



*Major General
Herbert L. Wilkerson
USMC (Ret.)*

COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

Wednesday 12 August, 5:30 pm at the Marines' Memorial Club

67th Anniversary of the Battle for Guadalcanal

Keynote Speaker: MajGen Herbert L. Wilkerson, USMC (Ret.)

MajGen Wilkerson was a rifleman in the 7th Marines of the 1st Marine Division during the Battle for Guadalcanal. He will talk about the fighting on Guadalcanal from a Non-Commissioned Officer's perspective. We are very fortunate that he has agreed to come to the Marines' Memorial to speak about the United States' first major offensive action of World War II. Join Guadalcanal Veterans in commemorating the 67th anniversary of what history now says was the most important battle in the Pacific in the entire War.

MajGen H. Lloyd Wilkerson served over 36 years as a Marine. With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps. Following boot camp at MCRD Parris Island, he joined 7th Marines and later, as a PFC rifleman in 1/7 (LtCol "Chesty" Puller, Commanding), participated in the capture of Guadalcanal. He advanced through the enlisted ranks to Platoon Sergeant, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in April 1945. He subsequently served in combat again with the 1st Marine Division in both Korea and Vietnam, where he commanded the 1st Marines, the oldest regiment in the Corps.

In 1972, he was promoted to Brigadier General and became Commanding General of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. In 1974, he was promoted to Major General while serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Studies at HQMC. Subsequently, he became Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Division, and Commanding General of the III Marine Amphibious Force in the Far East. His final assignment was Director of Personnel Management Division at HQMC in Washington. He commanded at every level from platoon to amphibious force during his Marine career.

TICKETS:

\$25 Members, \$45 Non-members, Free for Guadalcanal Veterans & Spouses