



PERIL IN THE SKY

*Lord, guard and guide the men who fly,
Through the great spaces in the sky:
Be with them always in the air,
In darkening storms or sunlight fair.
O hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air.*



Marine Corps Air Station New River Change of Command Ceremony



*The 17th day of July
Two thousand and twenty-five
Ten o'clock in the morning
Base Operations, MAT-1
Marine Corps Air Station New River
Jacksonville, North Carolina*



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

INVOCATION

SOUND ATTENTION

ADJUTANT'S CALL

REPORT

PUBLISH THE ORDERS

HONORS FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL RALPH J. RIZZO, JR.

TRANSFER OF COLORS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

AWARD PRESENTATION

REMARKS BY BRIGADIER GENERAL RALPH J. RIZZO, JR

REMARKS BY COLONEL BURNETT

REMARKS BY COLONEL FARRINGTON

POST THE COLORS

PASS AND REVIEW

ANCHORS AWEIGH

MARINES' HYMN

Please Stand

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 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.*



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER STAFF

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LtCol Brandon D. Brown

H&HS COMMANDING OFFICER
LtCol Andrew W. Raich

ADJUTANT
Capt John W. Gaston

S-1 OFFICER
Mr. Joseph R. Onizuk

S-3 OFFICER
LtCol Warren Z. Crittenden

S-4 OFFICER
Mr. Randy L. Scott

S-6 OFFICER
Capt Sebastian Tamblyn

SAFETY OFFICER
Mr. Corey B. Myers

SERGEANT MAJOR
SgtMaj Jared B. Game

H&HS SERGEANT MAJOR
SgtMaj Isai J. Estupinan

STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
Maj Michelle E. Perez

COMPTROLLER
Capt Robert J. Izquierdo

CHAPLAIN
CDR Michael W. Beasley

I&E Officer
LtCol Adam D. Shirley

I&R OFFICER
Mrs. Patricia L. Hamrick



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER COMMANDERS

COL J. R. LITTLE, JR	1 JUL 59—30 JUN 61
COL W. C. HUMBRED	1 JUL 61—31 MAY 62
COL E. C. FUSAN	29 JUN 62—30 JUN 66
LTCOL R. M. KEIM	1 JUL 66—2 SEP 66
COL J. T. MCDANIEL	2 SEP 66—28 JUN 68
COL R. LEU	29 JUN 68—24 JUN 70
COL J. A. NELSON	25 JUN 70—5 SEP 72
COL G. C. DOSTER, JR	6 SEP 72—26 JUL 74
COL N. J. KAPETON	26 JUL 74—23 JUN 76
COL B. R. WILKINSON	24 JUN 76—22 JUN 77
COL J. L. SHANAHAN	23 JUN 77—27 FEB 79
COL D. C. HEIM	28 FEB 79—2 JUN 80
COL J. W. MARVEL	22 JUN 80—24 JUN 83
COL D. A. HODGEN	25 JUN 83—20 JUN 85
COL B. D. WADDELL	20 JUN 85—21 JUN 88
COL D. W. NELSON	22 JUN 88—18 JUN 90
COL D. A. JONES	19 JUL 90—30 JUN 93
COL L. A. REHBERGER	1 JUL 93—10 JUL 96
COL D. C. ANDERSON	11 JUL 96—21 MAY 98
COL G. L. YANELLO	16 JUN 98—23 JUN 00
COL D. T. BARTELS	23 JUN 00—20 JUN 03
COL S. L. FORAND	20 JUN 03—7 JUL 06
COL D. L. THACKER, JR	7 JUL 06—17 JUL 09
COL J. M. HEWLETT	17 JUL 09—27 JUL 12
COL M. E. CASSELL	27 JUL 12—10 JUL 13
COL T. M. SALMON	10 JUL 13—23 JUN 16
COL R. C. BURTON	23 JUN 16 - 19 JUL 19
COL C. V. EBITZ	19 JUL 19 - 8 JUL 22
COL G. W. BURNETT	8 JUL 22 - 17 JUL 25
COL T. C. FARRINGTON II	17 JUL 25

**“A Toast to the Flag”
by John Jay Daly**

Here’s to the Red of it

There’s not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it,
From foot to head
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it Red!

Here’s to the White of it

Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood’s care for it
Made manhood dare for it;
Purity’s pray’r for it
Keeps it so White!

Here’s to the Blue of it

Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
Liberty’s beam for it
Brightens the Blue!

Here’s to the Whole of it

Stars, stripes, and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White, and Blue!



