**THE 42nd ANNUAL MODERN DAY MARINE MILITARY EXPOSITION**

The Modern Day Marine Military Exposition (MDMME) is a three-day event that will be held from 10 – 12 May 2022. MDMME has moved from its previous location of Marine Corps Base Quantico to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The MDMME represents the world's largest display of weapons, equipment, and service solutions necessary for modern expeditionary operations. The move to D.C. supports the Commandant’s guidance for the “right event, at the right location…that will support future force design efforts” and engagement with the priority audience, Congress.

In cooperation with Headquarters Marine Corps Communications Directorate, the Marine Corps Association and Marine Corps League have designated *"Today’s Innovation, Tomorrow’s Battles Won,”* as the theme for this year’s expo*.* Potential messages to key audiences may include Congress *– “We can’t do this without you.”* DOD *– “We are your Stand-in Force.”* Joint Forces, Allies and Partners *– “We remain ready to stand with you.”* Defense Industry *– “Help us win the battles of tomorrow.”*

The MDMME includes business meetings, awards presentations, symposia and displays of equipment, weaponry, supplies, and services associated with expeditionary operations. The event draws top level industry representatives, Department of Defense and Service participation and generates considerable national and international media interest.

Highlighted components of the annual exposition include:

A three-day platform of professional development content and presentations for the Marine Corps Community of Interest including remarks by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, panel discussions with the Deputy Commandants and senior officials from the requirements, experimentation and acquisitions communities, and keynote addresses by senior DoD/Department of the Navy leaders including the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

An inaugural Congressional Breakfast featuring the presentation of the initial Congressional Plank Owner’s Award, given to the member of Congress who is also a Marine Corps veteran with the earliest date of accession for military service. Invited guests will include the lawmakers, appropriators and affiliated professional staff who are most instrumental to informing and resourcing the Commandant of the Marine Corps' vision for Force Design 2030. The Congressional Breakfast will take place in Rooms 202A & 202B of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 0800 – 0930 on Tuesday, 10 May 2022, and will be followed at 1000 by the Opening Ceremony.

The Modern Day Marine Grand Banquet has been a fixture of the MDMME for every year the event has been held. The focus of the Grand Banquet is the presentation of Marine Corps League National Awards to two honorees: the Military Order of the Iron Mike and the Dickey Chapelle Award. The 2022 edition of the Grand Banquet will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., on the evening of Tuesday, 10 May. A reception will take place from 1830 – 1930, with the banquet following from 1930 – 2130

An Awards Ceremony and Leadership Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, 11 May from 0830 – 1000 in Rooms 202A & B to recognize the exceptional contributions of eleven outstanding enlisted U.S. Marines and Sailors currently serving with the Corps. The Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps will be the Guests of Honor, and the “Commandant’s Own” USMC Drum and Bugle Corps will perform.

Additional professional development and networking events will include:

MDM Personal Financial Planning Lunch Hosted by MCA on Wednesday, 11 May from 1200 to 1300

MDM International Reception and Presentations hosted by the British Embassy and the MCA on Wednesday, 11 May from 1600 to 1830

Operation Semper Fi & MDM Career Transition Lunch Hosted by MCA, Thursday, 12 May from 1200-1400 followed by the Marine Zone Semper Fi Mixer Thursday, 12 May from 1400 - 1500