



“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, but the Marines don’t have that problem...”

*-Ronald Reagan
President of the United States*



Change of Command Ceremony



*Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron
Marine Corps Air Station New River
Jacksonville, North Carolina*

29 May 2026



Sequence of Events

Invocation

Sound Attention

Sound Adjutant's Call

Receive the Report

Publication of Orders

Transfer of Colors

National Anthem

Award

Remarks

Pass In Review



H&HS COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPT EDWIN R. SCOTCHER	2 OCT 1951 – 25 DEC 1951
2NDLT PERCY J. HARALSON	25 DEC 1951 – 8 JAN 1952
CAPT EDWIN R. SCOTCHER	8 JAN 1952 - 6 APR 1952
2NDLT LAWRENCE E. FELLOWS	6 APR 1952 – 21 JUL 1952
CAPT ROGER C. LONCTRAUX	21 JUL 1952 – 29 JUL 1952
CAPT THEODORE J. FLYNN	29 JUL 1952 – 24 AUG 1952
2NDLT WILLIAM P. BLACKMAN	24 AUG 1952 – 19 FEB 1953
CAPT JOHN L. RISSBERGER	19 FEB 1953 – 14 FEB 1954
2NDLT EARL E. CARPENTER	14 FEB 1954*
MAJ CHARLES C. WARD	16 FEB 1954 - 9 MAY 1955
MAJ RICHARD J. SULLIVAN	9 MAY 1955 - 5 NOV 1956
MAJ JEROME L. GOEBEL	5 NOV 1956 – 30 APR 1958
MAJ LOREN W. CALHOUN	30 APR 1958 – 14 JUN 1958
MAJ FREDRICK A. VERNON	14 JUN 1958 – 29 JUN 1958
MAJ LOREN W. CALHOUN	29 JUN 1958 – 14 JUL 1959
CAPT JOHN W. ALBER	14 JUL 1959 – 30 JUN 1960
MAJ WELDON R. MITCHELL	30 JUN 1960 – 2 SEP 1962
MAJ VERNON C. SHORTSLEEVES	2 SEP 1962 – 16 JUL 1964
MAJ RICHARD P. BRAY	16 JUL 1964 – 29 OCT 1965
MAJ HARVEY M. HARPER, JR	29 OCT 1965 – 31 DEC 1965
MAJ TEDDY J. BECKER	31 DEC 1965 – 30 JUN 1966
MAJ PAUL H. WAGENER	30 JUN 1966 – 31 DEC 1966
MAJ HOWARD W. MEISSNER	31 DEC 1966 – 30 JUN 1967
MAJ BENNY D. RINEHART	30 JUN 1967 – 31 DEC 1967
MAJ PETER C. SCAGLIONE, JR	31 DEC 1967 – 31 DEC 1968
MAJ R. SMITH	31 DEC 1968 – 30 JUN 1969
MAJ DONALD A. HODGEN	30 JUN 1969 – 28 JAN 1971
MAJ CHESTER L. WHIPPLE	28 JAN 1971 – 4 MAY 1972
MAJ HARRY R. MILLS	4 MAY 1972 – 26 FEB 1974
MAJ JESSE L. PURH	26 FEB 1974 – 8 AUG 1974
MAJ EVERETT D. HAYMORE	8 AUG 1974 – 8 AUG 1977
MAJ DENNIS D. SHOCKLEY	8 AUG 1977 – 21 JUN 1978
MAJ ROBERT S. MURRAY	21 JUN 1978 - 18 JUL 1980
MAJ LLOYD M. HEKHUIS	18 JUL 1980 – 4 JUN 1981
MAJ RONALD P. STIRRAT	4 JUN 1981 – 18 FEB 1982
MAJ CLARENCE M. COLLINS	18 FEB 1982 - 21 JUL 1983
MAJ TONY L. WINSTEAD	21 JUL 1983 – 25 JUN 1985
MAJ DONALD L. DAVIS	25 JUN 1985 – 6 JUN 1988
LTCOL ROBERT W. LEAS	6 JUN 1988 – 7 JUN 1989
LTCOL MARTIN W. WALKER	7 JUN 1989 – 12 JUL 1991
MAJ BARRY R. FETZER	12 JUL 1991 – 29 OCT 1992
LTCOL RONALD D. BEAN	29 OCT 1992 – 7 JUN 1994
LTCOL MICHAEL D. JACOBS	7 JUN 1994 – 16 JUL 1996
LTCOL MICHAEL L. PELLEGRINI	16 JUL 1996 – 7 JUL 1998
LTCOL PAUL A. EVANS	7 JUL 1998 – 7 JUL 2000
LTCOL STEVEN S. SIMPSON	7 JUL 2000 – 28 AUG 2002
LTCOL TIMOTHY W. FITZGERALD	28 AUG 2002 – 23 JUL 2004
LTCOL GREGORY F. KLEINE	23 JUL 2004 – 23 JUN 2006
LTCOL CHARLES D. STOUT	23 JUN 2006 – 13 JUN 2008
LTCOL JOSEPH A. WOODWARD, JR	13 JUN 2008 – 24 JUN 2010
LTCOL ERIC S. WISE	24 JUN 2010 – 17 JUL 2012
LTCOL WALTER S. LEE	17 JUL 2012 – 31 JUL 2014
LTCOL LESLEY W. CHIU	31 JUL 2014 – 14 JUL 2016
LTCOL QUENTIN VAUGHN	14 JUL 2016 – 15 JUN 2018
LTCOL MATTHEW T. DAIGNEAULT	15 JUN 2018 – 14 AUG 2020
LTCOL BENJAMIN M. FRIEDRICK	14 AUG 2020 – 27 JUN 2022
LTCOL ROBERT D. BARBAREE, III	27 JUN 2022 – 17 JUN 2024
LTCOL ANDREW W.J. RAICH	17 JUN 2024 - 29 MAY 2026
LTCOL ANDREW V. BEHRENDIS	29 MAY 2026 -

