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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1730.7

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps To: Distribution List

Subj: ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To establish the responsibility for planning and coordinating the necessary logistical/personnel support for the Annual Marine Corps Birthday Worship Service throughout the Marine Corps.

2. <u>Cancellation</u>. HQO 1730.1A.

3. <u>Background</u>. Religious ceremonies and divine services are traditional in observing the Marine Corps birthday and are commonly held in local commands on the Sunday immediately preceding or following the anniversary.

4. Action

a. <u>The Chaplain, U. S. Marine Corps</u>. Is responsible for conducting all liaison with agencies, both civilian and governmental, outside Marine Corps channels in preparation for the service at the Washington National Cathedral.

b. <u>Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion</u>, <u>Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps (HOMC)</u>. Will provide the logistical and personnel support required to ensure HQMC participation (as determined by The Chaplain, U.S. Marine Corps).

c. <u>Director, Special Projects Directorate, HQMC</u>. Will assist in coordinating the guest list and seating arrangements for subject service.

d. <u>Field Commands</u>. Commanders throughout the Marine Corps will establish an annual worship service observing the Marine Corps birthday on the Sunday immediately preceding or

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> following the anniversary. Each command is responsible for providing the logistical and personnel support required to support its worship service.

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