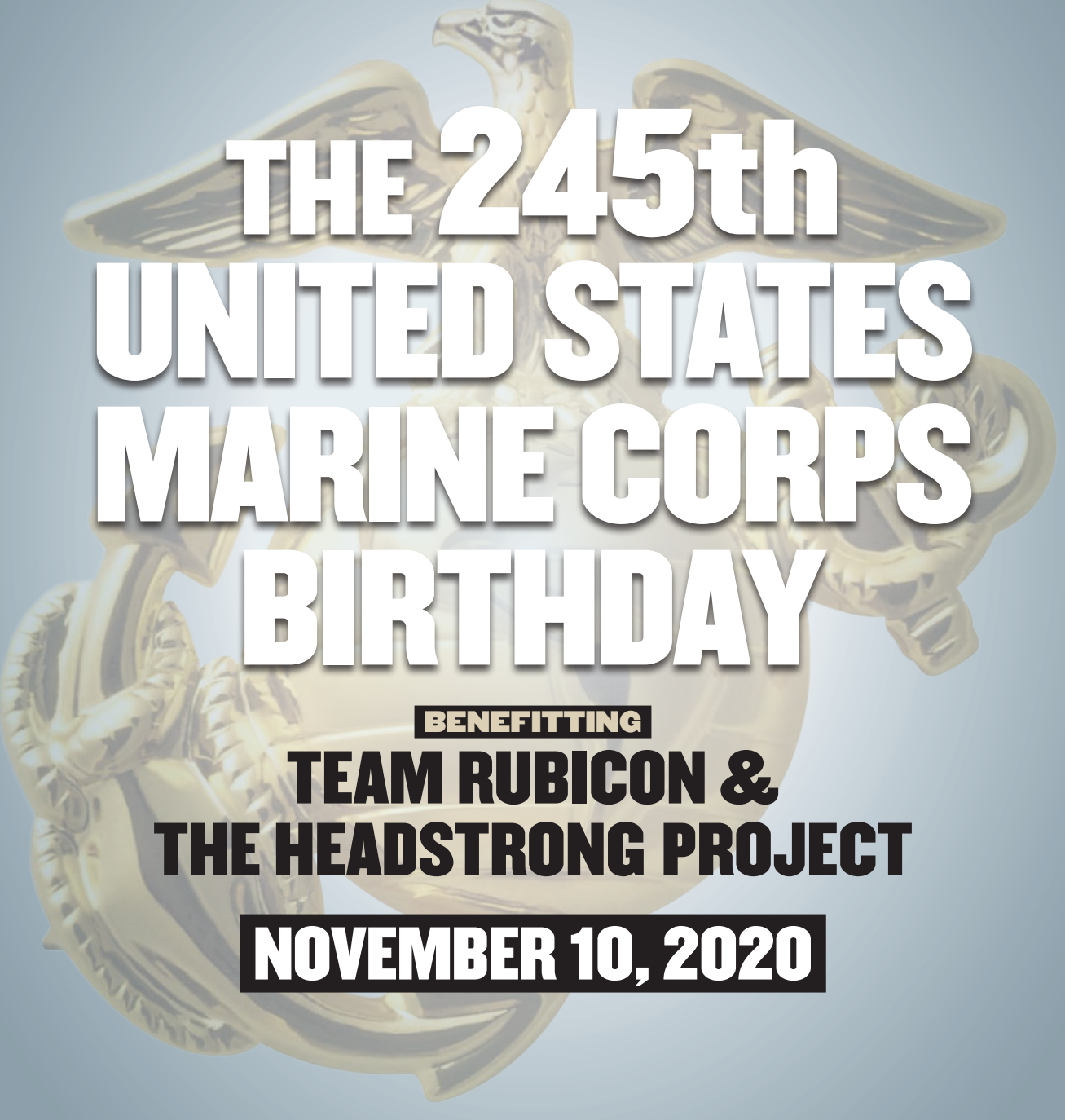


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Pluto TV, we love you!! And thank you to the team at the ViacomCBS Veterans Network for your incredible support in producing our virtual 245th United States Marine Corps Birthday Gala. 🇺🇸 We are again pleased and honored that this evening benefits the works of Team Rubicon and The Headstrong Project. We gather to honor our Corps as well as all of those heroes in the uniformed services committed and devoted to protecting our nation. 🇺🇸 We can't say thank you enough to those who have served and those who are, at this very moment, in harms way on behalf of us all. 🇺🇸 We are privileged to have General David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps as our Military Guest of Honor. 🇺🇸 Tonight we also present the Allen J. Striffler USMC "Marine For Life" Award to Joseph Dunford, an exemplary Marine who served as our 36th Commandant and as our nation's 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Congratulations, General Dunford. 🇺🇸 This year we add a new award which will be presented annually and in perpetuity at the Gala, the Honorable David Dinkins Vanguard Honor. The Montford Point Marines are our first recipient. 🇺🇸 And to our Master of Ceremonies, CBS Correspondent, Jim Axelrod, thank you immensely for being the voice of the evening. 🇺🇸 Finally, our gratitude to our national audience of Birthday celebrants and to everyone who has helped make this celebration a memorable tribute to our family of Marines.



