

MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT GENEVA

250TH

*UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY BALL*



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GREETINGS FROM THE DETACHMENT

On behalf of the United States Marine Security Guard Detachment in Geneva, Switzerland, we extend our warmest wishes and deepest respect to Marines around the world as we celebrate the 250th Birthday of our beloved Corps. Stationed at the heart of international diplomacy, we are proud to represent the Marine Corps' enduring values of honor, courage, and commitment. This milestone is a tribute to our proud legacy, the sacrifices of those who came before us, and the warrior spirit that unites us all. From Geneva to every corner of the globe.

Happy 250th Birthday, Marines. Semper Fidelis!

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A Legacy Forged in Fire



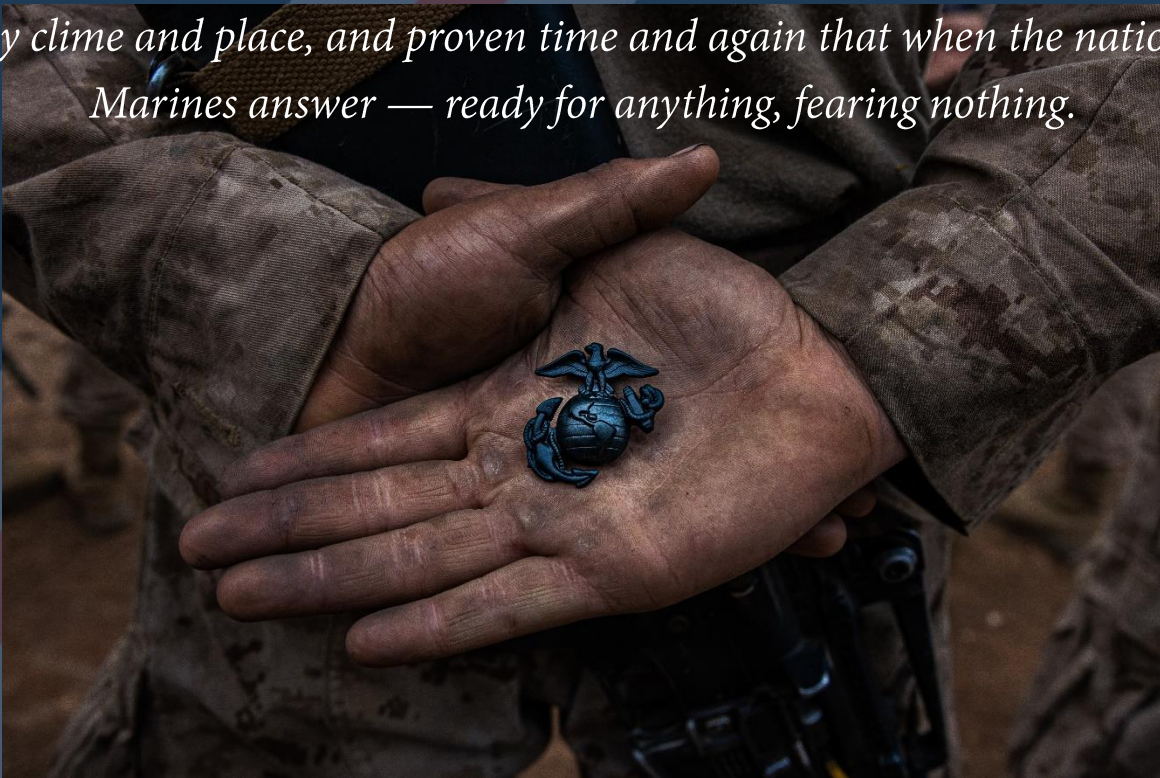
Since November 10, 1775, when the Continental Marines were born at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, the United States Marine Corps has served as a symbol of grit, honor, and sacrifice. From the bloody sands of Iwo Jima to the frozen reservoirs of Korea, from the jungles of Vietnam to the streets of Fallujah, Marines have stood at the tip of the spear for 250 years. This milestone is not merely a celebration of age — it is a tribute to the unbroken lineage of valor that connects today's Marines with those who came before. Each generation has earned its place in history through courage under fire, unwavering loyalty, and a fierce dedication to country, Corps, and each other.

The World's Premier Warfighting Organization



What makes the Marine Corps the most elite fighting force on Earth is not just superior training or cutting-edge equipment — it is the mindset. Marines are forged with an ethos of relentless discipline, adaptability, and a refusal to fail.

