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(Your Location) -- The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment Announces its 2017 National Tour. The ceremony is free and open to the public. (Include specific details of the event here i.e. Location, Time)

The Battle Color Detachment is a ceremonial unit from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., consisting of over 100 Marines hand-selected for their tour at “The Oldest Post of the Corps.” The Battle Color Ceremony features The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon and the Official Color Guard of the Marine Corps.

The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, also known as “The Commandant’s Own,” consists of more than 80 active-duty Marines and combines music with entertaining drill movements in a program described as Music in Motion. This year’s show is entitled, ‘Celebration of Heroes,’ and features the works of the Italian composer Ottorino Respighi.

The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon is a 24-man rifle platoon comprised of highly trained infantry Marines. These Marines execute their sequence without cadence or verbal command, and the M1 Garand rifles they carry, with fixed bayonets, weigh in excess of 10 pounds.

The Official Color Guard of The Marine Corps is entrusted with carrying the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps. The Battle Color includes fifty-four streamers and silver bands commemorating military campaigns in which Marines have participated. They span the entire history of our nation, from the Revolutionary War to the present.

Each year, this highly skilled detachment travels worldwide to demonstrate the pride, professionalism, and “Esprit de Corps” that are hallmarks of the Marine Corps. They represent all Marines around the globe who embody our Corps’ values of honor, courage and commitment.