Gerry, Zach and Jake aboard the USS Kearsarge, May 2017

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**GENERAL
DAVID H.
BERGER**

**38TH COMMANDANT,
UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPS**

General David H. Berger assumed the duties of Commandant of the Marine Corps on July 11, 2019.

A native of Woodbine, Maryland, General Berger graduated from Tulane University and was commissioned in 1981. He commanded at every level — including a Reconnaissance Company; 3d Battalion, 8th Marines in Haiti during Operation SECURE TOMORROW; Regimental Combat Team 8 in Fallujah, Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

As a General Officer, he commanded 1st Marine Division (Forward) in Afghanistan during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; I Marine Expeditionary Force; U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific/Fleet Marine Forces Pacific; and Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

General Berger's staff and joint assignments include serving as Assistant Division Commander of 2d Marine Division; policy planner in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5; Chief of Staff for Kosovo Force (KFOR) Headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo; and Director of Operations in Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration.

General Berger's formal military education includes the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and U.S. Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting. He holds multiple advanced degrees including a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



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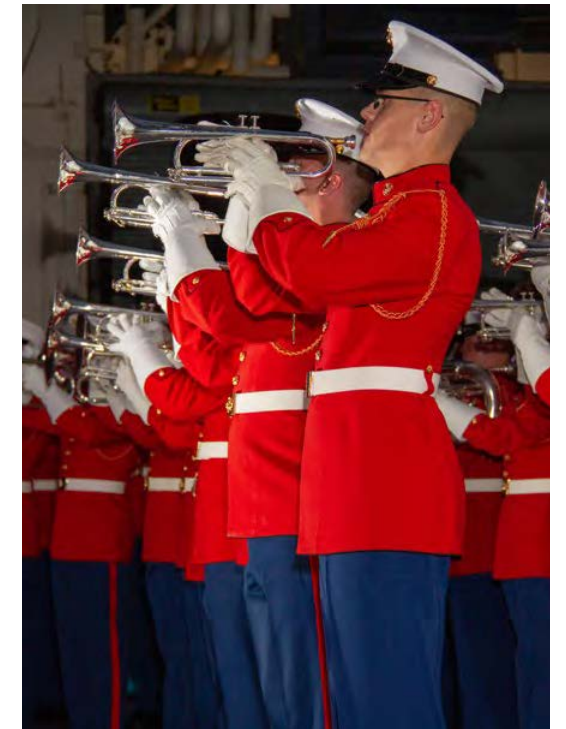
THE UNITED STATES MARINE DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps performs martial and popular music for hundreds of thousands of spectators each year. The Corps of more than 80 Marine musicians, dressed in ceremonial red and white uniforms, is known world-wide as a premier musical marching unit. Throughout the summer months the unit performs in the traditional Friday Evening Parades held at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and in Sunset Parades at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Monument) in Arlington, Va., every Tuesday evening. The Drum and Bugle Corps travels more than 50,000 miles annually, performing in excess of 400 events across the nation and abroad.

The history of the unit can be traced to the early days of the Marine Corps. In the 18th and 19th centuries military musicians, or "field musics," provided a means of passing commands to Marines in battle formations. The sound of various drum beats and bugle calls could be easily heard over the noise of the battlefield and signalled Marines to attack the enemy or retire for the evening. Through the 1930's, Marine Corps posts still authorized a number of buglers and drummers to play the traditional calls and to ring a ship's bell to signal the time.

The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps was formed in 1934, at historic Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., to augment the United States Marine Band. The unit provided musical support to ceremonies around the nation's capitol and, during World War II, was additionally tasked with Presidential support duties. For this additional role, they were awarded the scarlet and gold breastcord by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, which they now proudly display on their uniform.

When the war ended, the Drum and Bugle Corps resumed performing at various military and public ceremonies. In the early 1950s the unit gained considerable acclaim performing for an increasing number of civilian audiences. Music composed specifically for their unique selection of instruments helped establish their reputation for excellence during this period. These factors also led to the unit's formal designation as "The Commandant's Own"—a title noting their special status as musicians for the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In the tradition of their "field music" predecessors, these musicians in "The Commandant's Own" are Marines in the truest sense of the word. Every enlisted member is a graduate of Marine Corps recruit training and is trained in basic infantry skills. Prior to enlisting, each Marine must pass a demanding audition for service in the Drum and Bugle Corps. Following Recruit Training and Marine Combat Training, the Marines are assigned to "The Commandant's Own."



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DAVID DINKINS

**106TH MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK**
**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS,
USMC, MONTFORD
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David Norman Dinkins served as NYS Assemblyman, President of the NYC Board of Elections, City Clerk and Manhattan Borough President before being elected 106th Mayor of the City of New York in 1989.

