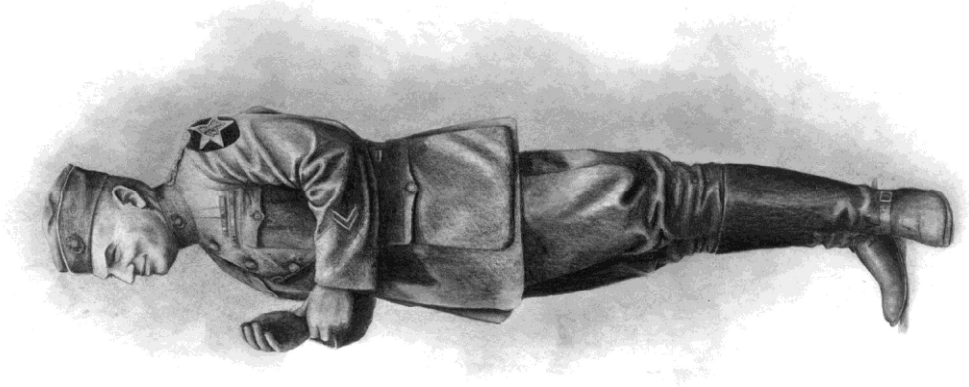


Headquarters and Support Battalion

248th Birthday Ball



HONOR - COURAGE - COMMITMENT
Semper Fidelis

1775 - 2023
16 NOVEMBER 2023



Gen Lejeune's Birthday Message



On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of 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 have 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.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE
Major General Commandant

Sequence of Events



1700-1800: Cocktail Hour

1800-1830: Ceremony

Invocation

March on

Honors

National Anthem

Entrance of the Cake

Gen Lejeune's Message

Cake Cutting

March off

Commandant's Message

CO introduces GOH / GOH Remarks

Transition to entertainment space

1830-2300:

Dinner, Guest of Honor

Remarks, Music, and

Dancing

Colonel Joseph Galvin

**Commanding Officer
Headquarters and Support Battalion
Marine Corps Installations East
Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune**



Joseph E. Galvin was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and graduated from Central Michigan University (CMU), Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a concentration in International Business and Spanish. Colonel Galvin was commissioned through the Officers Candidate Class in 1997. After graduating from OCS and The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, in 1997, and Ground Officer Supply School, Camp Johnson, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in 1998, he was designated a Ground Supply Officer.

In May of 2001, Colonel Galvin was accepted into the Excess Leave Program of the Law Education Program. For the next three years Colonel Galvin attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. While in law school, he formed a law group for prospering judge advocates and was accepted on Law Review as Co-editor. During the summer months of those three years, Colonel Galvin worked in the legal offices of Legal Services Support Section – Echo at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and the Joint Legal Center at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina. Colonel Galvin graduated Magna Cum Laude in May of 2004 from Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Western Michigan University).

From 2017 to 2019, Colonel Galvin commanded Region 9, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group where he lead Marine Security Guards located in 20 embassies and consulates throughout Central America, Canada, and the Caribbean. During command, Colonel Galvin was selected for a Department of Justice (DOJ) Fellowship through the Top Level School program. He completed his DOJ Fellowship as a Federal Prosecutor in the Counterterrorism Section of the National Security Division from July 2019 to June 2020. Colonel Galvin is currently the SJA, at II MEF. Colonel Galvin is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

Colonel Galvin has completed Expeditionary Warfare School, Command and Staff, and Air War College. In 2014, he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI program. In June 2021, he graduated from The American College of Financial Services with the Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC®) certificate and attained the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certificate. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with four Gold Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with Gold Star, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and numerous campaign and service awards.

Sergeant Major Rodney Nevinger

**Guest of Honor
Command Senior Enlisted Advisor
Second Marine Aircraft Wing**



Sergeant Major Nevinger enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on April 4, 1998 from Killeen, Texas. He attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and completed military occupational training at Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry-West earning the 0311, Riflemen military occupational specialty. As an infantryman, Sergeant Major Nevinger has been assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, where he has held every billet in a Marine rifle company from riflemen to company gunnery sergeant.

With these battalions, he has had the opportunity to deploy with the 11th, 15th, and 31st Marine Expeditionary Units in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, as well as, the Unit Deployment Program-Okinawa. Additionally, he has served tours of duty in the supporting establishment as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

Sergeant Major Nevinger was promoted to first sergeant on September 1, 2013 and was assigned to 3d Law Enforcement Battalion, MEF Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force for duty as the Unit Senior Enlisted Leader. In July 2016, he received orders to 3d Marine Raider Battalion, Marine Raider Regiment, Marine Special Operations Command where he served as the Headquarters Company Unit Senior Enlisted Leader and as the battalion's Command Senior Enlisted Leader from January 2017 to October 2017. He was frocked to his present rank on March 28, 2018 and subsequently executed orders to Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader until December 2019.

On December 20, 2019, he transferred to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader until July 24, 2020. After successfully deactivating the squadron as part of the Force Design 2030 he transferred to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28, Marine Aircraft Control Group 28, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader until June 25, 2021. Following this assignment, he transferred to 3d Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division where he successfully re-designated the unit on March 3, 2022 to the 3d Marine Littoral Regiment where he proudly served as the regimental sergeant major until January 12, 2023.