

The 2d Marine Division Band



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“You must be careful how you walk, and where you go, for there are those following you who will set their feet where yours are set.” –
General Robert E. Lee

2d Marine Division Change of Command

In August, the 2d Marine Division band performed in the 2d Marine Change of Command at W.P.T. Hill Field aboard Camp Lejeune where MajGen James W. Lukeman relinquished command to MajGen Brian D. Beaudreault. The band performed in front of 3,200 troops to include additional pieces such as the Notre Dame Victory March and Gladiator Finale, a rousing medley featuring Cpl Corderman on the guitar.



Promotions

In August, the 2d Marine Division Band was honored to promote its Band Officer, CWO3 Jack K. Davis. Special guests for this promotion ceremony included the 2d Marine Division Commanding General Major General James W. Lukeman accompanied by the 2d Marine Division Sergeant Major Bryan K. Zickefoose. Congratulations to our Band Officer on his recent promotion!



Promotions Continued

In July and August, the 2d Marine Division Band was proud to promote Sgts Carrion, Murray, Rissley, Schott, Cvach and Cpl Morgan. Congratulations to these hardworking Marines on their recent promotion!



Sgt Carrion, Clarinet



Sgt Murray, French Horn



Sgt Rissley, Clarinet



Sgt Schott, Trombone



Sgt Cvach, Tuba



Cpl Morgan, Tuba

Welcome Aboard



The 2d Marine Division Band has the pleasure of welcoming Cpl Timoney (trombone) and LCpl Morgan (tuba). Both are joining us from the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band, Okinawa, Japan.

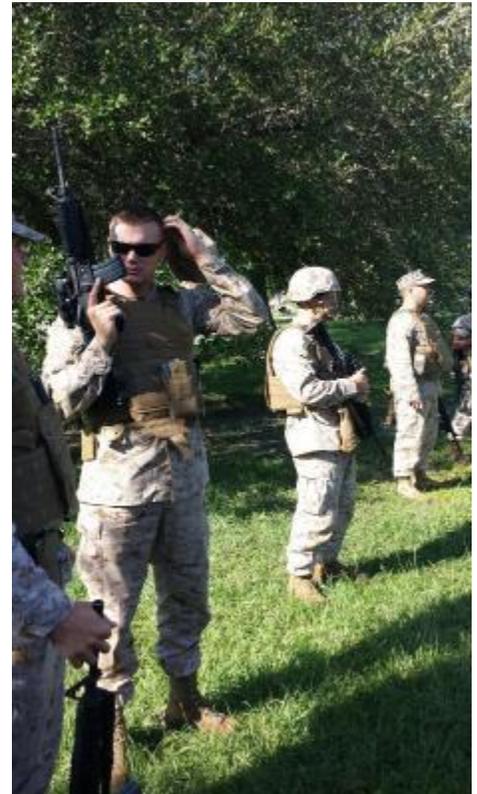
Retirement

On Friday, August 8, the 2d Marine Division Band bid farewell to one of its own in the retirement ceremony for SSgt Michael R. Pratt. The ceremony featured an NCO band led by Sgt Lancelot Muschamp and Sgt Christopher Schott. SSgt Pratt served a career of 17 years in the Marine Corps. The band thanks SSgt Pratt for his service and wishes him well in all future endeavors!



Training

Brass Quintet Rifle Range



Marine Bandsmen serve a very important role in the Marine Corps by performing for various ceremonies, parades and other performances. But even with the hectic schedules, the members of the 2d Marine Division Brass Quintet take time to train and prepare for their annual Rifle qualifications.

Farewell Ceremony

As the band continues to work through 2014, the time comes to say goodbye to members that have reached the end of their service. We wish fair winds and following seas to these outstanding Marines!



SSgt Pratt, Instrument Repair
Technician



Sgt Cvach, Tuba



Sgt Schott, Trombone

Recent Performances

Fourth of July Celebration

Tens of Thousands enjoyed the festivities, fireworks and music at this year's Fourth of July Celebration on W.P.T Hill Field at Camp Lejuene. The 2d Marine Division Rock Band "3 Round Burst" opened and put on an outstanding performance which was followed by Mike Corrado and LL Cool J featuring DJ Z-Trip.



Recent Performances

Continued

Snead's Ferry Shrimp Festival

The 2d Marine Band warms up before stepping off for the 44th Annual Snead's Ferry Shrimp Festival.



Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Change of Command and Promotion Ceremony

On August 15th, the 2d Marine Division Band performed at the Wounded Warrior Pavilion, where Captain David A. Lane, relinquished command to Captain Rick Freedman, and was promoted to Rear Admiral.



Featured Fan

Mrs. Rachel Murray

2DMDB: Full Name, Rank, Age, and Unit/Section/Billet?

Mrs. Murray: Mrs. Rachel Murray, Wife of Sgt Cameron Scott Murray, Civilian, 26, Middle School Band Director.

2DMDB: Where were you born? Raised? High School? College?

