

The Quarter Note

First to Fight, for 240 Years

Marine Corps Band New Orleans supported various units throughout the continental United States this quarter, celebrating their 240th birthday. This quarter has seen the band performing at various events celebrating the Corps' birthday, Thanksgiving, and the winter holiday season.



COMING UP

We're about to embark on our annual Toys for Tots Tour, featuring our "Santa Meets Sousa" Christmas Production. We'll be bringing our show to Chattanooga, Tn; Morgan City, LA; Slidell, LA; and, of course, here to New Orleans. Visit our website for more details. We'd love to see you at one of our shows!



Drum Major, GySgt Beebe, leads the Ceremonial Band onto the field for the New Orleans Saints Half-Time Show.

Recently in MCBNOLA

The Band has performed in support of quite a few community relations events this quarter. The Rock Band performed at Champion's Square before a New Orleans Saints NFL game at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, where the Ceremonial Band performed at half time. The Ceremonial Band also marched in the Bayou Classic Thanksgiving Day Parade in New Orleans, and performed at the Bayou Classic Battle of the Bands, again at the Superdome. The Ceremonial Band, Brass Quintet, and Woodwind Quintet also traveled to Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and throughout Louisiana to support Marine Corps Birthday Ball Ceremonies for numerous Marine Corps Reserve units.

On 1 December, MCBNOLA also had a few promotions. Kyle Riley was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant; Randy West was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and Nate Bernik, Nathaniel Leonard, David Linnenkamp, and Alex Palmer were all promoted to the rank of Corporal. Semper Fidelis!

Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On 10 November 1775, the Second Continental Congress decreed "That two battalions of Marines be raised..." and the Continental Marines were born. The first Marines enlisted at Tun Tavern in Philly, under the first Commandant of the Marine Corps, Samuel Nicholas. When the Continental Navy and Marines were disestablished at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War in 1783, the Marine Corps was reestablished on 11 July 1798 under President John Adams.

In Marine Corps Order 47, thirteenth Commandant John A. Lejeune issued the following birthday message, that is traditionally read at all Marine Corps Birthday ceremonies:

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