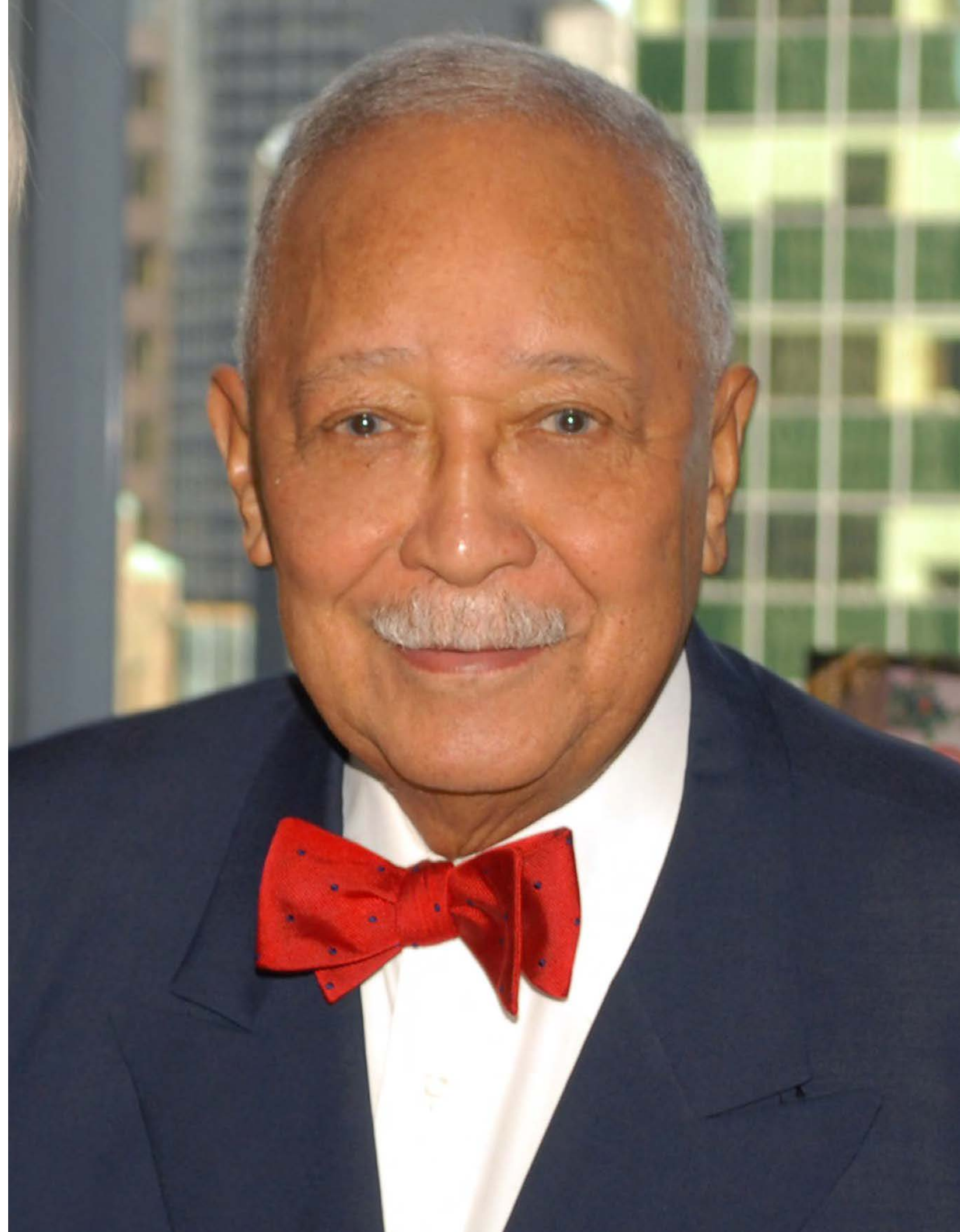
As the first (and only) African American Mayor of NYC, major successes of note under his administration include: “*Safe Streets, Safe City: Cops and Kids*”; the revitalization of Times Square as we have come to know it; an unprecedented agreement keeping the US Open Tennis Championships in New York City for 99 years — a contract that continues to bring more financial influx to New York City than the Yankees, Mets, Knicks and Rangers COMBINED — comparable to having the Super Bowl in New York for two weeks every year! The Dinkins administration also created Fashion Week, Restaurant Week, and *Broadway on Broadway*, which have all continued to thrive for decades, attracting international attention and tremendous revenue to the city each year.

Mayor Dinkins joined Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) as a Professor in the Practice of Urban Public Policy in 1994. He has hosted the *David N. Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum* for 23 years which has welcomed keynote speakers such as Representative John Lewis; Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton; NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio; and two US Attorney Generals — Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch. 2015 was a notable year for Mayor Dinkins: the landmarked, Centre Street hub of New York City Government was renamed as the *David N. Dinkins Municipal Building*; the *David N. Dinkins Professorship*

Chair in the Practice of Urban & Public Affairs at SIPA (established in 2003) announced its inaugural professor, Michael A Nutter, 98th Mayor of Philadelphia; the Columbia University Libraries and Rare Books launched and opened the *David N. Dinkins Archives and Oral History Project*; and Mayor Dinkins was honored to perform narration of *The Lincoln Portrait* at Carnegie Hall for the first of three years in a row. His Screen Actor’s Guild membership is a source of pride for Mayor Dinkins. He was especially proud to hold a guest appearance as a judge on *Law & Order-SVU* in 2017 and then play himself on *Blue Bloods* in 2018.

