

MARINE CORPS 101

"The Marine Corps is America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness – a balanced air-ground-logistics team. We are forward deployed and forward engaged: shaping, training, deterring and responding to all manner of crises and contingencies. We create options and decision space for our Nation's leaders. Alert and ready, we respond to today's crisis with today's force.....TODAY."

– Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps

Marines are honorable and courageous warriors, strengthened through years of combat and committed to upholding the highest standards that have defined them as America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness. They are America's insurance policy – always ready when the Nation is least ready.

The Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs provide combatant commanders with scalable, versatile expeditionary forces.

Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU) operate continuously across the globe and provide the President and the unified combatant commanders with a forward-deployed, flexible sea-based MAGTF. MEUs are capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations.

The Corps has about 192,600 active-duty Marines, 39,600 Marines in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve, and approximately 68,000 Marines in the Individual Ready Reserve. There are 38,600 Marines deployed across the globe.

- Approximately 37% of Marines are lance corporals and below – our most junior ranks in the Marine Corps.
- Approximately 61% of Marines are 25-years-old or younger.
- Approximately 6% of Marines are female.



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THE MARINES ARE COMING.

JULY 26 - AUGUST 3, 2014

MARINE WEEK 2014

The Emerald City will host the Marine Corps' fifth annual large-scale community event, Marine Week, July 26- August 3, 2014.

Marine Week is a celebration of Community, Country and Corps – providing the American public the unique experience to directly connect with hundreds of Marines. The inaugural Marine Week took place in Chicago in 2009, followed by Boston, St. Louis, and Cleveland.

During Marine Week, Seattleites will have the opportunity to climb aboard state-of-the-art aircraft and ground equipment, and check out the latest military technology and combat weaponry. Marines will also be lending a hand to local communities through volunteer service projects. Marine Week 2014 will be held in conjunction with Seafair, Seattle's annual summer festival, the Museum of Flight, and the U.S. Navy's Fleet Week.

The week will culminate at Seafair weekend with a full-scale combat demonstration at Lake Washington. Marines will simulate an amphibious assault, highlighting the Corps' unique capabilities to fight our country's battles in the air, on land, and at sea.

"Seattle has a rich tradition of support for our nation's servicemen and women. Every year, the U.S. Navy plays an important role in our annual Seafair Festival. Marine Week Seattle will be a noteworthy addition this year," said Seattle Mayor Ed Murray at the formal announcement and proclamation May 7.



WASHINGTON STATE MARINES: PAST AND PRESENT

Seattle-based units have served tours during World War II, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom, while three of Seattle's own Marines have earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

PAST



Major Robert Edward Galer, a combat aviator and Medal of Honor recipient for heroism in aerial combat during the Guadalcanal campaign of World War II, was born in Seattle, Washington on October 24, 1913.



Colonel James Elms Swett, born in Seattle, Washington on June 15, 1920, earned the Medal of Honor in World War II for shooting down seven Japanese bombers within 15 minutes.



Colonel Archie Van Winkle earned the Medal of Honor as a staff sergeant of Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division during the Korean War for leading a daring charge during which a bullet shattered his arm and an enemy hand grenade exploded against his chest.

PRESENT



Seattle Mayor Ed Murray (center) poses with Marines from the greater Seattle area – Capt. Alissa Tarsiuk (left), Gunnery Sgt. Travis Bouten, Maj. Ryan Hunt and Sgt. Benjamin Tilley – following the formal announcement of

Marine Week Seattle at Seattle City Hall.

Tarsiuk, from Kent, Wash., is a combat engineer with Marine Wing Support Squadron 272 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C. Bouten, 31, from Spokane, Wash., is an explosive ordinance disposal technician with 1st EOD Company at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Hunt, 34, from Grand Coulee, Wash., is an infantry advisor with the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. Tilley, 27, from Burley, Idaho, is a recruiter with Marine Corps Recruiting Substation in Spokane, Wash.

LOCAL SUPPORT

SECURITY FORCES BATTALION, NAVAL BASE KITSAP BANGOR, WA

Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor traces its lineage back to the establishment of the former Marine Barracks, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on September 16, 1896. The Barracks has since grown steadily in size and responsibility. The facilities it serves have increased in number and function with the activation of the Ammunition Depot, Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, and Submarine Base, Bangor. On July 2, 2008, the unit was re-designated as Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor, and is composed of 430 Marines and 320 Sailors- the largest Marine Corps Security Force Battalion in the world. Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor is organized to accomplish its specific mission – direct support of the Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific.

COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION-23 (CLB-23), JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, WA

CLB-23 was established in 2013 to prepare for and sustain combat operations for the larger units it serves. Stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, they provide combat logistics such as transporting supplies to ground units, providing teams to support helicopter operations, improving roads, and maintaining vehicles and equipment. CLB-23 is part of Marine Forces Reserve and is staffed primarily by Reserve Marines from many locations in the United States, but primarily in the Pacific Northwest Region.

