

MARINE CORPS

CUSTOMS & COURTESIES



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**What comes to mind when
you think about the
MARINE CORPS?**



“Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. Marines don’t have that problem.”

— President Ronald Reagan



“The Marine Corps has just been called by the New York Times, 'The elite of this country.' I think it is the elite of the world.”

Admiral William Halsey, U.S. Navy

QUALITY AND COMPETENCE

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DISCIPLINE



Backbone of the Corps

A black and white photograph of a soldier in camouflage gear lying on the ground, with a German Shepherd dog sitting beside them. The soldier is wearing a helmet and a camouflage uniform. The dog is sitting on the right side of the frame, looking towards the camera. The background is a rocky, uneven terrain.

LOYALTY

“SEMPER FIDELIS”

“ALWAYS FAITHFUL”

To God, Corps, and Country

CONDUCT IN ACTION

“The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight!”

MGen. Frank E. Lowe, USA;
Korea, 26 January 1952

NEVER LEAVE A MARINE BEHIND



VALOR



“Uncommon valor was a common virtue”

VERSATILITY



Every Marine is a rifleman

PRIDE

- IN WHO WE ARE
- IN WHAT WE DO
- IN THE UNIFORM
- IN THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE





TRADITIONS



IN OUR:

History

Uniform

Customs

...SET US APART



“Be a man of principle...Fight for what you believe in...Keep your word...Live with integrity...Be brave...Believe in something bigger than yourself...Serve your country.”

“Teach...Mentor...Give something back to society...Lead from the front...Conquer your fears.”

“Be a good friend...Be humble and be self-confident...Appreciate your friends and family.”

“Be a leader and not a follower...Be valorous on the field of battle...Take responsibility for your actions.”

These words from Marine Major Douglas Zembiec were taken from his combat journal under the title “Principles my father taught me.”
Major Zembiec was Killed In Action, March 11, 2007, during his fourth tour of duty in Iraq, during a raid against insurgent forces.



Marine Corps Birthday

November 10, 1775

at

Tun Tavern, Philadelphia,
PA



*We will be celebrating our
246th Birthday*



Marine Corps Birthday Customs

- Customary actions:

- Troop formations
(when practical)



- Reading of General John A. Lejeune's message

- Birthday Ball

- Cake cutting ceremony



MARINES' HYMN

**The oldest of the official songs of the Armed Services,
the copyright is dated back to 19 Aug 1919.**



- In 1805, a small force of Marines stormed the Barbary pirates' stronghold at Derna on the “**shores of Tripoli.**”



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Early Influences

During the Mexican-American War (1847),
Marines captured the Castle of Chapultepec,
otherwise known as the
“Halls of Montezuma”



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Early Influences

Around 1849, an unknown Marine combined the phrases to, “**From the Halls of Montezuma, to the Shores of Tripoli.**”



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Official Version

*From the Halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;*



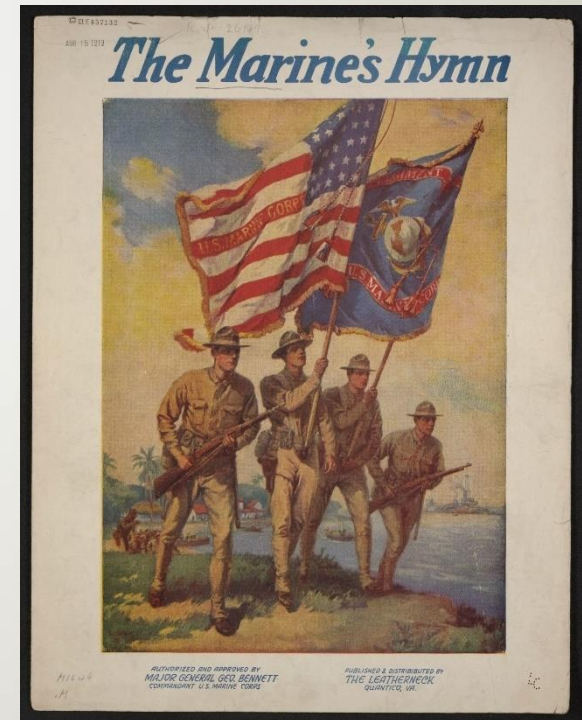
*First to fight for right and freedom,
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title,
Of United States Marine.*

