

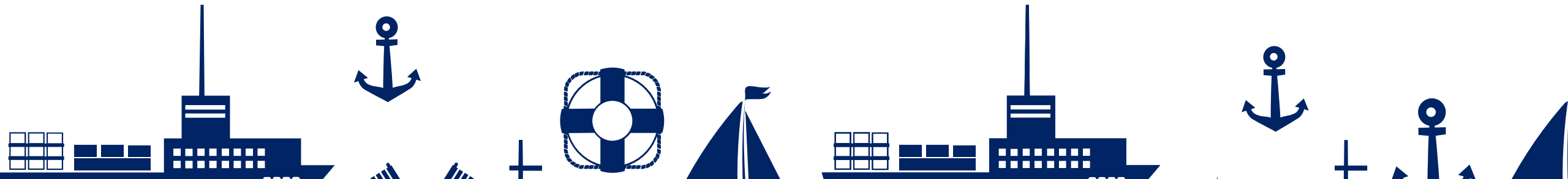


# Honoring 250 Years of the United States Marine Corps

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The United States Marine Corps is a branch of the U.S. military, established on November 10, 1775, tasked with conducting amphibious and expeditionary warfare, providing rapid-response power projection from the sea, and serving as a versatile, elite force for national security missions worldwide.



# History

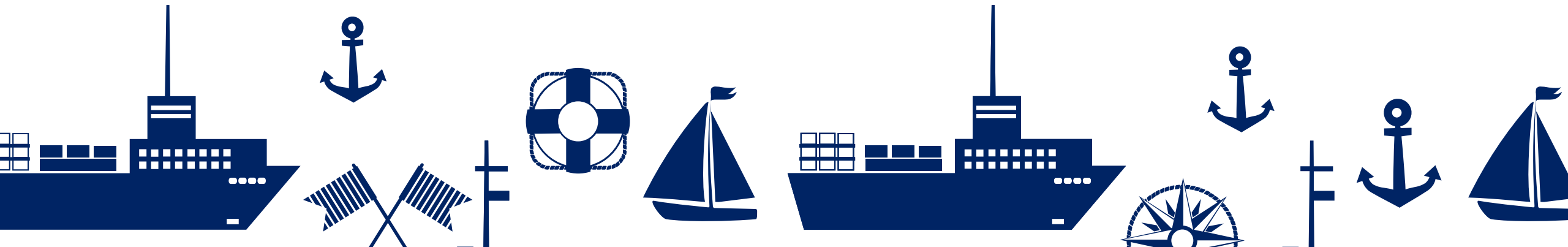
In 1775, The Second Continental Congress commissioned innkeeper and former Quaker Samuel Nicholas to raise two battalions of Continental Marines. Tun Tavern, managed by Robert Mullan, became the chief recruiting location for the Marines and Robert Mullen, the taverns manager, became the “chief Marine Recruiter”





# Father Of Marine Corps

Samuel Nicholas is considered the "Father of the Marine Corps." As the first commissioned officer of the Continental Marines, appointed on November 28, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress, he played a pivotal role in establishing and leading the Marine Corps during the American Revolutionary War, organizing its initial recruitment and operations



# Mission

- Make Marines
- Win Battles
- Create Quality Citizens

Mission Accomplishment is the  
Foundation of our reputation



# Every Marine A Riflemen



- All Marines are basic riflemen first, regardless of specialty.
- 25% of enlisted recruit training is dedicated to rifle marksmanship
- TBS trains officers to be infantry platoon commanders
- Our history is full of examples of pilots, logisticians, & administrators assigned infantry duties.





# 170,000

In 2024, The USMC has active-duty members

# 33,000

Personnel in reserve.





# How To Observe Marine Corps Birthday

## Visit the Marine Corps War Memorial

The iconic statue, located between Arlington, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., depicts six Marines raising a U.S. flag on a mountaintop during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

## Reach out to a Marine

Reach out to them and remind them how you appreciate the hard work they have done for their country.

## Get together with your old Corps buddies

Try to organize a gathering with your fellow Marines to catch up and collectively appreciate your time served.





# A ball and a cake cutting ceremony

So thoroughly baked into the system of the Marine Corps that it's written into the official manual – is the cake-cutting ceremony. Done with the same respect for tradition and order as a 21 gun salute, the cake cutting was formalized in the Drill Manual in 1956.





# Musical And Events

In addition to a fancy ball and cake cutting ceremony many birthdays have included a variety of battle reenactments, pageants, musical performances, and even sporting events.



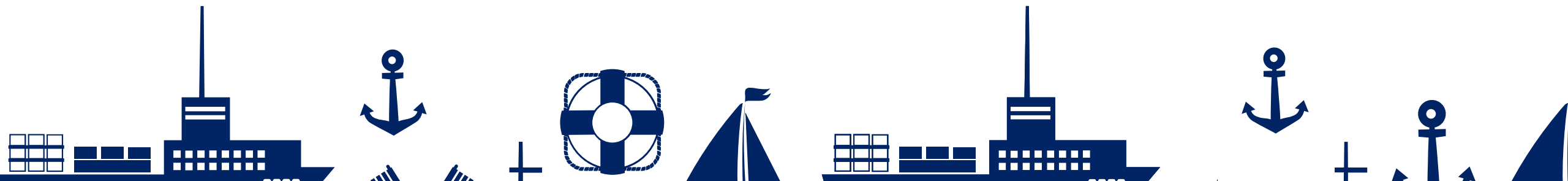
# Reading of marine corps order 47

Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, issued by Major General John A. Lejeune on November 1, 1921, is traditionally read at every Marine Corps Birthday Ball as part of the formal ceremony to honor the founding of the Marine Corps on November 10, 1775. The order, which summarizes the history, mission, and traditions of the Corps, was directed to be read annually on November 10 to every command, and this practice has been consistently incorporated into the standardized Birthday Ball celebrations, formalized by Commandant Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. in 1952.



“This high name of distinction and soldierly reputé we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.”

John A. Lejeune, Major General Commandant





**Support the 250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday!!**

**Semper Fidelis, and Thank You!**