THE PARADE STAFF

COMMANDER OF TROOPS
LTCOL BRANDON D. BROWN

SERGEANT MAJOR
SGTMAJ JARED B. GAME

ADJUTANT/S-1 OFFICER
CAPT JOHN W. GASTON

S-1 CHIEF
SSGT IAN R. DERNBACH

S-3 OFFICER
CAPT JACOB N. GARVIN

S-3 CHIEF
SSGT IAN M. CHRYST

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S-6 OFFICER
WO WILLIAM R. KERR II

S-6 CHIEF
SSGT JONATHAN A. DAVIS

NARRATOR ~ MSGT THOMAS R. CARLETON

CHAPLAIN ~ CDR MICHAEL W. BEASLEY

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



LINEAGE OF

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

1944-1945

ACTIVATED 26 APRIL 1944 AS MARINE CORPS AUXILIARY AIR
FACILITY, CAMP LEJEUNE, NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

DEACTIVATED 31 MARCH 1945

1951-2011

REACTIVATED 1 OCTOBER 1951 AS MARINE CORPS AIR FACILITY, CAMP
LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

REDESIGNATED 22 JULY 1952 AS MARINE CORPS AIR FACILITY, NEW RIVER
JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

REDESIGNATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1968 AS MARINE CORPS AIR
STATION (HELICOPTER), NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

THE AIR STATION AIRFIELD WAS DESIGNATED MCCUTCHEON FIELD 8 JUNE 1972
IN HONOR OF THE LATE GENERAL KEITH B. MCCUTCHEON, USMC

REDESIGNATED 1 JUNE 1985 AS MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

HONORS AWARDED

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER
1990-1991

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

BRIGADIER GENERAL RALPH J. RIZZO, JR.



Brigadier General Rizzo was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He graduated from Western New England College in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice.

After working in local law enforcement, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and graduated from MCRD Parris Island in 1990. After completing Recruit Training, he reported to the School of Infantry where he attained the MOS of 0341 Mortarman.

In January 1991 he received orders to MarBks Ground Defense Force, Subic Bay, Philippines where he participated in Operation Fiery Vigil in June 1991. Upon the deactivation of MarBks, Subic Bay he received orders to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division as an 81 MM Mortar Platoon Section Leader and promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In August 1994 he was accepted for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended Officer Candidate School, The Basic School (with Honors), and Infantry Officer Course, obtaining the MOS 0302. Brigadier General Rizzo accepted augmentation in November 1998 in conjunction with the supplementary MOS program and reported to Logistics Officer School where he received the MOS of 0402.

Brigadier General Rizzo's operational assignments include: Platoon Commander, 81MM Mortar Platoon Commander, and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; Weapons Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; Company Commander, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Battle Major/Senior Watch Officer, CJTF-76 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM); Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion-6 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM); and CJ4, CJTF-HOA.

His staff and joint assignments include: S-4 Officer, Camp Johnson Area/MCCSSS; Recruit Station Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Detroit, MI; Program Analyst, Joint Fires Div., J6, CJCS; Global Force Management Future Operations Officer, Current and Future Operations Branch, PP&O; Commanding Officer, MARCOR Det. Fort Leonard Wood, MO; AC/S G4, III MEF; Chief of Staff, III MEF; Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC; and Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

Brigadier General Rizzo is a graduate of The Basic School (with Honors), Infantry Officers Course, Logistics Officers Course, U.S. Naval War College (with Honors), Marine Corps War College, and High Command and Staff Course at the United Kingdom Defence Academy.

Brigadier General Rizzo assumed the duties of commander, MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune, in May 2024. Following U.S. Senate approval, he was promoted to his current rank of Brigadier General on Jan. 13, 2025, making him the tenth commanding general of MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune.

COLONEL GARTH W. BURNETT



Col Burnett was born in Stroudsburg, PA in 1974. He enlisted in the United States Navy and reported to Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Waukegan, Illinois in September 1992. Upon completion of Basic Recruit Training and Airman Apprenticeship School, Col Burnett received orders to USS KEARSARGE (LHD-3) where he served as an Aviation Boatswains Mate (Fuels). He reported to the Naval Academy Preparatory School, Naval Education Training Center Newport, Rhode Island in July 1994 as a Midshipman Candidate. In July 1995, Col Burnett reported to the United States Naval Academy, earning a Bachelor's of Science degree in English and a commission as Second Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps in May 1999.

Upon completion of The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, Col Burnett reported to MATSG-21 in Pensacola, Florida in June 2000 for flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 2002.

