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## The United States Marine Corps Announces Marine Week Detroit Event Lineup

*More than 80 public events and community initiatives are scheduled in and around the Motor City*

**DETROIT (Aug. 10, 2017)** – The United States Marine Corps announced the full [Marine Week Detroit](#) schedule during a press conference held in front of the iconic Spirit of Detroit statue. Detroit Mayor Michael Duggan joined the Marines to underscore the importance of Detroit hosting the Corps Sept. 6-10, 2017.

“Detroit is honored to welcome the United States Marine Corps to our city,” said Mayor Duggan. “Our community looks forward to celebrating the spirit and dedication of the Corps, as this great city offers a spectacular backdrop for the events and ceremonies our residents can enjoy.”

The annual commemoration of “Community, Country and Corps” will include more than 80 community outreach activities throughout metro Detroit and free events open to the public across downtown Detroit. The weeklong festivities will kick off at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Campus Martius Park with performances by Marine Band San Diego and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

Throughout the week, metro Detroiters will have the opportunity to climb aboard vehicles and aircraft in the Marine Corps inventory on display in the GM parking lot along Atwater Street in Detroit. The public will have the opportunity to meet the Marines who operate and maintain the equipment. These displays will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday.

The Marines invite the community to watch two impressive Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) demonstrations featuring aviation and reconnaissance Marines executing a visit, board, search and seizure mission on a barge on the Detroit Riverfront, behind the **GMRENCEN**. The first demonstration will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8 beginning with a 1:15 p.m. pre-event show featuring Marine Band San Diego, the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, along with martial arts and K-9 demonstrations. A post-event rock concert in the static display area featuring the music of Marine Band San Diego’s “Sound Strike” will close out the day’s festivities. The second MAGTF demonstration is slated for 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10. A pre-event show featuring Marine Band San Diego, the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, martial arts, and K-9 demonstrations will also precede this demonstration.

Other opportunities for the public to engage with the Marines include:

- Daily Marine workout sessions at 7 a.m. at Cadillac Square

- Wreath laying ceremonies with Gold Star Families to honor fallen Marines at 9 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday at the Spirit of Detroit statue
- The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be displayed in Hart Plaza, Friday through Sunday
- A mural unveiling ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Montford Point Detachment, Marine Corps League
- A public remembrance ceremony on Sunday at 9 a.m. in Hart Plaza, honoring those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks

Keeping with Marine tradition, each morning will begin with reveille at 6 a.m. and conclude with Taps at 10 p.m. in front of the Spirit of Detroit statue.

"Marine Week Detroit is an opportunity for us to connect with metro Detroiters and show them what we do as the Nation's Expeditionary Force in Readiness," said Brigadier General Raymond Descheneaux, task force commander, Marine Week Detroit. "Every event during Marine Week, from volunteer projects, school engagements, and military demonstrations, allows us to interact with as much of the community as possible."

Detroit sports fans will also get a chance to take part in Marine Week Detroit during Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions games held that week. Baseball fans will have the opportunity to cheer on General Robert B. Neller, the 37<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, as he throws out the ceremonial first pitch before the Tigers play the Kansas City Royals on Sept. 6 at Comerica Park.

"It's an honor to celebrate the dedication and sacrifice of the United States Marine Corps during Marine Week," said Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander. "What an incredible opportunity for Detroit and all surrounding areas to learn more about the Marines' resources, capabilities, sense of community, and steadfast commitment to protecting our freedom."

During the Sunday MAGTF demonstration, the Marines will capture and deliver the game day football for the Detroit Lions, which they will present on field before the team takes on the Arizona Cardinals in the season opener on Sept. 10 at Ford Field. Prior to kickoff, Captain Skye Martin will perform the National Anthem. The Corps will also support the hometown football team with pre-game activities and performances throughout the game.

Approximately 700 Marines will make their way to the Motor City to showcase the history, capabilities, pride and professionalism of the Marine Corps, as well as honor the service and sacrifice of Marines and their families. The Marine Corps has hosted seven iterations of Marine Week in different North American cities including Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Seattle, Phoenix and Nashville. Marine Week is the Corps' largest community outreach program designed to connect the public to their United States Marine Corps.

For the full Marine Week Detroit event lineup, please visit [www.usmarineweek.com](http://www.usmarineweek.com). Social media users can stay up-to-date on all activities on Facebook at [@marineweek](https://www.facebook.com/marineweek), Twitter at [@marine\\_week](https://twitter.com/marine_week) and Instagram at [@marine\\_week](https://www.instagram.com/marine_week).

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