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Official Version

*Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place;
Where we could take a gun;*

*In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.*



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Official Version

*Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life;
And never lost our nerve*

*If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded;
By United States Marines.*



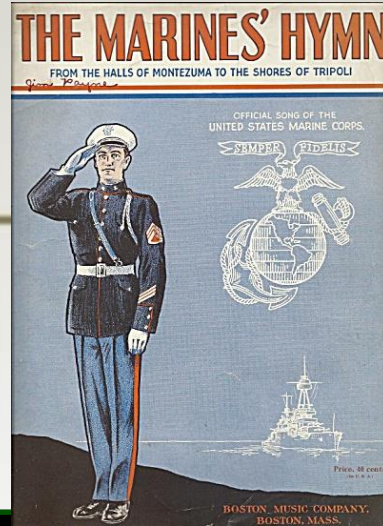
The Marines' Hymn

**Marines always stand at attention
and face the music while the
Marines' Hymn is being played.
Singing the words is also
appropriate.**



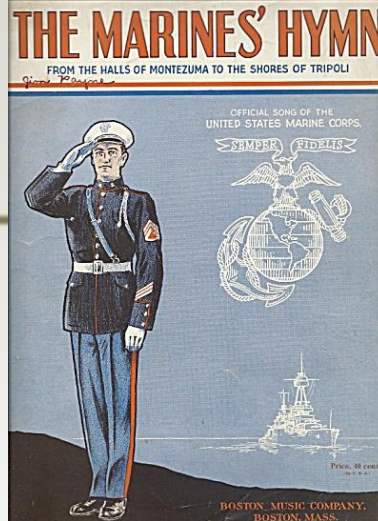
*Do the same for ALL of the service songs
(Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard)*

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From what two wars did the first stanza of the Marines' Hymn originate?

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**When the Marines' Hymn
is played, what should
Marines & Cadets do?**

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The Marine Corps Emblem



The Marine Corps emblem consists of:

- A globe (showing the Western Hemisphere)
- A fouled anchor
- A spread eagle (that carries a streamer that reads, “Semper Fidelis”)



Marine Corps Emblem

Symbol of years of traditions & customs

- **Eagle** – Represents Our Nation
- **Globe** – Represents Worldwide Service
- **Anchor** – Represents our Naval Ties & Traditions



This is the most important insignia you have and should be worn with pride.



The Marine Corps emblem consists of three elements. Which of the following is NOT one of them?

- A. Flag**
- B. Eagle**
- C. Globe**
- D. Anchor**



True or False:

The anchor on the Marine Corps emblem signifies the weight of the burden carried by Marines.

Choose the correct U.S. Marine Corps emblem.



A.



B.



C.



D.

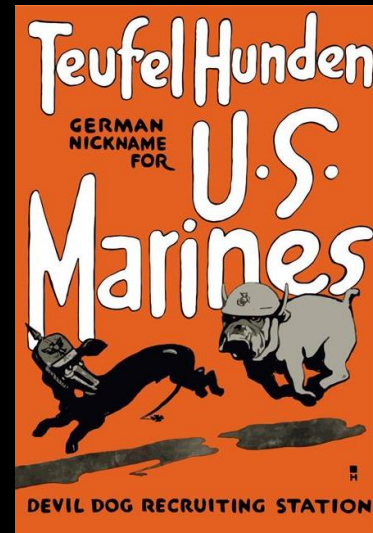
Marine Corps Colors

Scarlet & Gold



Marine Corps Mascot

Bulldog



Marine Corps Band

“The President’s Own”



Oldest Post in the Marine Corps

8th & I



MILITARY COURTESY

- **Courtesy**: The showing of politeness in one's attitude, speech, and behavior toward others.
- **Military Courtesy**: Traditional form of **politeness** in the profession of arms.
 - ***NOT JUST JUNIOR TO SENIOR...
COURTESY GOES BOTH WAYS***



MILITARY ETIQUETTE

Etiquette: The customary code of *polite behavior* in society or among members of a particular profession or group.