Mrs. Murray: I was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. Spent most of my childhood living on a farm in Durham, NC then moved during high school with my family to in Chatham, NC. I attended Green Hope High School until 2007 then attended Western Carolina University where I received a Bachelor in Music and a Bachelors of Science in Music Education.

2DMDB: Why do you believe music is important to the Military Bands?

Mrs. Murray: Music is important to the military because of its inherent value to the human soul. Music is a universal language that can be understood across all cultures. Therefore, to me, military musicians are a type of ambassador. Not only do our military musicians improve the morale of their fellow service members, but they are also reaching out to all different types of people. By including music in the military you are able to touch the humanity of each service member and civilian who hears you.

2DMDB: What is the difference between a ceremony with a band, and one with a recording, from your perspective?

Mrs. Murray: There is no comparison from a recording to a live performance. The intensity and emotion that each member produces while playing, sets the tone for a ceremony. You cannot achieve that atmosphere from a recording.

2DMDB: Who is your idol, or someone you look up to? Why?

Mrs. Murray: It's probably cheesy..but I really look up to my husband. He is an extremely strong and hardworking person. We began dating in 2000 and I have seen how much the Marine Corps has changed him for the better. He has the mask sometimes of "I don't care" but in reality he does care, and he will and can do anything he puts his mind to.

2DMDB: What is your favorite, or most memorable moment involving a Marine Corps/Military band?

Mrs. Murray: So far, my favorite moment with "The Division's Own" was at the 2013 Independence Day Concert where the band performed a fantastic arrangement of Benny Goodman's "Sing Sing Sing". This was my favorite moment because every single person on that stage was really enjoying the music. It translated through your playing and you all sounded AWESOME!

2DMDB: Any advice for current active duty, and/or younger Marines?

Mrs. Murray: I know that when you have a job that constantly involves you in music it is easy to forget why you chose that path. Being around music everyday (especially when it is the same music...) can become a chore and something that you do not look forward to anymore. Try and remember when you're playing Stars and Stripes (or whichever march) for the one millionth time each day why you wanted to do this in the first place. You guys truly do have a GOOD GIG! Enjoy it while it lasts and enjoy being able to make music every day!



Featured Marine:

Sgt Murray

2DMDB: Where were you born? Raised? High School? College?

Sgt Murray: I was born in Smithfield, NC and I attended Smithfield-Selma High School. I then attended Western Carolina University, in Cullowhee, NC.

2DMDB: Why did you decide to join the Marine Corps to be a musician?

Sgt Murray: I really didn't decide, it just kind of fell into my lap. While I was studying music industry at WCU, I went to a horn lesson and there was a recruiter, he asked if I was interested and the next thing I know a MTA (Musical Technician Assistant) was at my Junior Recital offering me a spot and I took it.

2DMDB: Why do you believe music is important to the Marine Corps?

Sgt Murray: It's all about tradition and the face of the Marine Corps. Without the band, traditions that began when the Marine Corps started would go by the wayside. Most of the time the band is the first Marine Corps Unit some people ever see whether it be a parade or a concert and it's important to keep those public relations open and on a good note.

2DMDB: What has been your most memorable performance in your career so far? Why?

Sgt Murray: That would be when the band went to Paris and the Brass Quintet played at a French veteran's hospital. We couldn't understand what they were saying but the expressions on their faces told it all. It was a very humbling experience to play for veterans, many of whom were involved in World War II.

2DMDB: What are some of your goals you have set for yourself as a musician, and a Marine?

Sgt Murray: Just strive to be the best I can and get a little better each day. Career wise, I hope to one day be an Instrument Repair Technician for the Marine Corps.

2DMDB: What inspires you to play music? Why?

Sgt Murray: I play music for enjoyment, whether it's Sousa or Mozart, there's nothing better than sitting down and playing. Sometimes it may feel like a lot of work but nothing's worth doing if you don't enjoy it.

2DMDB: Who is your idol, or someone you look up to? Why?

Sgt Murray: I have had many mentors and people I look to for advice, one being SSgt Michael Pratt who was the IRT (Instrument Repair Technician) for the 2d Marine Division Band. His mentorship and knowledge was invaluable, whether it be IRT lessons or advice on leadership. Another would be my wife, Rachel Murray, we have been together roughly 7 years and the things I've seen her do both in college and in her career have been great.

2DMDB: Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

Sgt Murray: Hopefully as an IRT and still in the Marine Corps, living with my wife and our many cats.

2DMDB: Any advice for fellow, and or younger Marines?

Sgt Murray: I think Julie Andrews had it right in *Mary Poppins* "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun; you find the fun and snap! The job's a game."



This Month in History

This month in history, the 2d Marine Divison Band performed their annual 4th of July concert in 1986 at W. P. T. Hill Field aboard Camp Lejeune. The band stands at attention while LCpl Craig Dill performs evening colors during the concert. Traditionally, the band performs their Independence Day concerts at W. P. T. Hill Field among thousands of military and civilian personnel stationed on base or in Jacksonville.



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