

250 YEARS OF THE MARINE CORPS



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## **The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) Spotlights Colorado During Nationwide Marines Across America Program**

*MCHF marks the achievement of Colorado Marines as part of the Marine Corps' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

**TRIANGLE, Va.** – The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) today celebrates the Marines of Colorado as part of the organization's year-long Marines Across America program to mark the Marine Corps' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The program highlights Marines who embody the values of honor, courage, and commitment within their communities and showcases the contributions Marines make in their local communities or nationally following their active-duty service.

"Marines have always made their mark on the battlefield, but it's important to remember they've also made their mark in their hometowns and communities," said retired Marine Major General James Lukeman, President and CEO of MCHF. "As we celebrate 250 years of the Marine Corps, we honor the significant contributions that Marines from Colorado have made to our nation. It's an opportunity for all residents of Colorado to commemorate this historic milestone and show their appreciation for all Marines who stand ready to protect our nation and continue to put Marine values to work in their communities and professional lives."

Notable Marines with Colorado ties include:

- [Capt. George Autobee](#), President/CEO of World Demographic Research LLC (Pueblo, CO)
- [Chris Elawar](#), Co-Founder and President of CBD Care Garden
- [Former State Sen. Leroy Garcia](#), Former Colorado Senator and President of the Colorado Senate (Pueblo, CO)
- [Michael Lobach](#), Patrol Sergeant and SWAT agent (Denver, CO)
- [Steve McGuirk](#), Author and winner of the VA Palo Alto at the 43rd National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
- [Ray Romero](#), Co-Founder of My Friend the Printer (Pueblo, CO)
- [Sheila Scanlon](#), Vice President of the Colorado Chapter of the Women Marine Association and Vice Chair of the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs

- [Jataya Taylor](#), 2024 Paralympian competing in wheelchair fencing (Aurora, CO)
- [Rich Turner](#), Founder/CEO of Bulwark Coffee Company

“The list of notable Marines from Colorado is impressive and showcases how they used the values and skills they learned in the Marine Corps to become leaders in their communities,” said Maj Gen Lukeman. “Today marks a special opportunity to recognize these extraordinary men and women for their service to our nation as well as their communities.”

The Marines Across America program continues throughout 2025, leading to the official 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Marine Corps on Nov. 10, which will be marked nationwide with official cake-cutting ceremonies taking place at all 50 state capitals.

Members of the public are encouraged to join the anniversary celebration and Marines Across America by sharing stories of Marines they know, both active and retired, who make a difference in their communities and in their professional lives. Submissions may be made through the [Marine250.com website](#) or via social media using the hashtag #MarinesAcrossAmerica.

#### **About the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation:**

Dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of Marine Corps history, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation was established in 1979 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation supports the historical programs of the Marine Corps in ways not possible through government funds. The Foundation provides grants and scholarships for research and the renovation, restoration and commissioning of historical Marine Corps artifacts and landmarks. The Foundation secured the necessary funding for the construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Heritage Center, located in Triangle, Virginia, and continues to expand programs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and beyond its walls. For more information, visit [MarineHeritage.org](#).



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