

*Retirement Ceremony  
For  
LtCol Beth S. Canepa*



Honor – Courage – Commitment  
*Semper Fidelis*



*30 August 2024  
Marston Pavilion*

# Sequence of Events



Invocation

National Anthem

Award Presentation

Retirement Order

Remarks by Retiring Officer

Remarks by Retiring Marine

Anchors Aweigh

Marines' Hymn

# 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.*





# The Marine's Prayer



*Almighty Father whose command is overall and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give the courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answers to my prayer.*



## *Colonel Joseph M. Garaux*

Colonel Garaux is a joint qualified officer currently serving as the Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2d Marine Logistics Group.

Colonel Garaux originally enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1995 as an infantry/mortar specialist with Kilo Company 3/25. He graduated from The Ohio State University and was commissioned in June 1999. Upon graduating from The Basic School he was designated a Logistics Officer. Colonel Garaux's operational assignments include tours with 1st Force Service Support Group, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, 2d Marine Logistics Group and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Colonel Garaux' operational billets include: Motor Transportation Platoon Commander, Detachment S-4, Commanding General's aide-de-camp, Company Executive Officer, Transportation Support Detachment Commander, 1st Marines Regimental S-4, Marine Air Control Group-28 S-4, Personnel Support Detachment Company Commander, Marine Air Control Group Executive Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff G-10 Force Preservation OIC, and Commanding Officer of Combat Logistics Battalion-24.

Colonel Garaux has participated in combat operations supporting OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and OPERATION OAKEN STEEL. Additionally, Colonel Garaux served as the Commander of Troops for approximately 500 Marines embarked on the LPD USS New York during NATO's Trident Juncture-18. Colonel Garaux's supporting establishment tours include Marine Officer Instructor/Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps duty at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA, and Faculty Advisor/Instructor duty at the Marine Corps University's Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, VA. His joint assignments include liaison officer for U.S. Africa Command's Combine Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa and Director of Training for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Joint Force Training Centre in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Colonel Garaux is a resident graduate of Expeditionary Warfare School, and a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps' resident Command and Staff College, both located in Quantico, VA. He holds two masters degrees from Norwich University's School of Diplomacy and Marine Corps University. He is a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting Seniors Course seminar at Norfolk, VA, and a distinguished graduate from both the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College Senior Course, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Regional Cooperation Course in Rome, Italy.

## *Lieutenant Colonel Beth S. Canepa*

Lieutenant Colonel Canepa is a native of Montgomery, New York. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course on 13 August 1999. Following The Basic School and Personnel Administration school in which she was designated an adjutant, she served in a variety of assignments as an adjutant at the battalion, aircraft group, school, and Marine Expeditionary Force headquarters group level, a deputy and assistant chief of staff, G-1, at the major subordinate command level, and a Marine Forces headquarters.

Assignments in the Operating Forces: Adjutant, 3d Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group; Adjutant, Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing; Afghan National Army advisor, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A); Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, 2d Marine Logistics Group; Afghan National Police advisor (CSTC-A); and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, 2d Marine Logistics Group and 2d Marine Logistics Group (Forward); S-1/Adjutant, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group; and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa.

Assignments in the Supporting Establishments: Adjutant (School of Infantry-East)/company commander (Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry-East)/training and operations officer, (Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry-East); and Policy analyst, Manpower Policy Branch, Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Lieutenant Colonel Canepa was awarded a B.A. in Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill in May 1999, and a Master of Public Health from Liberty University in 2020. Major Awards include the Defense Meritorious Service medal with gold star, the Meritorious Service medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Canepa is married to Mario A. Canepa (USMC Ret), and together they have a blended family with children: John L. Canepa, Nicolo A. Canepa, Maria F. Beyer, Dana M. Johnson, Dylan M. Falcon, Anthony R. Falcon, Talon X. Canepa, and Michaela Canepa; and grandchildren: Lawson Canepa, Penélope Canepa, Titus Canepa, and Alekzander Canepa.