MILITARY ETIQUETTE

Being a female or male is a matter of birth.

Being a woman or a man is a matter of age.

Being a Lady or Gentleman is a matter of CHOICE.



MILITARY ETIQUETTE

Respect for seniority

- **“Attention on Deck”**
 - SMI/Principal/Superintendent/etc.
- **Encounter Senior in hallway or stairway**
- **Addressing group of Seniors** *(rank, not grade)*
 - “Gentlemen”, not “Sirs”
 - “Ladies”, not “Ma’ams”

MILITARY ETIQUETTE

Addressing Officers

- Address higher ranking officers by either "SIR" OR "MA'AM"
 - *(Rank may also be used)*
- Address SNCOs and NCOs by rank

STAND WHEN ADDRESSED BY A SENIOR OFFICER

MILITARY SALUTE:



Military Salute

Cadets must be able to:

1. Explain how to give a **proper hand salute**.
2. Know when to give a salute.
3. Know who to salute.

Hand Salute

- **Courtesies & proper greetings show respect for authority and achievement.**



- **The proper salutation shows the cadet has confidence in his or her abilities as a cadet.**

Military Salute

The current salute used by the Marine Corps personnel has its origins from the British Navy.



Hand Salute

- Whom to salute

- You must render the salute to all **commissioned** and **warrant officers**.
- Generally, you do not salute **noncommissioned officers**; however, there are exceptions.
 - *For example, when you act as a squad leader, salute your platoon sergeant when giving reports.*

Hand Salute

- How to salute

- When a leader who is in charge of a formation commands, “Present, Arms,” you should execute a salute.
- When wearing headgear with a visor, raise your right hand sharply, fingers and thumb extended and joined, palm facing down.





The current salute used by Marine Corps personnel has its origins from the _____.

- A. American Army**
- B. British Army**
- C. British Navy**
- D. None of the above**

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True or False:

**Generally, you do NOT salute
noncommissioned officers**



Which of the following is a proper Marine Corps salute?

A. Salute 1

B. Salute 2

C. Salute 3





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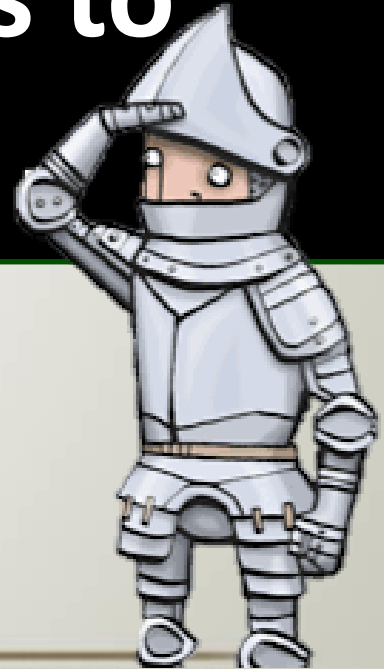


A.



True or False:

Some believe the origin of saluting came from the Age of Chivalry when two knights met and they raised their visors to expose their faces.



Hand Salute

When to salute

- When you hear the **National Anthem**, (*if you are in uniform*).
- For Colors (*not cased*), start salute **6 paces before** and continue salute until **6 paces past**.



Hand Salute

- When to salute

- During all official greetings (Senior Officers).
 - When passing senior officers (6 to 30 paces).
- During **reveille** and **retreat**, when within sight of the flag or the sound of the music and in uniform.
- Foreign military officers whose governments are formally recognized by the Government of the United States.

Hand Salute

When NOT to salute

- When on **public transportation**, including buses and trains.
- When in **public places** such as stores and theaters.
- While **indoors** except when reporting to an officer or when on duty as a guard.
- When you are in **civilian clothes**.
- When carrying articles in both hands

When **approaching an officer**,
the distance you should
salute is between ____ and
____ **paces**?