Subsequently, Col Burnett reported to HMM (T)-164, Camp Pendleton, CA for training in the CH-46E. He reported to MAG-26, MCAS New River, North Carolina in October 2002 and was assigned to HMM-266. While assigned to the "Fighting Griffins" Col Burnett deployed with the 22d MEU (SOC) from February through September 2004, where he participated in Operation Mountain Storm, OEF, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. In September 2005 Col Burnett attended Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-06, then re-joined HMM-266 in Al Asad, Iraq during OIF 04-06.2. While assigned to HMM-266 Col Burnett served as Command Historian, Reports Officer, Operations Schedule Writer, Logistics Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, and Future Operations Officer.

In May 2006, Col Burnett reported to HMM-261, where he deployed with the 22d MEU as the Landing Force 6th Fleet and Landing Force 5th Fleet, participating once again in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. While serving with the "Raging Bulls," Col Burnett served as Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, and Tactics Officer.

In July 2012, Col Burnett transferred to MAG-39 in Camp Pendleton, California and reported to HMMT-164 as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor. While in the squadron, he served as the Executive Officer, Operations Officer, and MAWTS-1 CH-46E Advanced Certification Instructor.

In November 2013, Col Burnett reported to VMMT-204 in MCAS New River, North Carolina for MV-22B transition training. After successfully completing transition training he reported to MAG-36 at MCAS Futenma, Okinawa. In April 2014, Col Burnett was assigned to "The Flying Tigers" of VMM-262(REIN), where he served as Plans Officer, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer, and deployed with the 31st MEU. In July 2016 Col Burnett transferred to MAG-36 for duty as MAG Operations Officer. In May 2017 Col Burnett returned to VMM-262 as commanding officer and again deployed with the 31st MEU.

In July 2019 Col Burnett reported to the Marine Corps War College in Quantico, Virginia, earning a Masters of Strategic Studies degree in June 2020. He then transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs in Quantico for duty as the Aviation Lieutenant Colonel Monitor.

In July 2022, Col. Burnett assumed his current position as the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, New River.

Col Burnett's military education includes Naval Flight Training, Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and Marine Corps War College. His personal decorations include the Air Medal with Six Strike/Flight Awards, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

COLONEL THOMAS FARRINGTON II



Colonel Farrington hails from Geneva, FL, graduated from the University of Central Florida in August 2001, and was commissioned a 2ndLt in August 2002 through the Officer Candidates Course. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 2004 and completed initial F/A-18 training with VMFAT-101 at MCAS, Miramar, CA in 2005.

In October 2005, Col. Farrington was assigned to VMFA(AW)-242 aboard MCAS Miramar, CA as a F/A-18 Weapons and Sensors Officer where he completed an operational combat deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 from July 2006 – Mar 2007. From Apr 2008 until Oct 2010, he remained assigned with VMFA(AW)-242 when the squadron permanently relocated from MCAS Miramar, CA to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

While assigned to VMFA(AW)-242, he filled the billets of S-6 OIC, Schedule Writer, Flight Officer, Quality Assurance Officer, Training Officer, and deployed for 9-months as an individual augmentee to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

In August 2010, Col. Farrington was selected for transition from Naval Flight Officer to Naval Aviator and received his pilot wings in 2012. After completing F/A-18 pilot training with VMFAT-101 he was assigned to the Vikings of VMFA(AW)-225 aboard MCAS Miramar from 2014-2016 where he served as the Academic OIC and S-1 OIC and completed one deployment to MCAS Iwakuni in support of the Unit Deployment Program. In March 2016, he reported to MAG-11 where he served as the MAG-11 Operations Officer and F/A-18 Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) Action Officer.

In August 2017, Col. Farrington received the UAS Officer MOS. From 2017-2019, he was assigned to the VMU-2 "Night Owls" aboard MCAS Cherry Point, NC where he served as the Director of Safety and Standardization and as the Operations Officer.

In August 2019, Col. Farrington was assigned to the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing headquartered at Cherry Point, NC and served as the G3 Future Operations Officer.

In June 2020, Col. Farrington served as the Commanding Officer of the VMU-3 "Phantoms" aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay where the squadron deployed multiple detachments in support of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Marine Rotational Force - Darwin.

In July 2022, Col. Farrington attended the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI where he completed Top Level Professional Military Education.

In July 2023, Col. Farrington was assigned to Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC) aboard Camp Smith, HI. While assigned to SOCPAC, Col. Farrington served one year as the Chief of Plans in the J5 directorate and one year as the SOCPAC Chief of Staff.

Col. Farrington is a graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), the MAWTS- 1 Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course (WTI), and holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies (with distinction) from the U.S. Naval War College. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Strike Flight Number (6), and the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of second and third award. He is married to the love of his life, Marie. Together they have one son (age 10) – Thomas Farrington III.