



250TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

PRESENTED BY GEORGIA POWER

*Saturday, 8 November 2025
Albany, Ga.*

Sequence of Events

Invocation

Honors to Fallen Comrades

Sound Attention

Adjutant's Call

March On of the Official Party

Honors

March On Colors

National Anthem

Entrance of the Cake

General Lejeune's Birthday Message

Commandant's Birthday Message

Cake Cutting Ceremony

Retire the Colors

March Off of Ceremonial Detail

Introduction of the Commander

Remarks by Guest of Honor

Dinner and Dancing



Menu:

Cocktail Hour:

Caprese Skewer

Shredded Beef Boa Buns

Dinner:

Salad

Rolls

Protein Options:

Braised Beef Brisket/Mashed Potatoes/Green Beans

Swiss Chicken/Mashed Potatoes/Green Beans

Vegetarian (Cheese Tortellini)/Roasted Vegetables

Dietary Restriction – GF/Vegan/Nut Free (Roasted Portobello Mushroom stuffed with Farro)/Roasted Vegetables

Dessert:

Peanut Butter Pie

Cheesecake



Barracks Shuttle Schedule:

21:00

22:30

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General Lejeune's Birthday Message



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

A Message From The Commandant of the Marine Corps

Read the Commandant's Message

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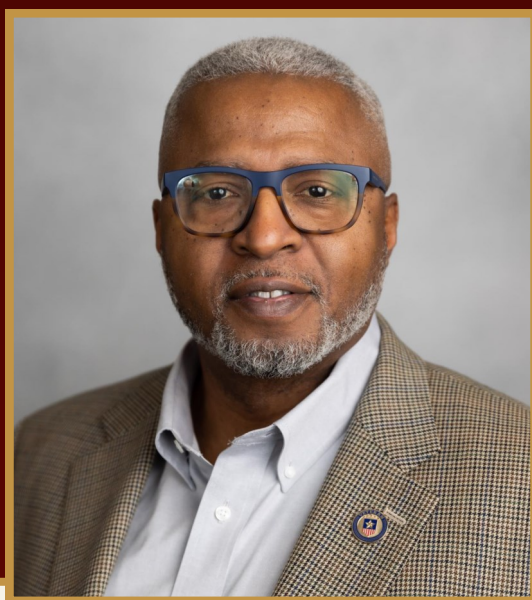


Major General Keith D. Reventlow,
Commanding General,
Marine Corps Logistics Command



Colonel Matthew J. McKinney
Commanding Officer,
Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

GUEST OF HONOR



Lieutenant Colonel (USMC, Ret.) Donald E. Gray Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Gray Jr. is an Executive Logistician with over 30 years of experience in Facilities Management, Fleet Operations, Strategic Planning, and Program Management. Since retiring in 2012 after 26 years of honorable service, Lieutenant Colonel Gray has continued to dedicate himself to his community and to those in uniform. We are proud to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps with him as our Guest of Honor.

Lieutenant Colonel Gray enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1986 from his hometown of Houston, Texas. He was the Honor Graduate from both Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, and the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, California. As an 0311 Infantryman, he served in several billets with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, to include Joint Task Force 6 counterdrug/counter-narcoterrorism operations along the Texas and Mexico border.

Upon graduation from Prairie View A&M University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications and a minor in Military Science (as the Naval ROTC unit's most Distinguished Graduate), he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and reported to The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Gray continued to distinguish himself as an officer by serving multiple assignments to include Bulk Fuel and Bulk Water Platoon Commander with 9th Motor Transport Battalion in Okinawa, Japan; Motor Transport Officer, Engineer Equipment Officer, Maintenance Management Officer, Safety Officer, and S-4 Alpha for 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company with 1st Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Group located at Camp Pendleton, California; Officer Selection Officer for Recruiting Station Houston, Texas; Logistics Officer for the 5th Force Reconnaissance Battalion and the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion in Okinawa, Japan; Camp Schwab Deputy Camp Commander; Battalion Operations Officer of 3d Marine Division Headquarters; Group Inspector General and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 for 3rd Force Service Support Group; Commanding Officer of Combat Logistics Company Alpha with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion; Executive Officer of 3rd Marine Logistics Group Headquarters and Service Battalion; Executive Officer of Marine Logistics Regiment 2 in Sri Lanka; Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 of Marine Forces Europe/Marine Forces Africa in Stuttgart, Germany; Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Command Forward - Afghanistan; and Deputy Director of the Maintenance Management Center at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Georgia.

