

*Marine Forces Reserve & Marine Forces North
New Orleans, Louisiana*

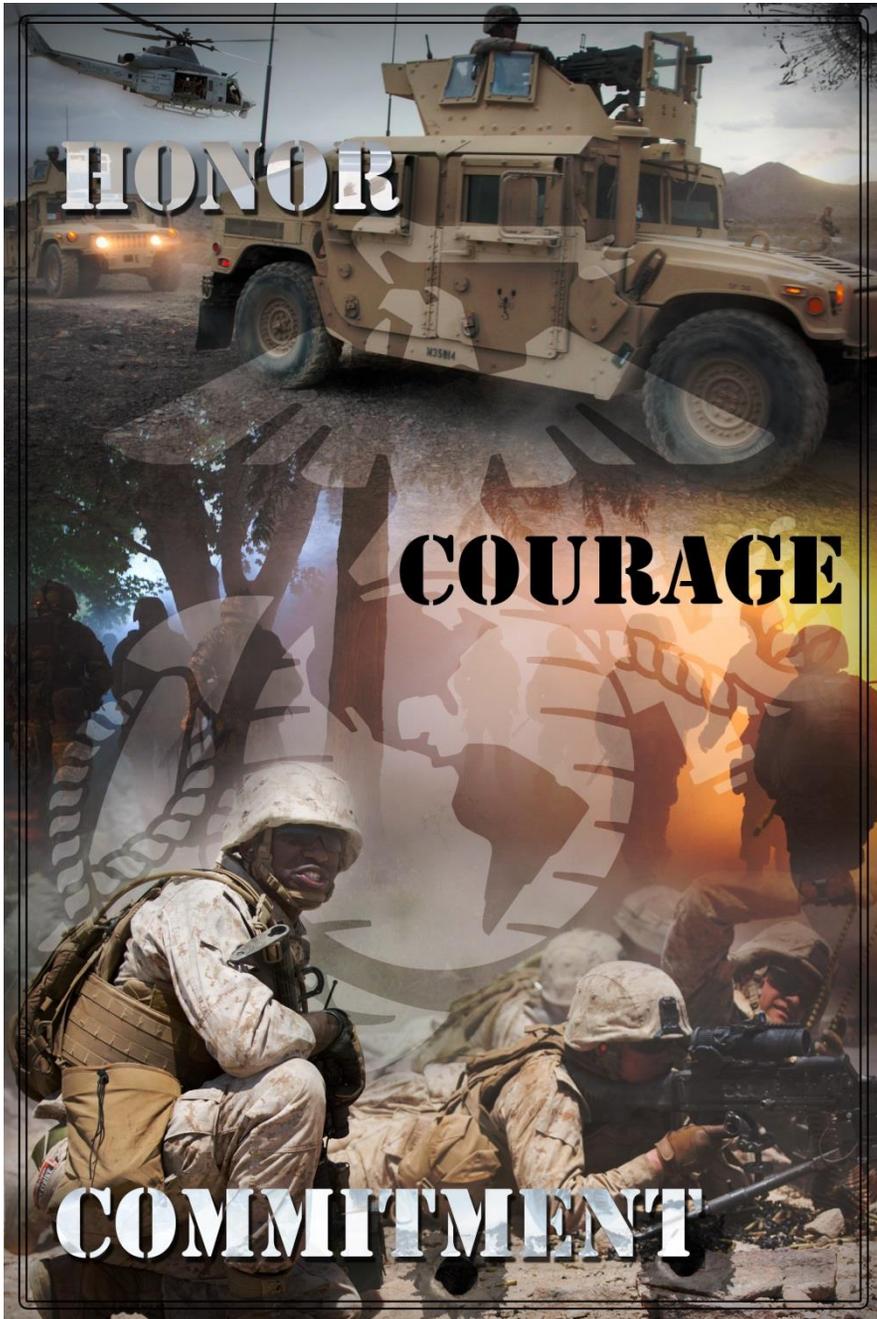
Change of Command Ceremony



12 September 2015

Toujours Fidèle!