A. **2, 4**

C. **6, 6**

B. **6, 30**

D. **0, 3**

For **Color Guards**, begin your salute when the Colors approach within ____ **paces**, and continue the salute until the Colors are ____ **paces** past?



A. **2, 4**

C. **6, 6**

B. **6, 30**

D. **0, 3**

When should you render a salute?



- A. When you hear the National Anthem**
- B. When in public places**
- C. During official greetings**
- D. When a Color Guard passes by**

When do you **NOT** have to render a salute?



- A. When you are in civilian cloths**
- B. When in public places**
- C. When the national colors pass you**
- D. During the playing of the National Anthem**

**A salute is a form of
greeting and should
be done properly.**

**And salutes are NOT
SILENT**




Hand Salute

- The customary greeting given along with the salute is:
 - From early morning to noon:
“Good morning, sir or ma’am”
 - From noon to evening meal:
“Good afternoon, sir or ma’am”
 - From evening meal until retiring:
“Good evening, sir or ma’am”

**MAJOR
KINTZLEY IS
LIT & SICK!**

**YEET
YEET!!!**





**Good
morning,
Sir.**

The image shows three Marines in camouflage uniforms standing in a line on a paved area, saluting with their right hands. A superior officer, also in camouflage, is walking past them from right to left. The background features a light-colored building with windows and a large green bush on the left. A red arrow points towards the Marines from the bottom center.

