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## Media Release

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### **Marines celebrate 238 years, uniform pageant and cake cutting ceremony**

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (November 5, 2013)** – The air station will commemorate the U.S. Marine Corps’ 238th birthday by holding a cake-cutting ceremony and a uniform pageant at 10 a.m., Nov. 7 on the parade field.

The cake-cutting ceremony is a traditional part of the Marine Corps birthday celebrations across the globe.

During the ceremony, the first piece of birthday cake is presented to the oldest Marine present and the second piece to the youngest Marine, which signifies the passing of traditions from one generation to the next.

The uniform pageant will consist of Yuma Marines dressed in period uniforms that have been worn throughout Marine Corps history, commemorating the long lineage of men and women who have filled the Corps’ ranks for more than two centuries.

The Marine Corps was established Nov. 10, 1775, when the 2nd Continental Congress passed a resolution that “two battalions of Marines be raised.”

The event is open to all active, reserve and retired service members, DoD civilian government employees, DoD contractors, their families and special guests.

Media are invited to cover the event on Nov. 7. To R.S.V.P., contact Cpl. Zachary Scanlon at Zachary.Scanlon@usmc.mil by 4 p.m. on Nov. 6. Those attending must meet at the MCAS main gate no later than 9:30 a.m. When reserving a spot, be sure to include the name of your organization and the names and phone numbers of reporters attending. Media that R.S.V.P. will be informed as to any changes to arrival times.

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