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November 10<sup>th</sup> of this year marks the 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the founding and establishing of the U.S. Marine Corps by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress in 1775. This is a formal occasion observed by all U.S. Marines regardless of their location. Whether prior service, stateside, or forward deployed around the world; all Marines pause on this date to observe and celebrate the birth of their Corps!

The Flathead Marines was established in 2008 as a local organization of U.S. Marines and those that have served alongside Marines. Our mission is to: foster camaraderie among Marines and their families, support active duty Marines, assist Marine Corps programs that benefit the community of the Flathead valley (such as Toys for Tots) and to instill Esprit de Corp and Marine Corps values in our local community such as our sponsorship of the Kalispell Montana annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We also work with and support other veteran organizations, veterans, and their families.

This will be the 14<sup>th</sup> year the Flathead Marines will be sponsoring the local USMC Birthday Ball. This year it will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Wachholtz Center at the Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell Montana. As always, this event is open to the public to celebrate with us, and we welcome our sister service members. Dress is Montana Formal to Formal; everyone enjoys to dress up once a year. Happy Hour begins at 4 PM and seating for the ceremony is at 5 PM, don't be late!

In addition to the ceremony, we will have a music and dancing, and we conduct drawings and silent auctions as a core part of our fundraising efforts. We will again have our \$20 Bottomless Beer Pint glasses and new this year, \$20 Bottomless Wine Glasses to quench your thirst.

As we plan our celebration, we would like to cordially invite you to participate in our celebration of all Marines past and present, and join us at the Birthday Ball to honor all our local veterans and participants. Individual tickets are \$75 each, and group tickets (in tables of 10 can be reserved for \$750) can be purchased on our website: [www.FlatheadMarines.com](http://www.FlatheadMarines.com).

Our Guest of Honor this year will be LtCol. Anthonol Neely, USMC Ret., formally the USMC Branch Head for Advisor Training and First Expeditionary Operations Training Group (I EOTG). The mission of the Expeditionary Operations Training Group (EOTG) is to train and evaluate deploying Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU), and other designated forces, in select special, individual, and collective tasks, and evaluate their ability to conduct assigned mission essential tasks in order to prepare those forces to support the geographic combatant commanders.

For more information about our Marine Corps Ball please email us at [Info@FlatheadMarines.com](mailto:Info@FlatheadMarines.com).

We sincerely look forward to your attendance and your celebrating our Marine Corps Birthday with us.

The Board of the Flathead Marines, Inc.

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