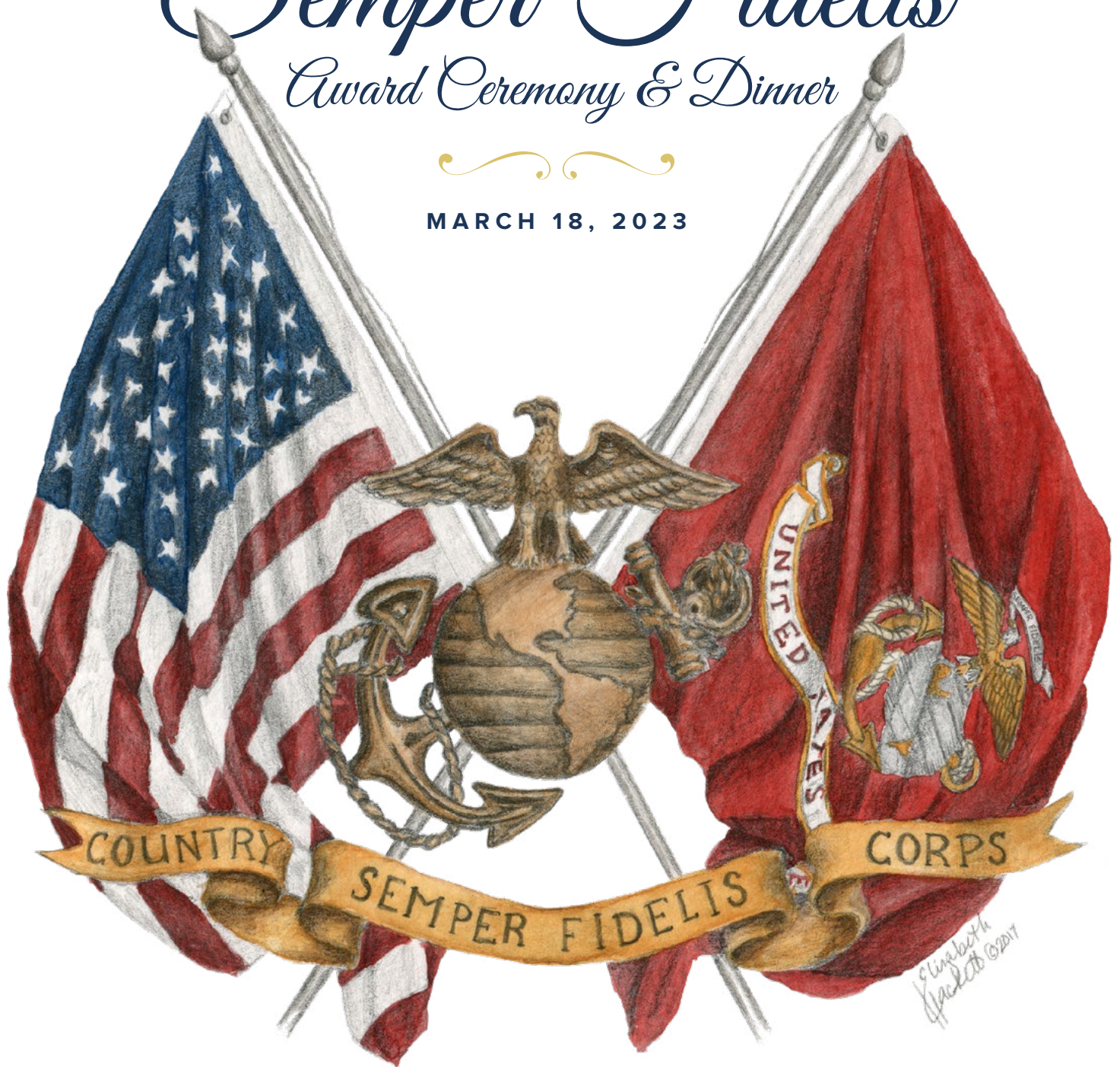


# *Semper Fidelis*

*Award Ceremony & Dinner*

MARCH 18, 2023



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## *The Semper Fidelis Award*

In 1985, the Marine Corps University Foundation, then the Marine Corps Command and Staff College Foundation, presented its first Semper Fidelis Award. In every year since, the Foundation has recognized distinguished American leaders whose commitment to personal and professional excellence embodies those qualities of leadership and character uniquely associated with the United States Marine Corps.

### **ABOUT THE ARTIST**

*The program cover is an original work of art by Betsy Hackett depicting the famous crossed American and Marine Corps Flags. Betsy is a mother of two, Marine Corps spouse, and artist/business owner who specializes in watercolor and graphite (she also dabbles in fiber arts, acrylic, and all the other mediums she can get her hands on). While her artistic endeavors have been a constant throughout her entire life, she began professionally painting in 2013. By 2016 she had self-published and began self-distributing her watercolor and ink art book, *We Call Them Home: A Collection of Marine Corps Watercolors*. It includes images and historical text of the 17 Designated Marine Corps Bases inside the US, including the Home of the Commandants, with over half of the initial print run being sold. Taking commissions from 2013-2018 in addition to personal projects, Betsy's work is always in demand, but she finds time to lend her talents to many non-profit organizations, unit groups, spouse groups and her kids' schools – often providing some of her Graphic Design Skills for special events and fundraisers.*