During his time in uniform, Lieutenant Colonel Gray supported operations in Korea, Africa, Spain, Norway, and Israel, and supported Operation FIERY VIGIL in the Philippines, Operation RESTORE HOPE in Somalia, Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE in Sri Lanka, and Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Lieutenant Colonel Gray's military and professional education include: the USAID Joint Humanitarian Operations Course, the Marine Corps Advanced Logistics Operations Course, Marine Corps Condensed Logistics Education Program at Penn State, and the U.S. Coast Guard National Strike Force National Interagency Incident Management System Incident Command System Course. Lieutenant Colonel Gray has completed the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College and holds a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Lieutenant Colonel Gray also has a Project Management Certification from the University of Houston.

After retiring from the United States Marine Corps in 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Gray served as Program Manager for Albany, Georgia operations for KBRwyle (formerly known as Honeywell Technology Solutions Incorporated) before assuming his current position with the City of Albany as the Director of Facilities Management.

Lieutenant Colonel Gray also serves on the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as the 2022 Past Chairman; Co-Chairman of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; and member of Governmental Affairs, Talent Education & Leadership, and the Small Business Development & Investor Engagement Committees. Lieutenant Colonel Gray also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Albany Museum of Art; the Board of Directors for the Sowega Council on Aging and AB&T Bank; and also serves as the Board of Directors' Chairman for the Commodore Conyers College and Career (4C) Academy.

Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Gray is a 33rd degree Mason (Prince Hall Affiliated) and a Legion of Honor Shriner. He is an active community volunteer, participating in local church youth programs and the Habitat for Humanity Program. He is married to former Army Captain, Mrs. Robin Gray from San Antonio, Texas. Robin and Don are blessed with two children, daughter Alesha and son Jackie.

A Salute to All Marines

On this historic occasion, we honor the men and women who have worn the Marine Corps uniform with pride. Their sacrifices and achievements have helped shape the character of our nation. We also acknowledge the families and loved ones who support Marines throughout their service, sharing in both the challenges and triumphs.

Georgia Power is proud to stand alongside the United States Marine Corps in celebrating 250 years of unwavering commitment. We express our deepest gratitude for their service and reaffirm our respect for the values they uphold.

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We proudly honor Sgt. Maj. Frank Kammer Jr. on his retirement
and celebrate the legacy of the Marines at MCLB Albany.



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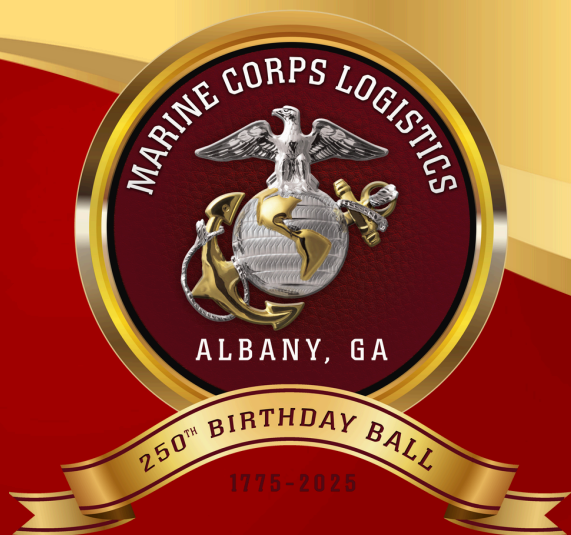
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