Mayor Dinkins is an active participant on numerous organizational boards — with his primary focus on youth, he also maintains regular engagements as a featured speaker or award recipient around the country. In 2013, Mayor Dinkins became a first time author when, *A Mayor’s Life: Governing New York’s Gorgeous Mosaic*, was published. A memoir which chronicles the life of this devoted public servant as a New Yorker who remains in love with his city.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey, in July, 1927, David N. Dinkins graduated with honors from Howard University in 1950 with a B.S. in mathematics and an LLB from Brooklyn Law School in 1956. He is a recipient of The Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine in the United States Marine Corps, during World War II. David N. Dinkins resides in New York City.





HONORABLE DAVID DINKINS VANGUARD HONOR

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THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES

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In 1940 while the United States prepared for war, millions of jobs in the defense industry were being created. Blacks seeking jobs in the growing defense industries suffered violence and discrimination. Many black leaders, including A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the most widely known spokesperson for black working-class interests in the United States, met with Franklin D. Roosevelt and his administration to demand that he sign an executive order banning discrimination against black workers in the defense industry. Randolph threatened to bring tens of thousands of marchers to Washington, D.C. On June 25, 1941, days before the march was to occur, Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, which barred government agencies and federal contractors from refusing employment in industries engaged in defense production on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin. It was the first Presidential decree issued on race since Reconstruction. The order required the armed services, including the Marine Corps, to recruit and enlist African Americans

Recruiting for the "Montford Marines" began on June 1, 1942. Thousands of African American men, eager to serve, flocked to recruiting offices. However, several recruitment offices wanted to claim the honor of having the first recruit, and on May 31, 1942 when a recruitment officer happened to be on the same City Hall elevator in downtown Oklahoma City with a young man wearing a Langston College sweater, he asked him if he would like to be the first Black Marine. That young man was Alfred Masters. At the time, Mr. Masters was twenty-six years old, had one daughter, Shirley



Jean, and married to Isabell Arch. He was sworn into the Marine Corp on June 1, 1942 at 12:00 midnight with his wife by his side. Alfred Masters rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant.

The first black recruits received basic training at the segregated Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The 1,200 men in the quota were housed in prefabricated huts. Racism continued in the Marine Corps after the issuance of Executive Order 9981, reflecting that in the society. Railroad tracks divided white residents from the camp for African American troops, and the black recruits were not allowed to enter the main base of nearby Camp Lejeune unless accompanied by a white Marine. By 1945, all drill instructors

and many NCOs at Montford Point were African Americans.

Between 1942 and 1949, more than 20,000 men were trained at Montford Point. In July 1948, despite strong opposition from Democrats of the segregated South, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, which required the desegregation of the military. In 1949 Montford Point was deactivated, and new black recruits were sent to Parris Island and Camp Pendleton. During the Korean War, the United States Marine Corps fully integrated.

In 1965, a reunion of Marines was held in Philadelphia which included former Montford Point Marines along with Marines on active duty. With more than 400 Marines gathered

from throughout the United States, they decided to establish the Montford Point Marine Association as a nonprofit veterans organization, to preserve military history and help people in need. The association has many chapters, and is a member of the Marine Corps Council, a council of Marine-related service groups.

The Montford Point Marine Association maintains archives, and the Montford Point Marines Museum at Camp Gilbert H. Johnson, Jacksonville, North Carolina. It holds an annual convention to celebrate the Montford Point Marines, make organizational decisions, and distribute scholarships.

On 27 June 2012, the Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to the Montford Point Marines.

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CORPORAL ALLEN J. STRIFFLER USMC

Brooklyn born Allen Striffler joined the Marines 1943 at age 17. Post training at Parris Island, New River and Camp Pendleton, he deployed to the 4th Marine Division. Four invasions as a field radio operator followed: Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. Wounded on Iwo, D plus 4, February 23, 1945, he saw the flag on Mt. Suribachi from the beach while waiting to be evacuated to a hospital ship. He returned to Iwo Jima two days later and remained in combat until the island was secured.

When the war ended, Corporal Striffler was sent to China to finish his enlistment. Honorably discharged in 1946, Mr. Striffler got his GED and then attended Long Island and Columbia Universities. His career in the oil and shipping industries began at Standard Oil (1946-1949). He retired as the President and CEO of Greenwich Marine Transportation of Greenwich, Connecticut. Mr. Striffler's personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

On June 26, 2014 Allen entered "heaven's scene" to join that special Marine guard detail. As a Marine, husband, father, and friend, no one stood taller. He, indeed, was and is our "MARINE FOR LIFE" and will be from this day forward.

Happy Birthday, Marines

Congratulations to
GENERAL JOSEPH DUNFORD
our latest
MARINE FOR LIFE.

Semper fi,
Loretta & Walter Anderson



**THE CORPORAL
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2020 USMC
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**GENERAL
JOSEPH
DUNFORD**

**19TH CHAIRMAN OF THE
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. served as the 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, and the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council from October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2019.