Preserving Our Legacy



Sequence of Events



Marine Corps Band New Orleans Concert

Invocation

Formation

Attention/Adjutant's Call

Massing of Colors

Presentation of Colors

Star Spangled Banner

Sound Off

Presentation of the Command

Honors to Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills

Change of Command

Remarks by Lieutenant General Mills

Honors to Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian

Remarks by LtGen McMillian

Pass in Review

Evening Colors

Farewell to LtGen & Mrs. Mills



Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills



A native of Huntington, New York, Lieutenant General Mills was commissioned via Officer Candidates School. As a Lieutenant he served at the battalion level in two Marine Divisions as a rifle platoon commander, weapons platoon commander, rifle company executive officer, and adjutant. As a Captain he attended Amphibious Warfare School, and served at Parris Island as a recruit company commanding officer before commanding Alpha Company, 6th Marines.

As a Major, he was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, was a Military Observer with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, and served with Marine Air Group 29, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.

Lieutenant Colonel Mills served as Operations Officer, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) (MEU SOC) taking part in operations off Bosnia and Somalia, was assigned to the staff of the Commander, United States Sixth Fleet in Gaeta, Italy, and as Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 6th Marines.

While a Colonel, he studied at the Royal College of Defense Studies, London, England, was the Officer-In-Charge of the Special Operations Training Group, II MEF, and commanded 24th MEU (SOC). While under his command the 24th MEU (SOC) participated in Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo and combat operations ashore in Iraq as part of Task Force Tarawa. Colonel Mills later served at United States European Command (EUCOM) in Stuttgart, Germany as the Assistant Chief of Staff. Upon selection to Brigadier General, he served as Deputy Director of Operations for EUCOM.

From 2007 to 2009 Brigadier General Mills served as Assistant Division Commander and Division Commander, 1st Marine Division and upon promotion to Major General as Commander, Ground Combat Element, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Upon returning from Iraq he again assumed command of the 1st Marine Division and then was selected to command the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) which deployed to Afghanistan as part of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). In June 2010, he assumed command of the newly-created ISAF Regional Command (Southwest) in Helmand Province. Major General Mills was the first Marine Corps General Officer to command NATO forces in combat.

In July 2011 and upon promotion to Lieutenant General he assumed the duties as the Commanding General Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, and Commander of Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command.

Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills assumes his most recent assignment as Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve and Marine Forces Northern Command on 28 August 2013.



Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian



Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian assumed the duties of Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve and Marine Forces Northern Command on 12 September 2015. A native of Norfolk, Virginia, he graduated from the University of Southern California and was commissioned in 1980 via the Platoon Leaders Class program.

A Naval aviator by trade, Lieutenant General McMillian completed flight school in 1982 and has accumulated over 3,000 flight hours during his career in numerous platforms.

As a Lieutenant, he trained with VT-21 in Kingsville, Texas and remained as a flight instructor flying the TA-4J. In 1983, he reported to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101 for transition training in the F-4S. In 1986, Captain McMillian transitioned to the F-18 at Strike Fighter Squadron 106, Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Florida, and flew the Hornet with VMFA-531 in El Toro, California.

In April 1989, Captain McMillian transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and joined Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 134. As a Major, he served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 134 in Miramar, California.

Lieutenant Colonel McMillian served as the Assistant Air Operations Officer, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element / I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, California. In January 2000, he assumed command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 134 in Miramar, California and relinquished command in January 2002.

While a Colonel, in 2003 he was mobilized and reported to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing as the Chief of Staff for both overseas and stateside duties in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In June 2005, he was demobilized and transferred to Marine Aircraft Group 46 in order to serve as the Deputy Commander.

Upon selection to Brigadier General, he served as Deputy Commanding General of Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. From 2009 to 2010, Brigadier General McMillian assumed the duties as the Deputy Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, California.

Major General McMillian served as the Commanding General, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing from July 2010 to August 2012. Following command, he served as the Director, Reserve Affairs Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps until May 2013. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Senior Advisor to the Commander for Reserve Affairs, assigned to North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. His secondary responsibility was a Threat Assessor for NORAD and NORTHCOM.