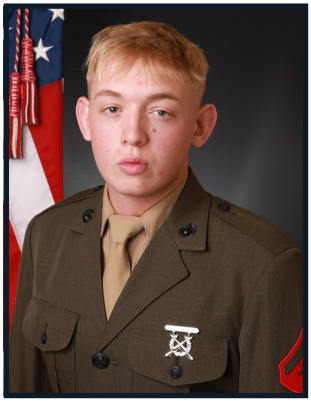








YOUNGEST MARINE BIOGRAPHY



Lance Corporal

Jesse Dominguez

Customer Service Clerk, IPAC

Marine Recruit Depot San Diego

Western Recruiting Region

Lance Corporal Dominguez was born in San Bernardino, California on 13 September 2007. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on September 2025 from Sioux City, Iowa. He completed recruit training with Golf Company, Second Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Following recruit training, Private Dominguez attended Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry (West), Camp Pendleton, California. He subsequently reported to Personnel Administration School aboard Camp Johnson, North Carolina earning the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 0111, Administrative Specialist as well as promoting to the rank of Private First Class.

In April 2026, Private First Class Dominguez assumed his current duties as a Customer Service Clerk, Permanent Personnel Administration Branch, Installation Personnel Administration Center (IPAC), Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego / Western Recruiting Region. He was promoted to his current rank of Lance Corporal on 1 November 2026.

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 dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry 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
THE UNITED STATES MARINES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES