The USMC Birthday Celebration hosted by Marine Corps League Detachment 924 is set for Sunday, 10 November 2024, at Rothchild's Catering and Conference Center located at 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Doors (and bar) open at 1700. At 1800 the celebration will begin with the welcome by Master of Ceremonies and will proceed with the usual rituals including Posting of Colors, the Birthday Cake Cutting, Lejeune's Message, CMC message, and an address by our guest speaker, Lt. General Larry Nicholson. After the meal there will be the traditional toasting. Dance until 2100.

The Birthday Ball is not a Marine Corps League detachment-only function. **All who wish to celebrate the Marine Corps are welcome.** This will be a formal event: Uniforms, suits, best clothes. Each service member is encouraged to wear their medals.

Tickets are $45 per person. The buffet will have generous servings of prime rib, salmon and chicken piccata plus veggies. A vegetarian meal is available on request. Dessert will be USMC Birthday Cake.

We need Marines who will participate in the ceremonies. Please contact Tim Shea at 865-440-5219 (voice/text) or TimFShea@gmail.com:

- Cake Cutting ceremony. We need a swordsman to cut the cake and serve it to the oldest and youngest Marine. We have a sword.

- We are looking for the oldest and youngest Marine.

- Toasting - there are many canned toasts that we can pass to whoever will stand up to do the toast. We would also like to have some extemporaneous toasts. So, if you wish, prepare yourself to pop up and issue your toast.

- If there are any notable Marines or Corpsmen (or members of other branches) that should be recognized, please make certain that the Birthday Committee is made aware. This might be someone with a great war story, a WWII or Korean War veteran, outstanding community service or veteran function organizer, and the like.

We must cap the attendance at 150 guests.

Reservation forms will be available soon.

Tim Shea
Chairman
249th Birthday Celebration Committee