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Annual USMC Birthday Ceremony

EDITORS: We appreciate any help you can offer to publicize this event or cover it as a story. This is a very colorful, patriotic event that has in the past been the lead story in print and broadcast media. The audience typically contains many of the Lehigh Valley’s leading citizens, some of whom are veterans of the U. S. Marine Corps and other uniformed services. It is not a political event, but strictly patriotic and nonpartisan. It usually has a range of ages represented from children to grizzled veterans of the Nation’s wars.

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All Marines and friends and relatives of Marines are invited to an annual ceremony to celebrate the 247th Birthday of the United State Marine Corps on Thursday, Nov. 10 starting at P. M. at Cedar Beach Park in Allentown, Pa.

The public and U. S. Marines, Fleet Marine Force Navy Corpsmen, Fleet Marine Force Chaplains, and their families have been gathering every November 10th at the iconic U. S. Marine Corps Memorial in Cedar Beach Park to celebrate the annual birthday of the Marine Corps.

The ceremony is simple, but emotional. Marines and FMF Sailors attend from every modern war, from young to old, active duty, retired, and those that did one hitch, all gather in camaraderie and fellowship to hear the inspiring message to all Marines from famed World War I General John A. Lejeune and other, modern military leaders to include the current Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps.

The ceremony concludes with the traditional cutting of the birthday cake where the oldest and the youngest Marine, FMF Corpsman or FMF Chaplain are served the first pieces.

What: Lehigh Valley 32nd Annual USMC Birthday Ceremony Celebrating the 247th Birthday of the United State Marine Corps.

When: Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 4:00 P. M.

Where: United States Marine Corps Monument at Cedar Beach Park, 24th St. and Hamilton St., Allentown, Pa. (Between the playground and the Red Cube Sculpture on the east side of Lake Muhlenberg).

Following is a Birthday Cake cutting ceremony at Columbia House at 1519 Greenleaf St, Allentown, PA 18102

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