



MEDIA ADVISORY

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U.S. Marine Corps, Mayor Vi Lyles Hold Press Conference Aug. 2 to Announce Major Charlotte Event

What: The United States Marine Corps, along with city, county and tourism officials, will announce a major community outreach event that will bring more than 700 Marines to Charlotte in September and give the public a unique opportunity to engage with hundreds of Marines. The Mayor of Charlotte also will present a proclamation to the Marine Corps.

Who: Colonel Matthew Phares, U.S. Marine Corps
Mayor Vi Lyles, City of Charlotte
Tom Murray, CEO, Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority
Commissioner George Dunlap, Mecklenburg County (*served in Marines Corps 1974 - 1976*)
Commissioner Matthew Ridenhour, Mecklenburg County (*served in Marine Corps 2001 - 2012*)

When: Thursday, Aug 2 at 2 p.m.

Where: First Ward Park
301 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC

Photo Ops: Platoon of 40+ Marines in famed dress blues
Color Guard presentation
Mayor Lyles presenting proclamation to Colonel Phares and the Marine Corps
U.S. Marine Corps, city, county and tourism officials with Charlotte skyline as backdrop

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.

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