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November 10th of this year marks the 248th Birthday of the founding and establishing of the U.S. Marine Corps by the 2nd Continental Congress in 1775. This is a formal occasion observed by all U.S. Marines regardless of location. Whether prior service, stateside, or forward deployed around the world; all Marines pause to observe and celebrate the birth of their Corps.

The Flathead Marines was established in 2008 as a local organization of U.S. Marines and those that have served alongside Marines. Our mission is to: foster camaraderie among Marines and their families, support active duty Marines, assist Marine Corps programs that benefit the community of the Flathead valley (such as Toys for Tots) and to instill Esprit de Corp and Marine Corps values in our local community such as our sponsorship of the Kalispell Montana annual 4th of July Parade. We also work with and support other veteran organizations, veterans, and their families.

This will be the 13th year the Flathead Marines will be sponsoring the local USMC Birthday Ball. This year it will be held at the Wachholtz Center at the Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell Montana. As always, this event is open to the public to celebrate with us. In addition to the ceremony, we will have a DJ and dancing, and we conduct drawings and silent auctions as a core part of our fundraising efforts.

As we plan our celebration, we would like to cordially invite you to participate in our celebration of all Marines past and present and join us at the Birthday Ball to honor all our local veterans and participants. Individual tickets are \$85 each and group tickets (in tables of 10 can be reserved for \$850) can be purchased on our website: www.FlatheadMarines.com.

Our Guest of Honor this year will be Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black, formally the 19th Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps and soon to be the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the most senior enlisted rank in the U.S. Military. Sgt. Maj. Black will be the 5th SEAC and the 2nd Marine to hold the rank.

For more information, please contact us at Info@FlatheadMarines.com.

We sincerely look forward to your attendance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy J. Norton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light-colored rectangular background.

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