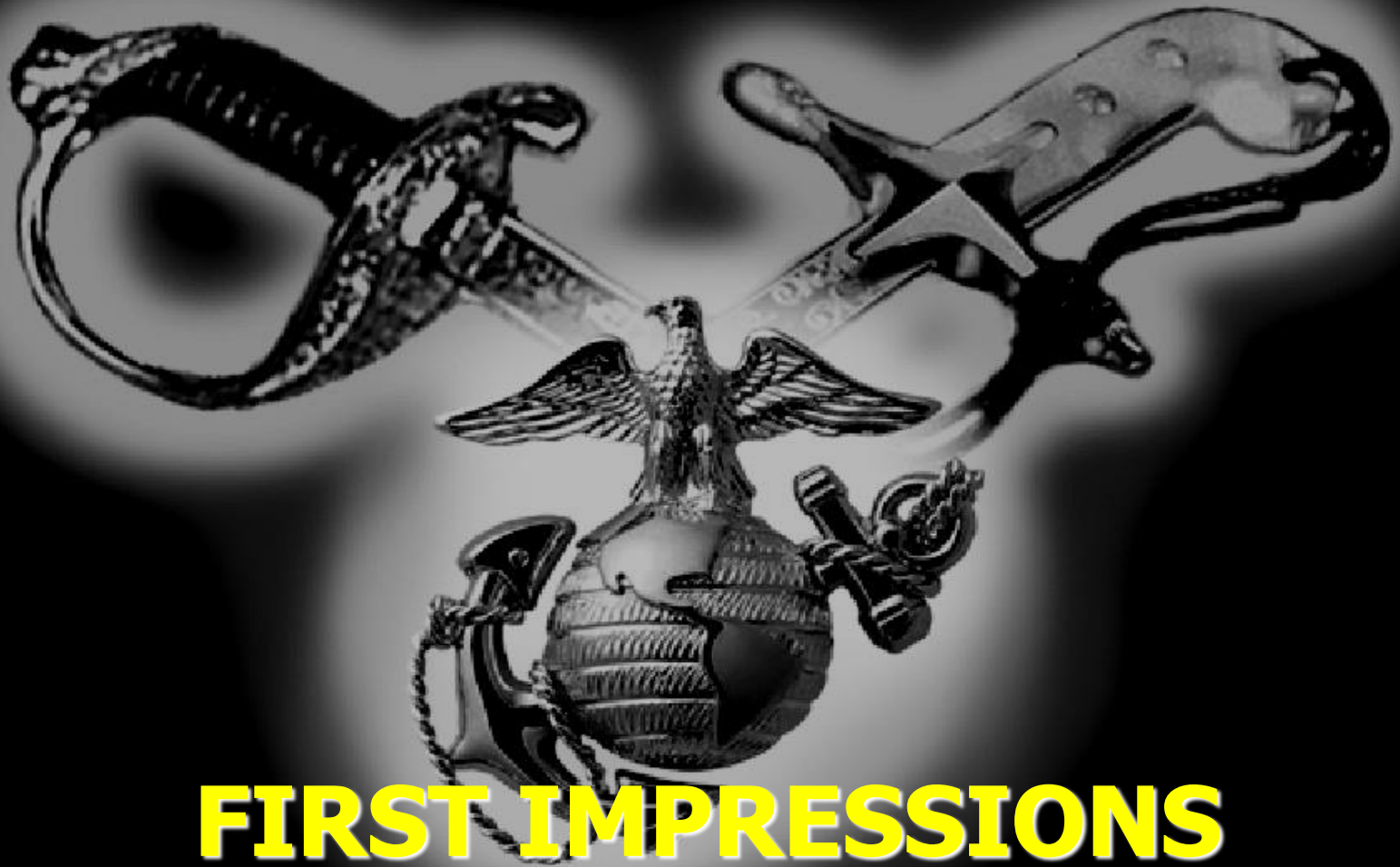
**Good
morning,
Marines.**

**HIS HAIRCUT
IS DRIPPING,
TOO**

**YEET YEET
YEET YEET
YEET!**



PROPER CONDUCT



**FIRST IMPRESSIONS
ARE IMPORTANT**

Amogala Dubois * '98

BEARING

What does it mean?

- Carry yourself with pride
- Walk with a purpose



TIPS ON BEARING

Means **DON'T** do this in uniform:

- **Keep hands in pockets**
- **Chew gum or tobacco**
- **Eat or drink (*while walking*)**
- **Overt signs of affection**
- **Wear Earbuds**

