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**Happy 03
Month!**

**A Salute to
Infantry Marines**

**Machine Gunners
Take to Social Media
To Preach the
Belt-Fed Gospel**

**Task Force Tarawa
Engaged Enemy
In the Streets
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Magazine of the Marines serves active, retired, reserve, veteran and future Marines. Started by Leathernecks in 1917, the magazine informs, entertains and educates the global community of Marines and their families.

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EDITORIAL

Published by the Marine Corps Association, *Leatherneck* delivers news and features on units, training and equipment and provides information on programs, policies and services for those who served; and includes historical accounts from throughout the Marine Corps' past.

FEATURES

Each issue contains a variety of articles on Marine Corps history, heroes of the Corps, and accomplishments of today's Marines.

DEPARTMENTS

Sound Off: Letters to the Editor

Reunions & Requests

Sea Stories: Marines sharing tales of service

Corps Connections: Connecting the Marine Corps community

We—the Marines

In Memoriam



In Every Clime and Place

Compiled by Kyle Watts

Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

HMH-361 Rehears

MQ-4C Unmanned Helicopter

For First Time in History

A first in U.S. Navy and Marine Corps

history, Marines delivered fuel to Navy

MQ-4C Fire Scout unmanned autonomous

helicopters from Marine Corps C-130s

at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat

Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., on July 31.

Marines with Marine Helicopter

Squadron (HMH) 361, Marine Aircraft

Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing,

led the aerial delivery of ground refueling

ASDGR and with the MQ-4C Fire Scout

from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron

(HSC) 21, during Service Level Training

Exercise (SLT) 1-23.

The MQ-4C is a sea-based, vertical

lift unmanned system that traditionally

operates from a littoral combat ship

(LCS), a relatively small surface vessel

designed for operations near shore. The

MQ-4C supports the LCS and armed

naval vessels through data collection

and association. The Navy and Marine

Corps seized the opportunity to use

the tactical application of operating

the unmanned, integrated intelligence,

surveillance, reconnaissance platform

for extended time within the littoral

environment.

Marines leveraged the C-130's ability

to provide fuel to air and ground vehicles

in remote environments to maximize the

range of the MQ-4C. The C-130's trans-

ported approximately 70 pounds of fuel

just under the maximum payload of the

MQ-4C, which supports an extended

range of 150 nautical miles. By com-

bination, the C-130E has a maximum

25,450-pound fuel payload and supports

an extended range of 500 nautical miles.

"Coming to Twentynine Palms was an

opportunity to showcase that the MQ-4C

can be a valuable platform in support of

a Marine Air-Ground Task Force," said

Lieutenant Commander Bruce "Trey"

Parley, the HSC-21 training officer. "By

conducting ASDGR, in addition to being

a viable combat mission, the MQ-4C can

be opened to support Marines in nearly

any environment.

This iteration of SLT, ended in

August, but lessons from this trial were

captured by the Navy and Marine Corps.

"For the MQ-4C, the U.S. is expanding

the tactical application of an asset with

expanding capabilities—they need to

know what is working, and what they

need to work on," said Lieutenant Colonel

Nathaniel Griggs, Director of Aviation

Combat and Integration at Marine Air-

Ground Task Force Training Command.

"The tactical lessons learned here are

administrative, and most importantly,

the tactical lessons learned here are

applicable to any clime and place."

David Mathews-Watts, USMC



Marines with HMH-361, MAG-16, 3rd MAW and Sailors assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21 (HSC-21) conduct a ground refuel for an MQ-4C Fire Scout during Service Level Training Exercise (SLT) 1-23 at Camp Williams, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., on July 31.

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We—the Marines

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Friends and family members of Cpl Charles McMahon Jr. and Cpl Darwin L. Judge attended the dedication of the Marine Security Guard Security Augmentation Unit's facility on WCB Quantico, Va., on July 28, 2023. McMahon and Judge were the last Marines killed in action during the Vietnam War.

MSAG Building Dedication

Honors Marines Killed in Vietnam

On July 28, the Marine Corps (MCC)

Security Group named its Marine Security

Guard Security Augmentation Unit

(MSAGU) building in honor of the

last two U.S. servicemembers killed in

ground combat during the Vietnam War.

On April 29, 1975, Marine Security

Guard (MSG) Corporal Charles

McMahon Jr., and Lance Corporal

Darwin Lee Judge, from the MSG

Detachment Saigon, were killed while

defending the U.S. Defense Attaché Of-

fice (DAO) at the Tan Son Nhut Airbase.

Family members of both Marines were

present for the ceremony, along with

many Vietnam veterans and officials

from the Department of Defense and

Department of State.

"Charlie would always talk about

how he wanted to join the Marines,"

said George Holland, Cpl McMahon's

close friend, who addressed the audience

during the ceremony. "You figure, junior

high, you'll have a lot of different op-

portunities, but Charlie stuck with it.

That is what he wanted to do, and soon

he was a Marine.

McMahon graduated from Marine

Corps Recruit Training Center, Parris

Island, and completed training at Fort Leonard

Wood, Mo., and became a military police-

man. Holland talked about how McMahon

wanted to be an MSG, the core of the

corp. McMahon applied for the MSG

program, went to the school, and gradu-

ated in September 1974.

