

# 236th Marine Corps Birthday

## Recruiting Station Louisville Marine Corps Birthday Ball 2011



Celebrating the 236th Birthday of the  
United States Marine Corps  
19 November 2011

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## History

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On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved to raise two battalions of "American Marines." Congress commissioned 31-year-old Samuel Nicholas, a well-known Philadelphian, as captain of the fledgling force of Continental Marines. Nicholas raised two battalions of Marines and began the long, illustrious history of the United States Marine Corps.

On November 1, 1921, General John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921. The order provided a summary of the history, mission, and traditions of the Corps. General Lejeune directed that the order be read to every command each subsequent year on November 10th in honor of the founding of the Marine Corps. This tradition has continued every year since 1921 throughout the Corps.

The first official "Birthday Ball" was probably held in 1925 in Philadelphia. No official records of the event were held prior to that date. Guests at the ball in 1925 included the Secretary of the Navy, General Lejeune, well-known national leaders, and representatives from all the military services.

On October 28, 1952, Commandant General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. directed the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday be formalized throughout the Corps. The details were included in the Marine Corps Drill Manual approved in 1956. General Shepherd's order helped bring together the inclusion of a cake ceremony and other traditions still held every year at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

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## Guest of Honor

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Keith Bean, Master Sergeant, USMC (Retired)



Founder and Principal Consultant of Semperformance

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## Sequence of Events

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1800-1900    Cocktails\*  
1900-2000    Ceremony  
2000-2400    Dinner and Dancing

\* A cash bar will be available.

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Music provided by:  
*DJ Mike of Knight Entertainment.*

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## Menu

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Filet Mignon topped with pinot noir reduction  
served with roasted red potatoes and market vegetables

*Or*

Chicken Lemonata:  
A chicken breast with a light lemon glaze  
served over wilted spinach  
herbed pasta and market vegetables

*A vegetarian entrée available upon request.  
Please specify your choice of meal upon ticket purchase.*

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## Attire

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Marines - Evening Dress "B" or Blue Dress "A"

Army - Army Blue (bow tie)

Navy - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue

Air Force - Mess Dress

Civilians - Black Tie

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## Ticket Purchase

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### **Ticket cost per person:**

\$60 for all Officers and their guests, all SNCOs and their guests, and for all other invited guests.

\$55 for all NCOs and their guests.

Tickets are available for purchase until 15 October. Please contact the Recruiting Station Logistics Chief at 502-582-6600 ext 215, or the Recruiting Station Executive Officer at 502-582-6600 ext 205.

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Payments can be made either by cash or check. We ask that all checks be made payable to:

Recruiting Station Louisville Marine Corps Ball

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*Information on this page is subject to change.*

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## Directions

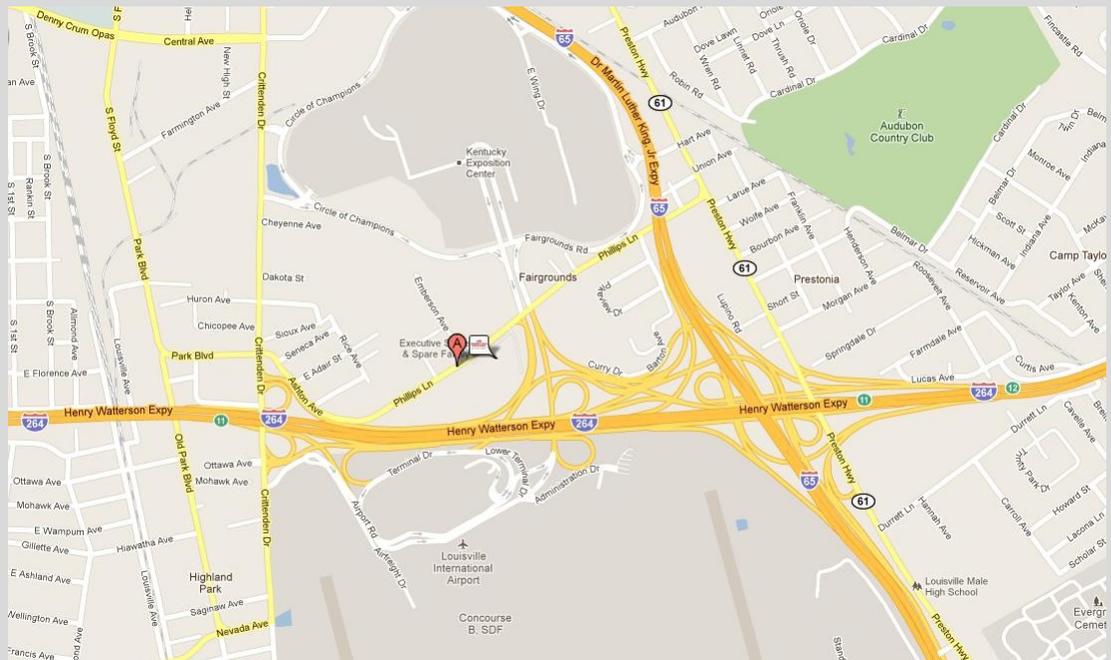
### Location:

[Crowne Plaza Hotel Louisville](#)

830 Phillips Lane

Louisville, KY 40209

Telephone number: 502-367-2251



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## Room Reservations

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Hotel room reservations may be made by contacting the [Crowne Plaza Hotel Louisville](#) by phone at 502-367-2251.

Hotel rooms will be charged at the government rate of \$101.

When making reservations, inform the hotel that you are making reservations for the:

“US MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL”

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## Child Care

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On site childcare is pending. Please check back for more information.

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## Photo Packages



Professional photography will be provided by Lightspeed Photos. The following price list applies to the 2011 Recruiting Station Louisville's Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

On site photo printing available

Print packages range from \$20 to \$50. The following packages will be available:

One photo CD with reproduction rights. \$20.00

Package A includes 1-5x7, 2-3.5x5, and 4 wallets. \$20.00

Package B includes 1-8x10, 1-5x7, 2-3.5x5, and 4 wallets. \$40.00

Package C includes 1-8x10, 1-5x7, 2-3.5x5, 4 wallets and Photo CD with reproduction. \$50.00

*For more information, contact Lightspeed Photos at 502-581-9558 or by [email](#).*

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