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COMMUNICATOR

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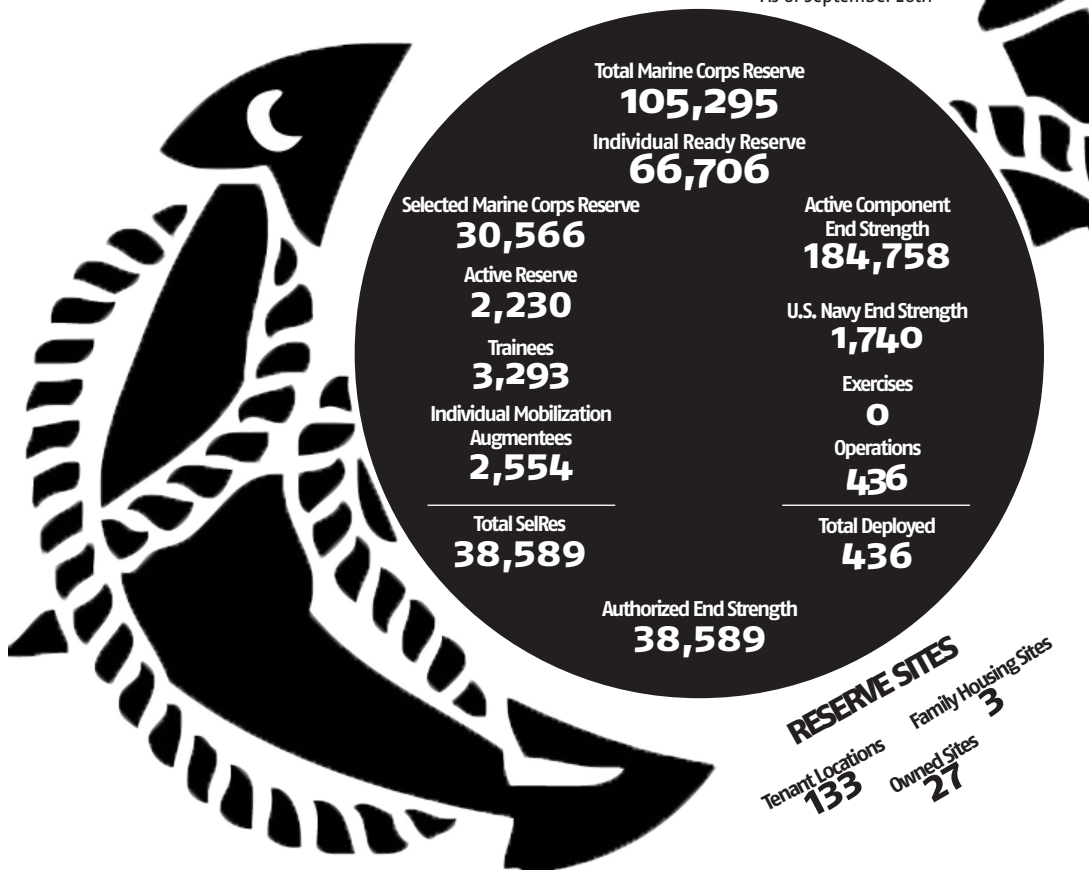


LT. GEN. REX C. MCMILLIAN

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

On November 8 of this year, Americans will cast ballots for our next president, as well as a variety of other local, state and federal offices. There also are many other ways to participate in the political process in these weeks leading up to the election. I want you to exercise your rights and participate in this process; however, with the privilege of wearing this uniform comes enormous responsibility. You are not ordinary citizens. I expect everyone to participate with respect for the policies that govern our political activities as military personnel, and engage in this process with the knowledge that we are held to certain standards that the average citizen is not.

I encourage everyone to participate, but to do so appropriately. For questions on how to register to vote, contact your voting assistance officer. Semper Fidelis.



Click on the names below to view the bios and photos

LEADERSHIP

Secretary of the Navy	Hon. Ray Mabus
Commandant of the Marine Corps	Gen. Robert B. Neller
Assistant Commandant	Gen. Glenn M. Walters
Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps	Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Green
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve	Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian
Executive Director, Marine Forces Reserve	Mr. Gregg T. Habel

Sergeant Major, Marine Forces Reserve	Sgt. Maj. Patrick L. Kimble
Command Master Chief, Marine Forces Reserve	CMDCM Chris Kotz
4th Marine Division	Brig. Gen. Paul K. Lebidine
4th Marine Aircraft Wing	Brig. Gen. Bradley S. James
4th Marine Logistics Group	Brig. Gen. Helen G. Pratt
Force Headquarters Group	Brig. Gen. Michael F. Fahey

Participating in the Political Process?

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— *** Make sure you know how you can help *** —



Outside of the workplace, and not in an official capacity, it is okay to express political opinions or sign petitions. Just not in uniform or implied affiliation with the Service.



Write letters, publish content, but without soliciting votes. You can say you are in the military, but you cannot identify your unit or billet and must also include a disclaimer.



You may not serve in an official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of any partisan political event. This includes displaying political signs in base housing or at the workplace.



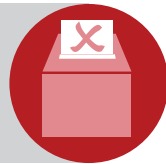
Join a political club or attend a fundraiser or political event. Just don't go in uniform.



You may not perform any clerical duties for any campaign.*



You may not wear your uniform during any political event, to include distributing partisan political campaign literature.



You may not speak for a partisan political gathering.*



REGISTER TO VOTE!



You may not publish or distribute partisan materials for any political campaign.*



Display a bumper stickers on your POV.



Donate money to a political organization, party, or committee.



All Marines must be properly respectful of the President, members of Congress, and other elected officials. For more information, see DOD Directive 1344.10

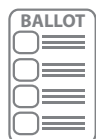
*Unless you are a **Reserve Marine** acting in your personal capacity, not in uniform, and not in a duty status



YOU CAN VOTE: ABSENTEE VOTING OVERVIEW

Register and request your absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Applications can be completed online or hard copy from your Voting Assistance Officer. The online guide will assist you in completing the form.

After completing the form, send in your ballot online, or download and print PDF package to sign and send to your elections office. The packages include a pre-addressed and postage-paid label



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