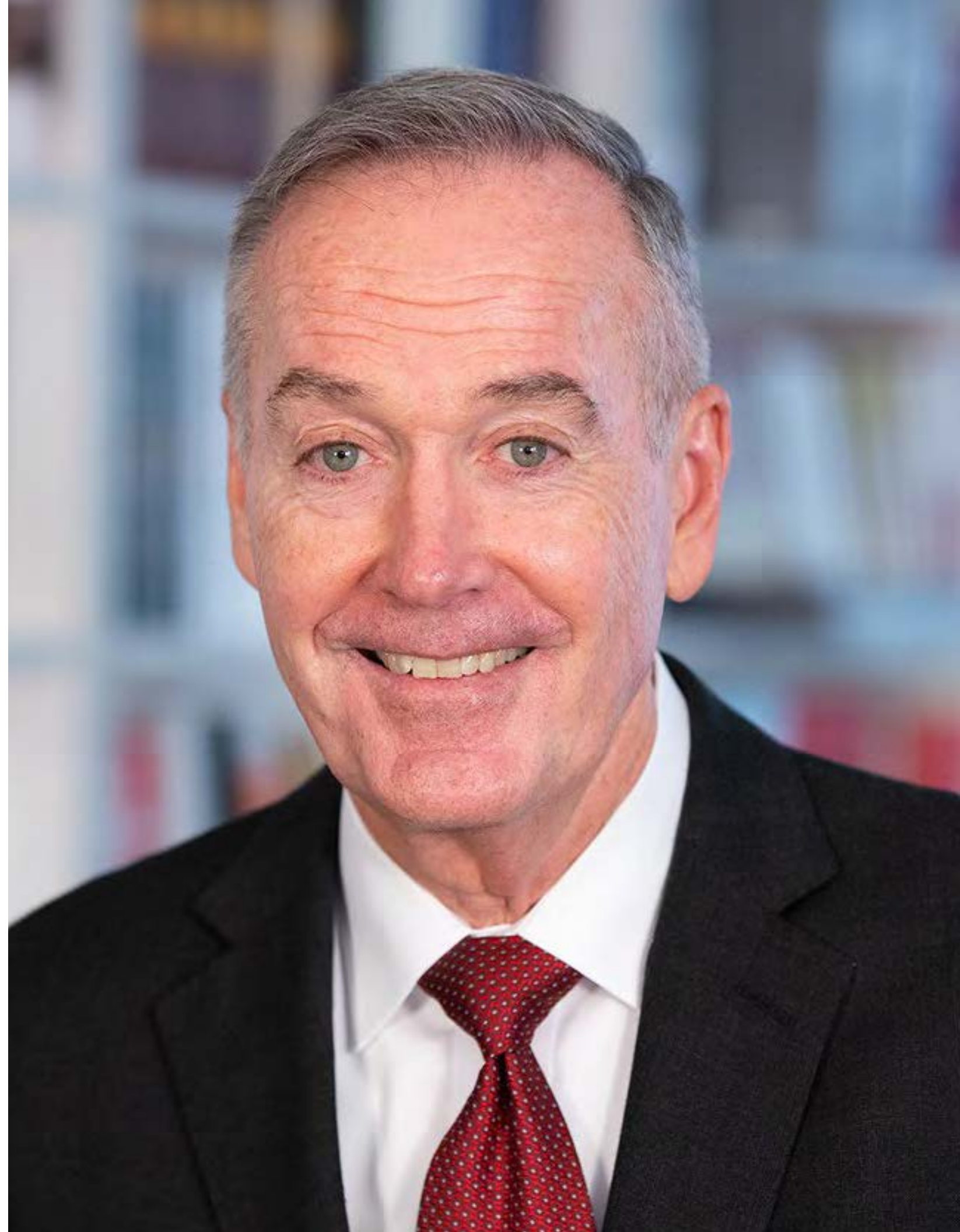
Prior to becoming Chairman, General Dunford served as the 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps. He previously served as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps from 2010 to 2012 and was Commander, International Security Assistance Force and United States Forces-Afghanistan from February 2013 to August 2014.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, General Dunford graduated from Saint Michael's College and was commissioned in 1977. He has served as an infantry officer at all levels, to include command of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, and command of the 5th Marine Regiment during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

General Dunford also served as the Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Director of Operations, and Marine Corps Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations. He commanded I Marine Expeditionary Force and served as the Commander, Marine Forces U.S. Central Command.

His Joint assignments include duty as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of the Global and Multilateral Affairs Division (J-5), and Vice Director for Operations on the Joint Staff (J-3).

A graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School, Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, and the U.S. Army War College, General Dunford also earned master's degrees in Government from Georgetown University and in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



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**GERRY
BYRNE**

**VICE CHAIRMAN, PMC
(PENSKE MEDIA CORP)**

Gerry, a proud Marine Corps and a native New Yorker, together with actor and fellow Marine, Harvey Keitel, created this Marine Birthday Gala 22 years ago to celebrate the Corps' legacy in a City that is, indeed, the Capital of the World.

PMC owns leading entertainment, fashion, art and digital media brands that include *Rolling Stone*, *Variety*, *WWD*, *Deadline Hollywood*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Billboard*, *Vibe*, *The Robb Report* and *Art in America*.

