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36th EDITION OF MARINE MILITARY EXPO SET FOR QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER 27-29

Washington, DC— The 36th Anniversary edition of the world’s largest military exposition focusing on enhanced capabilities for expeditionary forces will be presented at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, September 27 - 29. This year marks the 24th consecutive year the show has staged at MCB, Quantico and the 11th year at Lejeune Field, the main parade deck aboard MCB, Quantico the “Crossroads of the Corps”.

A recent, exciting addition to the schedule, taking place at **10:15 am on Wednesday, 28 September**, is a presentation by the **Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, USMC**, entitled: **“Marine Corps Operating Concept: How an Expeditionary Force Operates in the 21st Century”**.

The expo is sponsored by the Marine Corps League and hosted by Marine Corps Base, Quantico. The League is a 70,000-member Marine Corps veteran’s organization. Personnel from Marine Corps Systems Command, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Marine Corps Warfighting Lab will be present to meet with industry representatives.

The annual **Report to Industry** will take place from **9:30-11:30 am the first day of the show, Tuesday, September 27th**. The Report is moderated by **LtGen Robert Walsh, the Commanding General of Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant, Combat Development**

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and Integration. Other panelists will be: LtGen Ron Bailey, (Plans, Programs & Operations), BGen Terry Williams, (Installations & Logistics), SES Edward Gardiner, (Programs & Resources), BGen Joseph Shrader, Commander, (Marine Corps Systems Command), Col Andrew D. Bianca (Acting Commander, PEO-Land Systems), and BGen Roger Turner, (Capabilities Development Directorate).

Additionally, Marine Corps Systems Command is once again hosting a **Planning Brief to Industry on Tuesday, 27 September, from 1:00-4:30pm**, also at the Briefing Center. Program Managers from each function will brief industry on the current status of their programs and the opportunities that might exist in the future. PEO-Land Systems will also give a brief at this event. Following the Planning Brief, industry representatives will be given the opportunity to sign-up for one-on-one meetings with Program Managers over the course of the remaining days at the Expo.

Finally, two presentations will take place the final day, Thursday 29 September, one from Marine Corps Special Operations Command (MARSOC) at 9:00 am and one by the Marine Corps Small Business Programs Office at 10:00 am. All presentations will take place at the Briefing Tent next to the main Food Area.

One of the exposition's most popular events is the **Enlisted Awards Parade**. This year, the parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28th. The colorful ceremony features the presentation of awards for superior service to enlisted Marines and Sailors from Marine Corps units around the world. The awards are sponsored by the Capital Marines Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Because of the large number of visitors who attend the parade, car-pooling is encouraged to reduce traffic congestion at the center of the base. Both the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps will be the reviewing officials.

Another major event on **September 28th, the Modern Day Marine Military Exposition's Grand Banquet and Awards Dinner** will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the Crystal City section of Arlington, VA. During the Awards Dinner, the Commandant of the Marine Corps will present the Marine

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Corps League's top awards—the Military Order of the Iron Mike and the Dickey Chappelle Award—to two distinguished Americans for outstanding service to the nation, and to the Marine Corps in particular. The Iron Mike is named for a statue at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, which is famous among Marines as a symbol of service, sacrifice and valor. The Dickey Chappelle Award is named for a woman war correspondent who covered the Marines in several wars and was killed on a combat patrol with Marines in Vietnam. **This year's Dickey Chappelle and Iron Mike award winners are Dr. Betty Moseley Brown Ed.D, the Associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs and Congressman Rob Wittman of Virginia's 1st Congressional District.**

The 2016 expo will draw not only U.S. Marine Corps military and civilian personnel but also members of the other U.S. services, foreign military attaches, and corporate representatives from throughout the United States and several allied nations. News media representatives desiring to cover any portion of the exposition must have their press credentials upon arrival at the exposition site for registration. Due to heightened security, all attendees are required to have picture identification available when entering the base at Quantico. Uniformed Marines may enter exhibit halls without a special registration badge. All other attendees and industry representatives must register on site and obtain a registration badge during registration hours.

Exhibit areas will open at 10:00 a.m. each day. The areas will close at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Additional information on the exposition is available at www.marinemilitaryexpos.com

Media registration – Contact the Press Liaison for the Marine Corps League:

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