*We encourage you to look at all of Betsy's Prints that are available at [www.betsyhackett.com](http://www.betsyhackett.com). Many of those prints are Marine Corps related, and as such, she has held a USMC Trademark Hobbyist license since 2015. Betsy and her husband have had 10 different mailing addresses since getting married, and she's looking forward to settling in for 'the long haul' at Marine Corps Base Quantico where they will, \*God willing\*, be in ONE house for 3-4 years!*

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**MILITARY GUEST OF HONOR**

**GENERAL DAVID H. BERGER, USMC**

**38<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**



# *General David H. Berger*

## **COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS**

**G**eneral David H. Berger assumed the duties of Commandant of the Marine Corps on July 11, 2019.

A native of Woodbine, Maryland, General Berger graduated from Tulane University and was commissioned in 1981. He commanded at every level – including a Reconnaissance Company; 3d Battalion, 8th Marines in Haiti during Operation SECURE TOMORROW; Regimental Combat Team 8 in Fallujah, Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

As a General Officer, he commanded 1st Marine Division (Forward) in Afghanistan during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; I Marine Expeditionary Force; U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific/Fleet Marine Forces Pacific; and Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

General Berger's staff and joint assignments include serving as Assistant Division Commander of 2d Marine Division; policy planner in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5; Chief of Staff for Kosovo Force (KFOR) Headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo; and Director of Operations in Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration.

General Berger's formal military education includes the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and U.S. Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting. He holds multiple advanced degrees including a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



# *Sergeant Major Troy E. Black*

## **SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS**

**S**ergeant Major Black assumed his current post as the 19th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on July 26, 2019. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., in April of 1988.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Black has been assigned numerous duties to include: 0331 Machine Gunner, Machine Gun Squad and Section Leader; Weapons Platoon Sergeant and Weapons Platoon Commander; Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, DI School Instructor, and RTR Drill Master; First Sergeant, G Company 2d Bn, 1st Marines, E Company 3d Amphibious Assault Battalion, Officer Candidates School; Sergeant Major, 3d Bn, 7th Marines, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

He has deployed aboard the USS Forrester (CV-59) in support of Operation Just Cause and to the

Mediterranean in 1989; deployed in support of Operation Sea Soldier, Desert Storm/Desert Shield, and Sea Angel with 3rd Bn, 5th Marines in 1990, and to Okinawa in 1992; to Iraq with 2d Bn, 1st Marines in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II (OIF) in 2004; deployed with 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) during Operation Bright Star and to Iraq in support of Operation Steel Curtain in 2005; to Afghanistan with 3d Bn, 7th Marines in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010; deployed with Combat Logistics Battalion 5 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012; and deployed in support of WESTPAC 14.2 and Operation Inherent Resolve with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2014.

Sergeant Major Black has a Bachelor of Science in Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies from National American University, and graduated from the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy December of 2011.





# *Winsome Earle-Sears*

## **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA**

**W**insome Earle-Sears, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, immigrated to the United States at the age of six. She is proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps. In addition to her various appointments, she has served as the Vice President of the Virginia State Board of Education; and as a presidential appointee to the US Census Bureau, as co-chair of the African American Committee; and the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Winsome was first elected in 2002 to a majority Black House of Delegates district, a first for a Republican in Virginia since 1865. She is the first female Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the first naturalized female elected to statewide office. She is

also the first female Veteran to be elected to statewide office. As Lieutenant Governor, Winsome Earle-Sears presides over the Senate when they are in session.

A former program manager for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and VISTA volunteer, Winsome is a trained electrician and successful businesswoman. However, Winsome is most proud of her community work leading a men's prison ministry and as director of a women's homeless shelter. She holds a B.A. in English with a minor in Economics, and an M.A. in Organizational Leadership, with a concentration in Government. Winsome and her husband, Terence, have two daughters Katia and Janel, in addition to DeJon, and granddaughters Victoria and Faith, who are now looking into the face of God.

# Sequence of Events



<b>6:00 PM</b>	Reception	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Welcome	<i>Mr. Guy Wyser-Pratte</i>
	Introduction of Official Party	
	Presentation of the Colors	<i>Color Guard provided by Marine Corps Barracks Washington</i>
	United States National Anthem	<i>The President's Own United States Marine Band</i>
	Retire The Colors	<i>Mr. Guy Wyser-Pratte</i>
	Armed Forces Medley	
	Introductions & Remarks	<i>Mr. Guy Wyser-Pratte</i> <i>Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC (Ret)</i>
	Military Guest of Honor Remarks	<i>General David H. Berger, USMC</i> <i>38th Commandant of the Marine Corps</i>
	Presentation of Award	<i>Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC (Ret)</i> <i>Winsome Earle-Sears, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia</i>
	Remarks	<i>Winsome Earle-Sears, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia</i>
	Invocation	<i>Captain Yolanda L. Gillen, USN, Deputy Chaplain</i> <i>of the Marine Corps</i>
	Dinner	