A staunch believer in "participation," Mr. Byrne is on the boards of numerous not-for-profits including Fisher House (Executive Committee),

The Intrepid Museum, USO, Veterans Advantage (Advisory Board), The Bob Woodruff Foundation, Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza, The Creative Coalition, The Hamptons International Film Festival (Chairman, Advisory Board), The IFP — Independent Filmmaker Project, The John A. Reisenbach Foundation (Chairman), and The Armory Foundation. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Fordham University Gabelli School and the Board of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. In November 2012, Mr. Byrne also launched, as Founder/Chairman, the first ever *Veterans Week NYC*, a series of events dedicated to honoring and supporting veterans and their families. And in May 2017, as Founder/Chairman, Mr. Byrne launched *Veterans on Campus NYC*, a veteran's support consortium comprised of all the NYC colleges and universities where veterans attend on the GI Bill.

Mr. Byrne was awarded the NYPD Marine Corps Association 2002 "Semper Fi" Award for his work in the community. And in June 2009, NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg presented Mr. Byrne the "Made in NY" Award for his support of Gotham's entertainment and media industries. In November 2017, General Robert Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, presented Mr. Byrne the Department of the Navy's Meritorious Public Service Award. And in March 2019, he was named to the Hillvets 100. Hillvets is a DC based initiative seeking to amplify the power and presence of veterans in government, policy, and politics.

A 1966 graduate of Fordham College, Mr. Byrne served as a Marine Officer in Vietnam in 1968/69 and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V.



Happy Birthday Marine Corps

**Thank You
General David H. Berger**

**Congratulations
General Joseph Dunford**

**Semper Fi
The Honorable David Dinkins
The Montford Point Marines**

**GERRY BYRNE
&
FIRST PLATOON, A COMPANY, CLASS 1-67**

**THE BASIC SCHOOL
Quantico, Virginia**



CO-CHAIR

**ZACH
ISCOL**

**CO-FOUNDER
AND CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD,
HEADSTRONG**

As a father, husband, and battle-tested leader Zach Iscol knows how to lead through a crisis. He's ready to bring his life's experience to rebuilding New York City and bringing our municipal government into the 21st century. Whether it's how we police our streets, educate our kids, collect our trash, move around the city, or any of the many other issues facing New York, the fact is clear: our city needs competency, leadership, and a mayor who truly cares about the outcomes of their actions.

Zach's life has been dedicated to public service and stepping up to the plate when his community needed him most. New York needs a crisis-proven leader. As the city

faces a healthcare crisis, Zach brings experience from both a mental healthcare organization and a COVID hospital. As New Yorkers navigate an economic crisis, Zach brings experience from building successful businesses and making payroll. And as New York reels from a crisis of public trust, from policing to City Hall, Zach has created a culture of accountability when lives are very much at stake.

His first formative lessons in crisis leadership came while serving as a Marine in some of the most contentious parts of Iraq. However, Zach believed that his duty extended beyond just those in his platoon. That's why, while still on active duty, Zach testified before Congress to fight for a special visa program that offered a path to citizenship for thousands of Iraqis who risked their lives to help U.S. troops work towards peace.

After returning home, Zach watched as a mental health crisis grew among his former colleagues and in his community. He saw more of his fellow Marines committing suicide than his team had lost on deployment. He decided that access to quality affordable mental healthcare was a need that was going unmet. So Zach conferred with veterans and mental health experts and founded the Headstrong Project – a mental health non-profit that provides top-quality, free mental health care.

However, he knew the need didn't stop there. Zach also founded Hirepurpose, a tech and hiring platform that has helped countless veterans and Gold Star families find employment, and Task & Purpose, an outlet dedicated to investigating issues in military and veteran communities from sexual harassment in the ranks to V.A. shortcomings in New York City.

Most recently, as the COVID crisis devastated NYC, Zach was compelled to help. He went to the Javits Medical Center to volunteer and, in just 48 hours, he was asked to step in as Deputy Director. There, he worked with nurses and doctors, and coordinated 16 federal, state, and city agencies to take the center from treating zero COVID patients to almost 1,100.

These experiences, and what he's learned from them, make Zach uniquely qualified for the role of Mayor: he's ready to listen to and empower New Yorkers battling a multitude of crises. He's prepared to lead and be held accountable for finding solutions to New York City's public health and economic challenges, our fiscal shortfalls, and for reimaging New York's antiquated policies around public safety, transportation, and more.

Zach lives his values by giving back to his country and community. His family is rooted in the tradition of serving New York City and working towards the public good — from his grandfather who worked for the Department of Sanitation to his mother who was one of the few white teachers to cross picket lines in support of her Black colleagues and students during the 1968 teacher's strike.

Above all else, Zach comes to seek public office both as a progressive and as a father of four young children who believes that every child raised in New York City should be surrounded by opportunity and multiple avenues to success, not inequity and crisis. He knows that the health, safety, education, and access to opportunity across the five boroughs should not be determined by zip code or because of the failures of the city leadership.

Zach lives in downtown Manhattan with his wife, Meredith, their four children, and three rescue dogs.