BEARING

- Show Respect at all times:
 - Salutes / Greetings
 - Flag etiquette

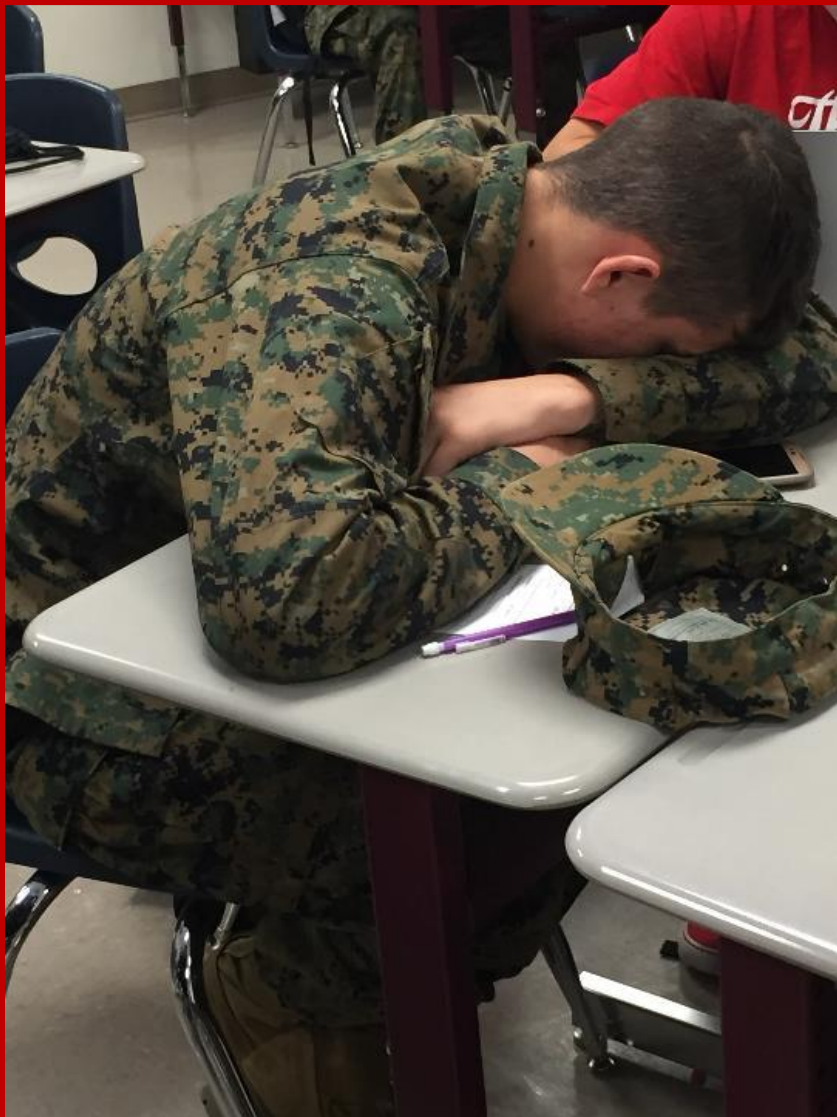


BEARING

- Proper Grooming:
 - Male Marines shave everyday.
 - Maintain regulation haircut.
 - *3 inches on top & tapered.*
- Shower regularly



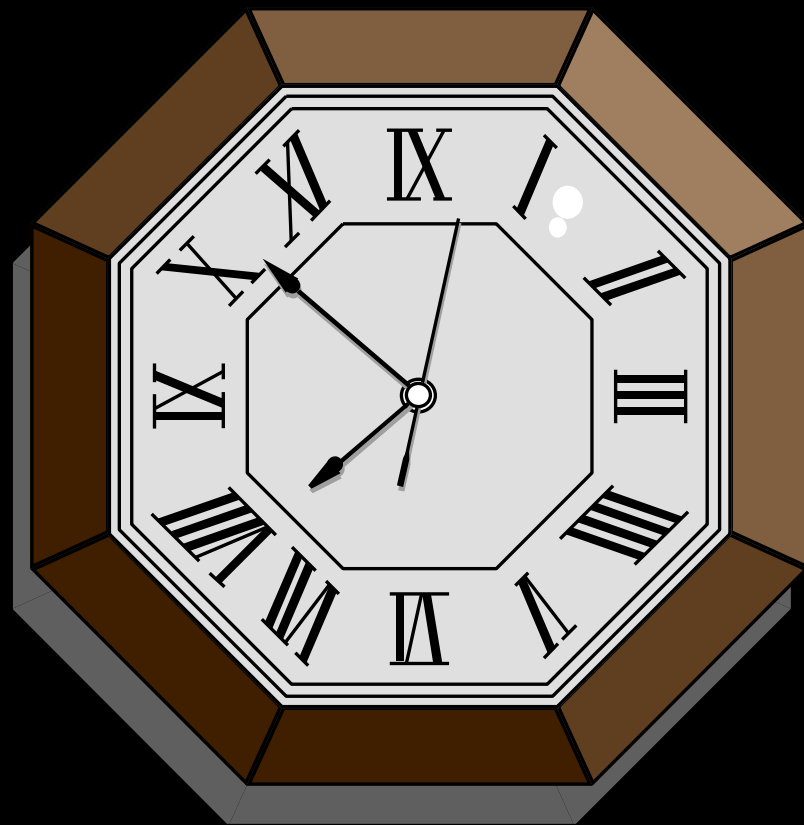
BEARING



**This is
disrespectful to
your teachers and
fellow students.**

**Demonstrates a
LACK of bearing**

**BE
ON
TIME!**





NOW LET'S REVIEW

What is the **Birthplace** of the U.S. Marine Corps?



What are the **Marine** **Corps Colors?**



What is the **Birthday** of the U.S. Marine Corps?