*do not show exact dates of command



HISTORY OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON (H&HS)

H&HS, MCAS New River, provides leadership, training, and administrative support to Service Members and families; as well as operational support airlift (OSA) to United States Transportation Command and Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) in order to support station requirements and the Joint Operational Support Airlift Center (JOSAC). Additionally, the squadron provides the personnel to support the diverse functions required of a modern Marine Corps Air Station from air traffic control to Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting. H&HS was activated on 1 October 1951 as Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Facility, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and re-designated on 22 July 1952 as Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Facility, New River, supporting Marines during the Korean War. The Squadron was again re-designated on 1 September 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter), New River and again on 1 July 1984 to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station New River. During this period, H&HS supported Marines deploying to Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Haiti. H&HS has served its Corps and Country through four decades of strife and peace and will continue to do its part in defending our nation. H&HS is committed to supporting those Marines who serve in the Operating Forces and the community in which it resides.



Parade Participants

Commander of Troops

Major Benjamin Shuler

Adjutant

Captain John Gaston

Narrator

Captain Alexander Kraus

Parade Staff

Captain John Gaston	Gunnery Sergeant William Fisher III
Captain Kristi Dalessandro	Staff Sergeant Patrick Alles
Captain Antwain Burns	Staff Sergeant Isabella O'Rosky
Warrant Officer Julia Bullier	Staff Sergeant Warren Weir

Platoon Commanders

Major Jacob Garvin	Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Kerr II
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Chaplain

Commander Phillip Stephens

Color Guard

Sergeant Marco Bravo
Corporal Shane Wendland
Corporal Jordan Suchil
Lance Corporal Carlos Ponce



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Wallace Johnston Raich

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Raich is a native of Warrenton, Virginia. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in May 2008 with a Bachelor of Science and major in American History. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and reported to Fox Company 08 at The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia. After graduating from TBS in January 2009, he completed Introductory Flight Screening in Manassas, VA.

In February 2009, Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported to Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Florida to begin formal training as a Student Naval Aviator. He was designated a Naval Aviator in February 2011 with follow-on orders to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron (HMLAT) 303 aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Camp Pendleton, CA for training as an AH-1W Pilot. In August 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported to HMLA-169 and deployed to Helmand Province Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (12.2-13.1). During his time with HMLA-169 he served as the S-5 officer.

