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**MARINES' MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL
SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2011**

CELEBRATING THE

**236TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

WITH GUEST OF HONOR



**GENERAL JAMES T. CONWAY, USMC (RET.)
34TH COMMANDANT
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

- EVENING AGENDA -

Prelude Bagpipe Music by Erick Leiken

Welcome by Major General J. Michael Myatt, USMC (Ret.)

Invocation by Colonel Richard Klemmer, USMC (Ret.)

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CEREMONY

Musical Performance by Erich Stratmann & Melody Moore

Cake Cutting Ceremony

23rd Marines

Introduction of Guest of Honor by

Mr. Steve Snyder

Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors,

Marines' Memorial Association

REMARKS BY GENERAL JAMES T. CONWAY, USMC (RET.)

34TH COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

followed by

Cocktail and Hors d' Oeuvres Reception at 7:00 pm

Dinner and Dancing at 8:00 pm

10th and 11th Floors

**GENERAL JAMES T. CONWAY, USMC (RET.)
34TH COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

General James T. Conway, the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was born in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on 26 December 1947 and is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University. He was commissioned in 1970 as an infantry officer. His company grade assignments included multiple platoon and company commander billets with both the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions; Executive Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63); series and company commander at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California; aide to the Commanding General, and Director, Sea School.

As a field grade officer, he commanded two companies of officer students and taught tactics at The Basic School; he also served as operations officer for the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit to include contingency operations off Beirut, Lebanon; and as Senior Aide to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Promoted to lieutenant colonel, he was reassigned to the 2d Marine Division as Division G-3 Operations Officer before assuming command of 3d Battalion, 2d Marines in January 1990. He commanded Battalion Landing Team 3/2 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Selected for colonel, he served as the Ground Colonels' Monitor, and as Commanding Officer of The Basic School. His general officer duties included Deputy Director of Operations, J-34, Combating Terrorism, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; and President, Marine Corps University at Quantico, Virginia. After promotion to major general, he assumed command of the 1st Marine Division. In November 2002, MajGen Conway was promoted to lieutenant general and assumed command of the I Marine Expeditionary Force. He commanded I Marine Expeditionary Force during two combat tours in Iraq. In 2004, he was reassigned as the Director of Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, in Washington, D.C. Gen Conway assumed the duties of Commandant of the Marine Corps on 14 November 2006. He retired from the Marine Corps on 1 November 2010.

General Conway graduated with honors from The Basic School, the U.S. Army Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

General Conway's personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with palm, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

**MAJOR GENERAL MATTHEW P. CAULFIELD, USMC (RET.)
CHAIRMAN, MARINES' MEMORIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

General Caulfield served on active duty for 34 years as an infantry officer, and, subsequently as a CEO of an organization that specialized in finding civilian work for military Veterans. He is a graduate of Fordham University, with an MBA from Harvard. He attended the Royal College of Defense Studies in the United Kingdom. He was the first Marine officer selected as a military fellow in the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and served as the Military Assistant to President Reagan as Deputy Director of the White House Military Office. He resides in Oceanside, California.