As one of the nation's leading mental health treatment practices for post-9/11 veterans, military service members and families, **HEADSTRONG** is committed to improving lives and reducing barriers to effective mental health care and delivering industry leading outcomes. Since our inception in 2012, Headstrong has delivered life-altering, mental health treatment to thousands of veterans, service members and their family members. Now offering virtual and in-person treatment options for clients impacted by COVID-19 across 11 states and 27 program markets, the Headstrong clinical network includes hundreds of experienced, culturally competent trauma clinicians, including psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers and who treat an average of 1,000 clients per month. Through its relationship with Weill Cornell Medicine, itself a world-class health care system, Headstrong's differentiating and evidence-based clinical stance offers clients a range of stigma, barrier, and cost-free treatment options, all individually tailored to their needs, to ensure the best clinical experience possible. To learn more, visit getheadstrong.org



CO-CHAIR

**JAKE
WOOD**

**CO-FOUNDER
AND CEO,
TEAM RUBICON**

Jake Wood is cofounder and CEO of Team Rubicon, the only nonprofit disaster response organization that utilizes the skills of military veterans to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. In repurposing the skills gained during service — like emergency medicine, risk assessment and mitigation, logistics, teamwork and decisive leadership — Team Rubicon provides veterans with a

sense of purpose, community and identity created by joining a new mission. Since the organization's founding in 2010 following the devastating Haiti earthquake, Team Rubicon has responded to over 700 disasters and grown from eight to 130,000 volunteer members. Under Wood's leadership, the organization has responded to high-profile disasters like the 2011 tornado in Joplin, Missouri, Hurricane Sandy, the 2013 tornado in Moore, Oklahoma, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, the 2015 earthquakes in Nepal and the devastating hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico in 2017. Team Rubicon has been finished in the top three of the Nonprofit Times' "Top Nonprofit To Work For in America" lists three years in a row.

Prior to Team Rubicon, Wood served four years in the United States Marine Corps where he graduated at the top of his class at Boot Camp, the School of Infantry, and the Marine Scout Sniper School. During his service he deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and earned numerous commendations. Wood left the Marine Corps a Sergeant.

A leading veterans' advocate, Wood has briefed President Obama on veterans' issues, met with former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton to talk about Team Rubicon's role in veteran transition and disaster response and testified before a Senate committee to improve mental health care services for returning veterans. He has also appeared in the major media, including MSNBC, CNN, NBC, ABC, Al Jazeera, US News & World Report, Forbes, Huffington Post and Fox News and

penned op-eds for The New York Times, TIME Magazine, USA Today and Forbes. An expert on veteran reintegration, disaster response and social entrepreneurship, Wood has spoken or keynoted at Harvard, University of Wisconsin, University of Washington, University of Southern California, and Syracuse University as well as Goldman Sachs, Jones Lang LaSalle, Home Depot and numerous other Fortune 500 companies. In 2020, Sentinel Books will publish Wood's memoir *Once A Warrior: How One Veteran Found a New Mission Closer to Home*. His first book, *Take Command: Lessons in Leadership*, was published in 2014.

Wood has received numerous awards including: an ESPN Espy Award for Service ("Pat Tillman Award"); the Chronicle of Philanthropy's "40 Under Forty"; the LA Chamber of Commerce Visionary Leader Award; the Goldman Sachs "100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs" award; GQ Magazine's 2011 "Better Men, Better World" Gentleman of the Year designation; University of Wisconsin's "Forward Under 40" award; the Grinnell Prize for social change; the Heinz Foundation's Heinz Award; and was selected as a CNN Hero in 2012. He was also selected as a Millennium Fellow by the Atlantic Council and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Wood holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin with a double major in Business and Political Science. He played football for the Badgers on a full athletic scholarship and was twice selected to the Academic All-Big Ten football team. He splits his time between Los Angeles and New York City with his lovely wife.



TEAM RUBICON serves communities by mobilizing veterans to continue their service by leveraging their skills and experience to help people prepare, respond, and recover from disasters and humanitarian crises. Founded following the Haiti earthquake in 2010, the organization has grown to over 130,000 volunteers across the United States and has launched over 700 operations both domestically and internationally. Amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, Team Rubicon has not only pivoted to be able to continue to deliver disaster response and rebuild services in core mission areas, but has also expanded their scope of missions to meet community needs brought about by COVID. This has required the development of extensive protocols that allow its volunteers, also known as Greyshirts, to swiftly and safely continue to deliver on its core mission of disaster response which has recently included operations for Hurricanes Laura, Isaias, Hanna and the recent derecho in the Midwest. Team Rubicon has also adapted its capabilities to respond to the pandemic by assisting in activities such as food delivery to at-risk populations, coordination and logistics support for those in temporary quarantine, and opportunities for volunteers to help their neighbors through individual acts of service. Additionally, Team Rubicon has helped local, state, and federal partners with a direct medical response, including running mobile testing sites, decompressing hospitals, and providing on-site medical assistance. Visit teamrubiconusa.org for more information.

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Jim Axelrod is the chief investigative and senior national correspondent for CBS News, reporting for *CBS This Morning*, the *CBS Evening News*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, and other CBS News broadcasts.

While at CBS News, Axelrod has covered a broad range of domestic and international stories, notably the war in Iraq and the American invasion of Afghanistan. In 2003, Axelrod was the first television journalist to report live from Baghdad's Saddam International Airport immediately after it fell to U.S. troops. His live coverage of the U.S. Army firing artillery rounds into Iraqi positions was the first to be broadcast by a reporter embedded with ground troops engaged in combat in Iraq. Axelrod also covered the departure of U.S. troops from Iraq and was the last reporter to leave with the military in December 2011.