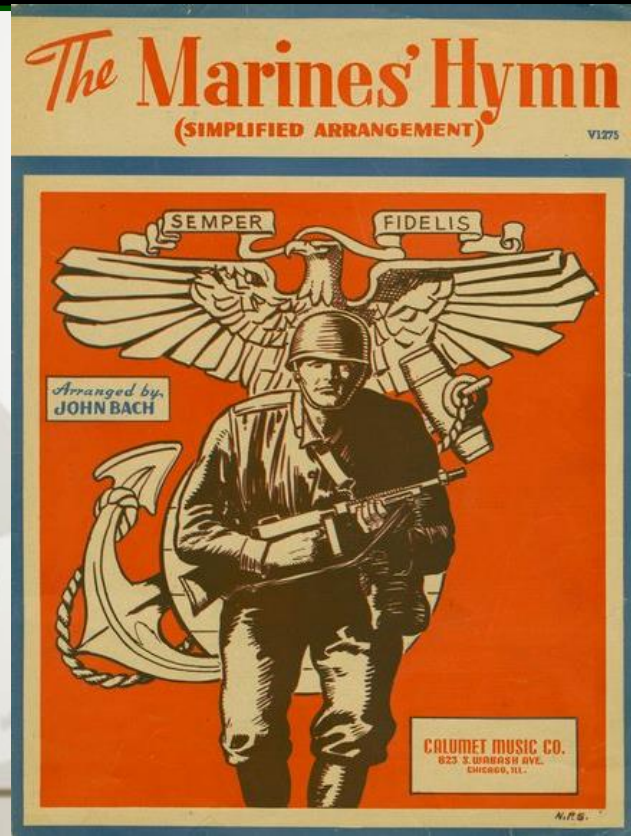
What is the name of the
Marine Corps Service Song?



What is the name of the **Marine Corps Band?**



What do you do when the
Marines' Hymn is played?



**What do you do when the SMI,
Principal or Superintendent
enters the room for the first
time?**



What are the **3**
parts of the
Marine Corps
emblem?



What does the **EAGLE** represent in the Marine Corps emblem?



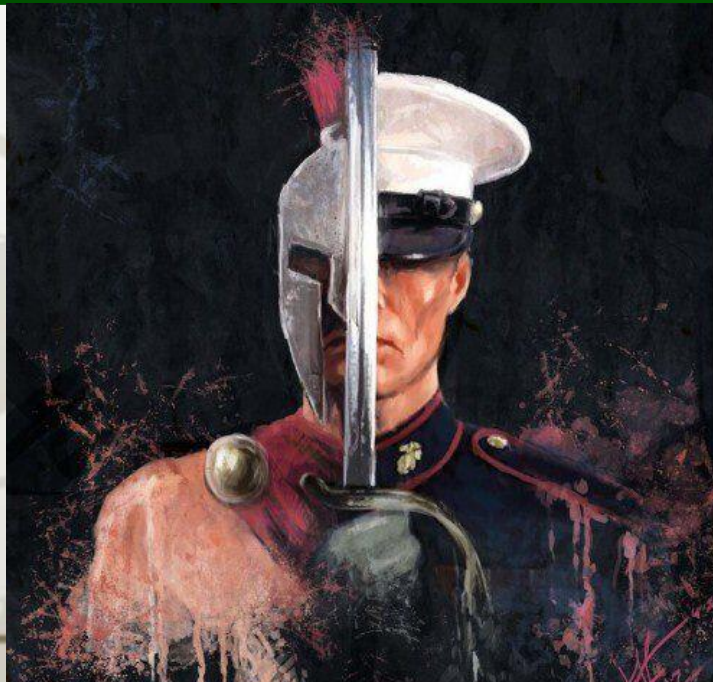
What does the **GLOBE** represent in the Marine Corps emblem?



What does the **ANCHOR** represent in the Marine Corps emblem?



What is the Marine Corps' **Motto**?



What is the translation of **Semper Fidelis**?



What is the **Oldest Post** in the Marine Corps?



What is the Marine Corps **Mascot**?



DUCTUS EXEMPLO

A dramatic sunset scene with silhouettes of soldiers and flags. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. Several soldiers in uniform are silhouetted against the sky. One soldier in the center holds a rifle. To the right, two soldiers play brass instruments. Two large flags are visible: the United States flag on the left and a dark flag with a white emblem on the right. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds.

QUESTIONS?