Last December, Lt Col Judge's sister,

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"Once a Marine, always a Marine."
—MSgt Paul Woyshner

CIRCULATION

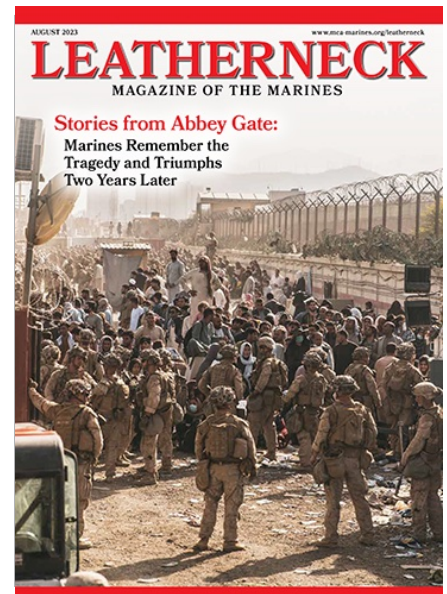
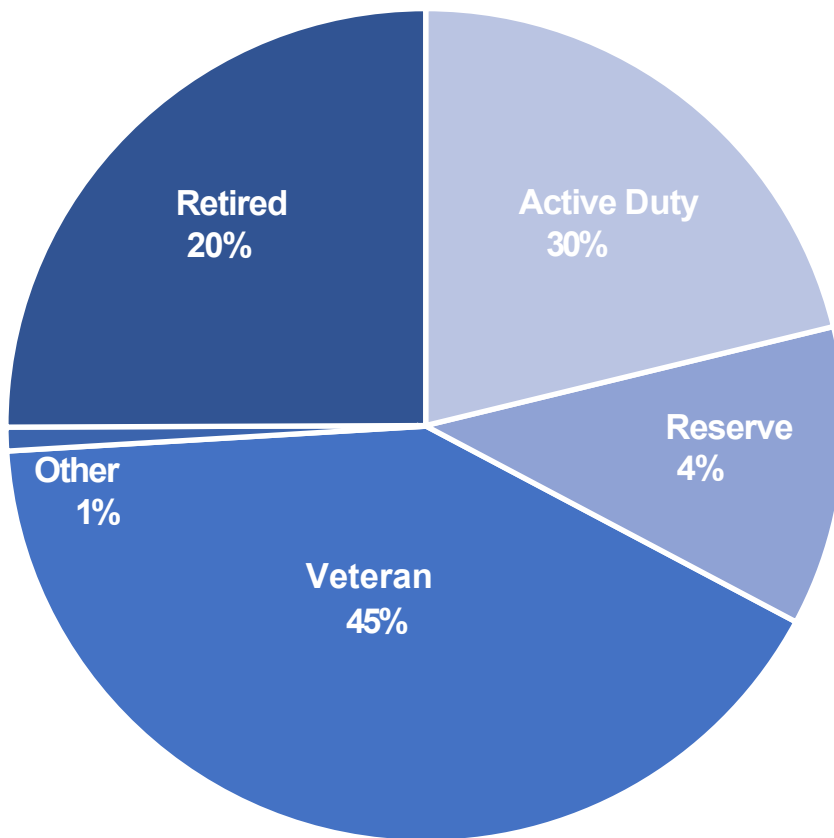
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"The Marine Corps has been called ... the "elite" Corps of this country.
I think it is the "elite" Corps of the world."
—Adm William F. Halsey

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EDITORIAL CALENDAR

2025 Issue	Space Close	Materials Close	Topic
JAN	11/12	11/20	USMC History 1820-1840
FEB	12/13	12/23	USMC History 1840-1860
MAR	1/16	1/24	USMC History 1860-1880
APR	2/13	2/20	USMC History 1880-1900 / Modern Day Marine Logo / Booth Ad
MAY	3/13	3/21	USMC History 1900-19200
JUN	4/8	4/16	USMC History 1920-1940
JUL	5/7	5/15	USMC History 1940-1960
AUG	6/10	6/18	USMC History 1960-1980
SEP	7/10	7/18	USMC History 1980-2000
OCT	8/13	8/21	USMC History 2000-2024
NOV	9/11	9/19	250th Marine Corps Birthday Edition
DEC	10/9	10/16	TBD



For those who fight for it, life has a flavor the protected never know.
—Inscription on jacket worn by a Marine machine-gunner on the DMZ, RVN, 1968

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DIGITAL



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- Corps Connections: Connecting the Marine community
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Full Page	3,080	2,925	2,770	2,615
2/3 Page	2,210	2,100	1,990	1,875
1/2 Page	1,725	1,635	1,550	1,470
1/3 Page	1,165	1,110	1,045	990
1/6 Page	640	615	575	545
1/12 Page	460	440	410	390
1/24 Page	290	275	260	240
Black & White + 1 Spot Color				
Full Page	\$3,475	\$3,300	\$3,125	\$2,955
2/3 Page	2,605	2,475	2,345	2,215
1/2 Page	2,120	2,020	1,910	1,805
1/3 Page	1,498	1,423	1,348	1,273
1/6 Page	1,045	995	940	890
Four Color				
Spread	\$9,325	\$8,860	\$8,395	\$7,930
Full Page	5,180	4,925	4,665	4,405
2/3 Page	2,955	2,810	2,665	2,515
1/2 Page	2,720	2,586	2,449	2,313
1/3 Page	1,855	1,760	1,670	1,575
1/6 Page	1,340	1,270	1,205	1,140
Covers				
2nd & 3rd Cover	\$5,915	\$5,615	\$5,315	\$5,025
4th Cover	6,285	6,000	5,625	5,365
DIGITAL RATES				

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LIVE AREA: 7.125" x 10" Line screen: 150

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METHOD OF BINDING: Saddle-stitched

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