In the fall of 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Raich executed fleet-to-fleet orders to HMLA-367 aboard MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI. He deployed twice to Okinawa, Japan as part of the HMLA-367 detachment to the 31st MEU, and served as Operations Flight Officer, Quality Assurance Officer, Current Operations Officer, and AH Pilot Training Officer. In 2015, he attended the Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course and was designated an AH-1W WTI. During his time in HMLA-367, Lieutenant Colonel Raich was designated Air Mission Commander, Flight Leader, Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing Defensive Air Combat Maneuvering Instructor, and Forward Air Controller (Airborne) Instructor. In 2016, Lieutenant Colonel Raich was selected to join Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) as an AH-1W instructor pilot. During his time at MAWTS-1, Lieutenant Colonel Raich served as the Assistant Academics Officer, the Assault Support Tactics One (AST-1) major evolution coordinator, and as the AH-1 Aerial Escort subject matter expert (SME), the AGM-114 HELLFIRE missile SME, and the H-1 Air Naval Tactics Techniques and Procedures (ANTTP) Manager. Lieutenant Colonel Raich also completed AH-1Z series conversion training and regained all qualifications and designations in the AH-1Z while at MAWTS-1.

After his tour at MAWTS-1, Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported to Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC) in Quantico, VA in June 2020. He graduated in June of 2021 as a distinguished graduate, earning a Master of Military Studies. Following CSC, Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported to Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 29 to resume duties as an AH-1Z pilot and serve as the MAG-29 Current Operations Officer. In November 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported to HMLA-269 and served as the Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer while regaining proficiency in the AH-1Z. In February of 2022, he reported to HMLA-167 and assumed the duties of Operations Officer (OPSO) and deployed to Service Level Training Exercise (SLTE) and multiple other squadron level Deployments for Training (DFTs). Upon completion of his OPSO tour in May 2023, Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported back to MAG-29 Operations to serve as the Plans Officer. In 2023 Lieutenant Colonel Raich reported to US Fleet Forces Command (USFFC) in Norfolk, VA and served as a future operations planner in the N35 Future Operations directorate where he supported USFFC and US Naval Forces Northern Command (NAVNORTH) operations. He assumed command of H&HS on 17 June 2024 and for his next assignment he will assume the duties of Executive Officer, Marine Corps Air Station New River.

His personal decorations include the Air Medal with Strike/Flight numeral 4, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

He is married to his wife, Barbara, and they have four children, Luella, Charles, Margaret and James.



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew V. Behrends

Lieutenant Colonel Behrends is a native of Victoria, Texas. He attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Global Security and Intelligence Studies. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and reported to Alpha Company 09 at The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia.

After graduating from TBS in April 2009, he reported to Marine Air Training Support Group 21 in Pensacola, Florida to begin formal training as a Student Naval Aviator. He was designated a Naval Aviator in April 2011 and reported to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Camp Pendleton, California for advanced helicopter training in the AH-1W with follow on assignment to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 367.

Lieutenant Colonel Behrends deployed with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 262(REIN) as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in Fall 2012 where he served in S-3 Operations. After returning to MCAS Camp Pendleton, he conducted series conversion training to the AH-1Z and reported to HMLA-169, where he deployed with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 161(REIN) as part of the 15th MEU in 2015. In 2016, he attended Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course and was designated an AH-1Z WTI. Following, Lieutenant Colonel Behrends was assigned to HMLA-469 as the squadron's first AH-1Z Pilot Training Officer. In early 2017, he returned to HMLA-169 to serve as Assistant Operations Officer and deployed on Unit Deployment Program (UDP) to Okinawa, Japan in 2017.

Upon returning from UDP in 2017, Lieutenant Colonel Behrends reported to Marine Forces Special Operations Command for assignment as Marine Special Operations Company (MSOC) November Air/Fires Officer, 3d Marine Raider Battalion (MRB). He deployed with MSOC November in support of Operation OCTAVE SHIELD to the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) Area of responsibility (AOR) in 2019. Shortly after returning from this deployment, he was assigned to MSOC Hotel, 2d MRB, and deployed in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE within the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) AOR in 2020 as MSOC Hotel Air/Fires Officer.

In 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Behrends reported to MCAS New River, North Carolina for duty with HMLA-269, serving as S-Shop Officer-in-Charge, Assistant Operations Officer and Operations Officer. In 2023, Lieutenant Colonel Behrends returned to Marine Forces Special Operations Command for duties as G-3 Assistant Air/Fires Officer and G-3 Air/Fires Officer.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 1 gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 1 gold star, and Combat Action Ribbon.

He is married to his wife Stephanie, and they have three children, Jesse, Leilani, and Hayden.