# Menu



## Salad

*Red & Green Romaine Heart, Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes,  
Seasonal Radish, Cucumbers, Sherry Vinaigrette*

## Bread

*Assorted Artesian Rolls, Butter*

## Entrée

*Braised Beef Short Ribs & Grilled Jumbo Shrimp, Bourbon Apple Glaze,  
Fondant Potatoes, Haricot Vert Medley, Caramelized Shallots, Thyme*

## Dessert

*Lemon Bar, Crème brûlée, Chocolate Raspberry Tart*

## Wine

*Canyon Road Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon*



*Freshly brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and Variety of Teas available*

*\*Vegetarian, Vegan or Gluten-Free selection available to any guest with  
special dietary or medical concerns. Please advise your server.*

# Former Semper Fidelis Award Recipients



- 2022** | **Col H.C. Barnum, Jr., USMC, (Ret)**  
*Medal of Honor Recipient & Vietnam Veteran*
- 2020** | **General Alfred M. Gray, USMC (Ret)**  
*29th Commandant of the Marine Corps 1987-1991*
- 2019** | **Mr. Geoffrey L. Stack Captain, USMC**  
*1967-1970 (RVN)*
- 2019** | **LtCol Oliver L. North**  
*President, NRA*
- 2018** | **The Honorable David O. Carter**  
*United States District Court for the Central District of California*
- 2018** | **MajGen Charles F. Bolden, USMC (Ret)**  
*Astronaut and Administrator, NASA*
- 2017** | **Mr. James Irvine Swinden**  
*CEO, Irvine Museum*
- 2017** | **Mr. Anthony R. Moiso O'Neill Family**  
*Chairman and CEO Rancho Mission Viejo*
- 2017** | **Honorable Jack Reed**  
*United States Senator, Rhode Island*
- 2016** | **General John F. Kelly, USMC (Ret)**  
*Former Commander, United States Southern Command*
- Mrs. Karen Kelly**  
*MC Scholarship Foundation Member*
- 2015** | **Mr. George F. Will, Ph.D.,**  
*Pulitzer Prize-Winning Columnist and Author*
- 2014** | **General James N. Mattis, USMC (Ret)**  
*Former Commander, United States Central Command*
- 2014** | **Mr. Clint Eastwood**  
*Actor, Director, Veteran*
- 2013** | **Mr. Robert A. Lutz**  
*Marine Aviator, Automotive Industry Leader and Author*
- 2013** | **Honorable Antonin Scalia**  
*Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court*
- 2012** | **Lt General Sir Robert A. Fry, KCB, CBE**  
*Former Commandant Royal Marines*
- 2012** | **General David H. Petraeus, USA (Ret)**  
*20th Director of the Central Intelligence Agency*
- 2011** | **Honorable Richard Cheney**  
*46th Vice President of the United States*
- 2010** | **Honorable George W. Bush 43rd**  
*President of the United States*
- 2009** | **Honorable Robert M. Gates**  
*United States Secretary of Defense*
- 2008** | **Mr. Robert S. Mueller, III**  
*Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- 2007** | **Honorable Zel Miller**  
*Former United States Senator, Georgia*
- 2006** | **Honorable Daniel K. Inouye**  
*United States Senator, Hawaii*
- 2005** | **General Michael W. Hagee, USMC**  
*33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps*
- 2004** | **Honorable Colin L. Powell**  
*Secretary of State*
- 2003** | **Honorable Richard Cheney**  
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- 2002** | **Honorable George H. W. Bush**  
*41st President of the United States*
- 2001** | **Honorable Ike Skelton**  
*United States Congressman, Missouri*
- 2000** | **Mr. Ted Williams**  
*Korean War Aviator, Baseball Hall of Fame*
- 1999** | **Honorable Gerald B. H. Solomon**  
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- 1995** | **Honorable Paul McHale**  
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- 1994** | **Gen Leonard Chapman Jr., USMC (Ret)**  
*24th Commandant of the Marine Corps*
- 1993** | **Honorable John Glenn**  
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- 1992** | **BGen Thomas F. Riley, USMC (Ret)**  
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- 1992** | **Honorable John W. Warner**  
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- 1988** | **Honorable Barber B. Conable**  
*President, The World Bank*
- 1988** | **Honorable George P. Schultz**  
*Secretary of State*
- 1987** | **Honorable James A. Baker, III**  
*Secretary of the Treasury*
- 1986** | **Honorable Pete Wilson**  
*United States Senator, California*

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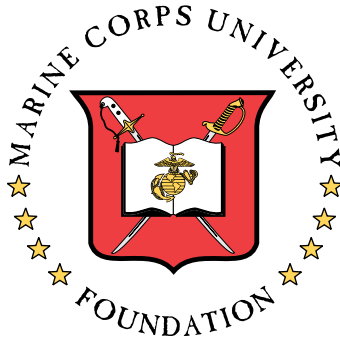
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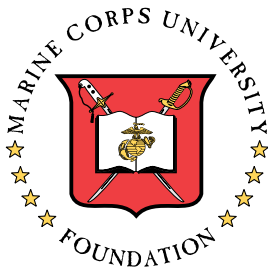
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