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## Marine Week Charlotte Fact Sheet

**What:** Marine Week is the largest community outreach program of the United States Marine Corps (USMC) that celebrates Community, Country and Corps by providing the public the unique experience to directly connect with hundreds of Marines in a different city every year. The Marine Corps has selected Charlotte to host this year's Marine Week.

**Mission:** The mission of Marine Week is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the USMC through a weeklong series of events designed to:

- Honor the service and sacrifice of our Marines and their families.
- Generate awareness of the USMC's programs, mission and capabilities to a wide audience of those that are not typically exposed to Marines.
- Develop and maintain the positive image of the USMC among the American public.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 5 – Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018  
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Where:** The Marine Corps will conduct a series of events throughout Charlotte and surrounding areas, which include:

- Daily activities at First Ward Park, 301 East Seventh Street, Charlotte
- Marine Air-Ground Task Force Demonstration (Sept. 8) at The Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5500 Concord Parkway South, Concord

**Cost:** Marine Week events are free and open to the public.

**Features:** More than 700 Marines will descend on Charlotte to participate in:

- 75+ events throughout the region
- Hands-on static displays, including military equipment, aircraft and weaponry
- Live demonstrations, including the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) show
- Time-honored Marine Corps traditions, including reveille, wreath laying ceremonies and evening colors
- Musical performances
- Community service projects

**Website:** [www.usmarineweek.com](http://www.usmarineweek.com)

**Event**

**Facts:** Charlotte is the ninth city to host Marine Week since the program's start in 2006. Past Marine Week cities include Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Seattle, Phoenix, Nashville and Detroit. Economic impact studies of past Marine Week celebrations indicate that approximately \$7 million was reinvested into the local communities.

**About the United States Marine Corps**

The United States Marine Corps has been America's expeditionary force in readiness since 1775. Marines are a unique branch of America's armed services, forward deployed to win our nation's battles swiftly and aggressively in times of crisis from the air, land and sea. There are approximately 188,000 Marines actively serving today, with another 38,900 Marines in the Reserves. General Robert B. Neller is the current Commandant of the Marine Corps.

There are 334 active duty Marines that hail from Charlotte. Howard Perry, a Charlotte native, was the first African American Marine and served during World War II.

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