

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Two Hundred and Thirty Sixth Anniversary

Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel

Cherokee, NC

Saturday, November 5, 2011



Dear Marine/FMF Corpsman:

You and your guests are cordially invited to join with other Marines and FMF Corpsman in the camaraderie of celebrating the Two Hundred and Thirty Sixth Anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps. We are honored to have Colonel Carl W. Kachauskas, USMC, as our guest speaker for the evening.

We are fortunate in having secured the Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel with its superb reputation for fine food, service, and décor. Like Marines, they have a lot of pride in their reputation. Visit their website for directions and more information at: www.harrahscherokee.com.

The cost of the evening is **\$35 per person**. This will cover the cost of the meal, which will be a sit down served dinner, and the evening events to include the traditional cutting of the Marine Corps Birthday Cake.

** There will be a cash bar available for beer, wine, soda, and water. No alcohol will be allowed to be brought into the hotel or taken out of the event room. It will also be cash only, no checks or credit cards accepted. There will be a hospitality room at the Inn of the Seven Clans, personal alcohol can be brought to this room before and after the Ball.*

20 rooms have been blocked at the Inn of the Seven Clans located across the street from the event site at a special rate of **\$79 (inclusive) per night**. Inn of the Seven Clans will be providing a shuttle service during the hours of 1500 and 2300 between the event site and the hotel at no additional cost. For more information contact the hotel at 828-497-4231. Please make reservations NLT October 28, 2011.

This is a formal occasion, therefore the dress code will be coat and tie, proper Marine Corps uniform, Marine Corps League uniform consisting of red blazer or red evening jacket, and ladies should dress accordingly as well. If you are interested in participating in the evening ceremonial events, please indicate so on your registration form.

There will be a memorabilia table setup with Marine Corps history for viewing. If you would like to display items, please indicate on your registration form that you will be displaying items and a brief description of those items, this includes pictures, uniforms, and any military gear from any period of service.

Parking will be in Harrah's Casino and Hotel parking lot, valet service will be available if needed. If you are booked at the Inn of the Seven Clans, you may park at the Hotel and ride the Hotel shuttle to the Casino Hotel.

Schedule of Evening Events:

1730-1830: Social Hour

1830-1850: Ceremony

1850: Dinner

2000-2015: Guest Speaker

2015-2100: Music, Dance, Social

2100: Door Prizes

2130-2300: Music, Dance, Social

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