

Summer Marine Parades & Concert Info

1. THE EVENING PARADE

a. Description. The Evening Parade is an exceptionally popular attraction for Washington residents and tourists alike. It includes a one hour and fifteen minute performance of music and precision marching featuring "The President's Own" United States Marine Band; "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps; and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon together with the Marines of Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

b. Dates, Times and Location. Every Friday at 8:45 p.m. from **May 4 through August 31** at Marine Barracks Washington on the corner of 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, DC.

c. Admission. Reserved seating is recommended. Those guests with a confirmed reservation will receive a ticket from their respective liaison office. Guests with tickets are admitted from 7:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the appropriate numbered gates. Guests arriving after 8 p.m. are not guaranteed their reserved seating. **After 8:00 p.m. all available seating, regardless of whether reservations were made, will be made available to the general public.**

d. Reservations Policy and Procedures. The Commandant of the Marine Corps has made special arrangements for Members of Congress, their staffs and guests. Constituents can make reservations via the Marine Barracks Washington website at www.mbw.usmc.mil. For updated parade information, they may call (202) 433-6060.

1 Reservations for large groups. Requests for reservations for parties of eleven or more are made by sending a fax to the Protocol, Marine Barracks at (202) 433-4076. Due to the popularity of the event, these requests should arrive 40 days in advance of the desired parade to ensure seating availability. An alternate parade date should also be included in the request. Confirmation and gate assignments for group reservation requests are made by return mail. Please see the website for more information.

e. Parking, Directions, Transportation. Please contact your respective USMC liaison office or refer to www.mbw.usmc.mil for more information.

f. Inclement Weather. Since seating is not sheltered, guests should bring an umbrella if rain is expected. Though nightly summer showers are common during the parade season, they are not cause for cancellation. Thunderstorms, however, pose a threat to all, and cancellations are inevitable. For the latest parade information please call (202) 433-6060.

2. THE SUNSET PARADE

a. Description. For those constituents whose trip to Washington precludes attendance at a Friday Evening Parade, there is a similar and equally impressive one-hour performance featuring a concert-in-motion by the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and precision drill by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

b. Dates, Times and Location. This ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday evening from June 05 through July 31 and starting at 6:30 p.m. on August 7 and 14 at the Marine Corps War Memorial (statue of the Iwo Jima flag raising), located just north of Arlington National Cemetery.

c. Admission. The performance is open to everyone at no charge and reservations are not necessary. Spacious lawns provide ample room for guests to bring lawn chairs and blankets for informal viewing. No other type of seating is available, except for the invited guests of the parade hosts.

d. Parking, Directions, Transportation. Please contact your respective USMC liaison office or refer to www.mbw.usmc.mil for more information.

3. U.S. MARINE BAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - U.S. CAPITOL

a. Description. Performances of about one and one-half hours by the United States Marine Band, the Marine Jazz Combo, or Free Country, the Marine Band's contemporary country music ensemble. Performances feature a variety of music.

b. Dates, Times and Location. Wednesday evenings from June through August (with the exception of July 5) beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the lower west terrace of the Capitol. There will not be a concert on July 5.

c. Admission. The concerts are open to everyone at no charge and reservations are not necessary. Seating is available on the Capitol steps facing the stage area, or behind the stage area on the Capitol grounds. Seating on the grounds provides ample room for guests to bring lawn chairs and blankets for informal viewing. No other type of seating is available.

d. Parking. Limited free and metered street parking is available in Washington, D.C. near the Capitol. The closest public parking facility is at Union Station ([links to www.unionstationdc.com](http://www.unionstationdc.com)).

e. Metrorail. Take the Red line to Union Station or the Blue/Orange lines to Capitol South. The Capitol is a short walk from both stations. Metrorail runs until midnight on Wednesdays.

4. **U.S. MARINE BAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - SYLVAN THEATRE**

a. **Description.** Performances of about one and one-half hours by the United States Marine Band, the Marine Jazz Combo, or Free Country, the Marine Band's contemporary country music ensemble. Performances feature a variety of music.

b. **Dates, Times and Location.** Thursday evenings from **June through August** beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Sylvan Theatre located on the grounds of the Washington Monument on the National Mall in southwest Washington, D.C. There will no concert on July 6.

c. **Admission.** The concerts are open to everyone at no charge and reservations are not necessary.

d. **Parking.** There is limited street parking around the Washington Monument.

e. **Metrorail.** Take the Blue or Orange Line to the Smithsonian Station.

4. **WEB SITE.** More information about the Marine Barracks 8th & I, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band; "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps; and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon can be found at www.mbw.usmc.mil

5. **SUMMARY.** The parades and band concerts afford an opportunity to view precision marching and listen to symphonic band music in the summertime splendor of our nation's capital. The Marines are proud to present the Marine Corps and look forward to assisting you during this 2007 parade and concert season.