



BATTLE COLOR DETACHMENT

The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment celebrates the historic pride of the Marine Corps through the finest in music and ceremonial drill. From Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., this detachment features "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, and the Official Color Guard of the Marine Corps. Each year, this highly skilled unit of approximately 130 Marines travels worldwide to demonstrate the discipline, professionalism, and "Esprit de Corps" of the United States Marines.



The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps is comprised of Marine Musicians who play a variety of bugle and percussion instruments. No other military ensemble exists in the Department of Defense quite like the U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps. They perform a variety of music from marches to jazz, patriotic, popular, and classical favorites. Comprised of 80 Marine Musicians dressed in ceremonial red and white uniforms, "The Commandant's Own" performs for millions of spectators each year and is recognized worldwide as a premier musical marching unit.

The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon is a 24-man rifle platoon that performs a unique, precision drill exhibition. The Silent Drill Platoon first performed in the Sunset Parades of 1948 and received such an overwhelming response that it soon became a regular part of the parades at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. The Marines execute a series of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their hand-polished, 10-and-one-half pound, M1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets.



The United States Marine Corps Color Guard is entrusted with our National Ensign alongside the official Battle Color of the Marine Corps at ceremonies across the National Capitol Region and the United States in order to render appropriate military honors and to display the Marine Corps' illustrious warfighting history. The fifty-five colored streamers which adorn the Battle Color represent the illustrious history and accomplishments of the Marine Corps. Four Marines are hand selected to be "The Commandant's Four" to travel with the BCD for performances across the world.