We fight with precision, speed, and ferocity, whether storming beaches or executing humanitarian relief. Every Marine, regardless of rank or billet, is first and foremost a rifleman. That warrior-first identity creates a unity of purpose that no adversary can match. For 250 years, we've led from the front, dominated in every clime and place, and proven time and again that when the nation calls, Marines answer — ready for anything, fearing nothing.



Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Inspiring the Future

The 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball is more than an event — it is a sacred tradition. It brings together generations of Marines, families, and distinguished guests to honor the legacy of those who paved the way and to recognize the Marines who carry that torch today. Especially at a diplomatic post like the U.S. Mission in Geneva, this ball symbolizes not only our military excellence but also our role as global ambassadors of American strength and values. This historic birthday is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reflect, connect, and renew our collective commitment to the ideals that define us. It reminds the world — and ourselves — that the spirit of the Marine Corps is as strong today as it was 250 years ago.



The Role of Marine Security Guards Worldwide



Marine Security Guards (MSGs) serve a vital mission at U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world: to protect American personnel, classified information, and diplomatic facilities against all threats. As elite ambassadors of the Marine Corps, MSGs are hand-selected and trained to operate in high-pressure environments, often in politically sensitive or volatile regions. Beyond physical security, they embody the discipline, professionalism, and readiness that the Marine Corps is known for. Whether standing watch during routine operations or responding to emergencies, MSGs are the silent strength behind every U.S. diplomatic post.

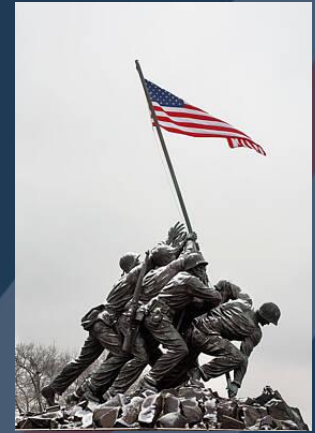
Always vigilant, always prepared.



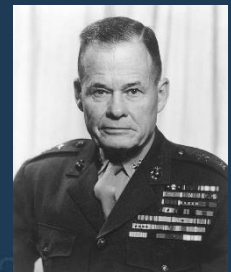
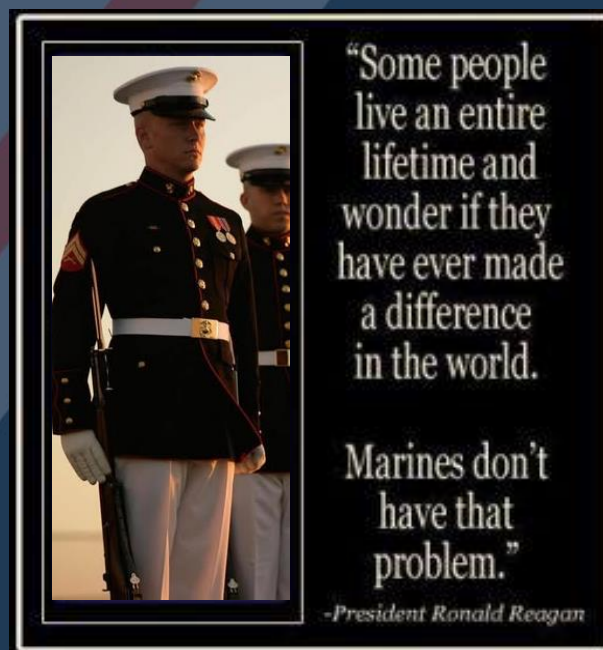
Detachment Geneva holds a unique and critical position among MSG posts worldwide. Stationed at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations, our Marines stand at the intersection of global diplomacy and security.

In a city known for hosting high-level negotiations, humanitarian missions, and international policy shaping, our presence ensures that America's values and interests are protected with the utmost professionalism. Our Marines are entrusted with safeguarding one of the most strategically significant posts in the world, not only through their operational excellence, but also through the way they represent the Corps to diplomats, allies, and foreign dignitaries every single day. Detachment Geneva operates with precision, professionalism, and a clear understanding of the mission's global significance.





We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the Marine Security Guard Detachment Geneva over the years, and to all those who will attend the 250th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 14, 2025. Your support strengthens our mission and reflects the deep respect shared for the Marines who serve. This celebration marks a rare milestone — 250 years of service, sacrifice, and tradition. We don't turn 250 every day, and this historic occasion stands as a powerful reminder of the legacy we carry and the standard we uphold.





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