Axelrod's investigative journalism has been honored with a Peabody Award for his series on West Virginia's opioid addiction crisis, a George Polk Award for his work exposing a multi-billion dollar compounding pharmacy fraud, and an Edward R. Murrow award for his reporting on the genetic testing industry. He was also part of the CBS News team honored with a 2010 duPont-Columbia Silver Baton for *CBS Reports: Children of*

the Recession. Axelrod also won Emmy awards in 2002, 2014, and 2016.

Axelrod joined CBS News in 1996 as a Miami-based correspondent and later served in the Dallas Bureau (1997-1999) and New York Bureau (1999-2006). He also served as CBS News' chief White House correspondent (2006-2009) and was named a CBS News national correspondent in 2009. From 2012-2016, Axelrod was the anchor the *CBS Saturday Evening News*.

Before joining CBS News in 1996, he was a political reporter at WRAL-TV in Raleigh, NC (1993-1996). Previously, Axelrod was a reporter for WSTM-TV Syracuse, NY (1990-1993), and at WUTR-TV Utica, NY (1989-1990). He began his career at WVII-TV Bangor, Maine in 1989.

Born in New Brunswick, NJ, Axelrod was graduated from Cornell University in 1985 with a bachelor of arts in history and from Brown University in 1989 with a master of arts in history.

Axelrod is the author of *In The Long Run: A Father, A Son, and Unintentional Lessons In Happiness*, which was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in 2011.

He and his wife, Christina, have three children and live in Montclair, NJ.

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At CBS News, he substitutes as anchor of *The CBS Evening News*, has reported for *60 Minutes Sports* and *CBS Sunday Morning*, and has hosted *CBS This Morning*, *48 Hours* and *CBSN*.

DuBois has covered everything from local news to national political conventions, to AIDS in South Africa, to Papal transition at the Vatican, to witnessing a double execution. He has anchored numerous live breaking news stories, and moderated debates for New York City Mayor and Congress. He has also hosted multiple specials on topics ranging from kids and violence, to breast

cancer, to ticker-tape parades and telethons.

A Long Island native, DuBois spent seven years at WNBC-TV before joining CBS. At NBC News, he appeared on *Today*, *Weekend Today*, *Dateline NBC*, MSNBC and *NBC News at Sunrise*. While at WNBC-TV, DuBois also hosted *Four Stories*, a magazine profiling local heroes; he also hosted Court-TV's *Mind over Media*, for students to understand media images.

Previously, DuBois worked in Chicago and Sacramento. He began his career in 1987 at KING-TV in Seattle as a desk assistant before moving to reporting.

He's appeared as – what else? – a news anchor, on CBS's hit drama *Person of Interest*, and the feature films *Soul Men* and *Kick Ass*.

DuBois has won several journalism and community awards, including five Emmys. He's also won honors from The Associated Press, The New York State Broadcasters Association, and The New York Association of Black Journalists, which recognized him as a Trailblazer.

He serves on the non-profit board of NY City Center, and previously served at PENCIL, Susan G. Komen for the Cure/NYC, and The Northside Center for Child Development.

DuBois is a graduate of Northwestern University, has four Honorary PhDs, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

He lives in Manhattan with his wife and two sons.



SPECIAL GUEST
CINDY HSU
ANCHOR, CBS2 NEWS

Cindy Hsu is an Emmy Award winning anchor and reporter who has been at CBS 2 News in New York City since 1993.

Hsu's work at CBS 2 has been recognized with numerous awards. Recently, Hsu was awarded "Reporter of the Year" from the NY & NJ Asian-American Law Enforcement Organization. Her personal adoption story, "Bringing Rosie Home," was nominated for an Emmy Award and won the New York AP Broadcasters Award for Best Feature. She received Emmy Awards for Outstanding Single Hard News Story for "Smuggled from China," which exposed the horrific plights of Chinese refugees from the Golden Venture ship, and for her live coverage of the snowstorm of 1994. American Women in Radio and Television honored her with the Golden Apple Award, and she also received the Friends of Adoption Award from the Adoptive Parents Committee.

Prior to joining WCBS-TV, Hsu worked as a reporter and anchor at WFRV-TV in Green Bay, Wisconsin and for WTOV-TV in Steubenville, Ohio. She began her broadcasting career as an associate producer for WTVR-TV in Richmond, Virginia.

Hsu spends much of her off-duty time performing community work and is strongly involved with the Asian-American community. She is a Big Sister and has served on the Advisory Board of APEX, a group that pairs Asian professionals with recent immigrants and young people who need guidance. She's served on the Board of Directors of the Museum of Chinese in the Americas and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, as well as the Newswatch Advisory Council which monitors fairness in journalism. Hsu has been the co-chair of Cooks for

Kids, an annual event that raises money for children living with AIDS and HIV, and she is actively involved with The Children's Miracle Network. Hsu is also a former President of the New York Chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association. Hsu is also a world-class dragon boater, competing with her team Women in Canoe. They represented the United States in the 2001 World Championship.

Hsu was born in Honolulu, Hawaii to a Coast Guard family that moved every two to four years. She graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in communication studies and lives in New York City with her daughter.

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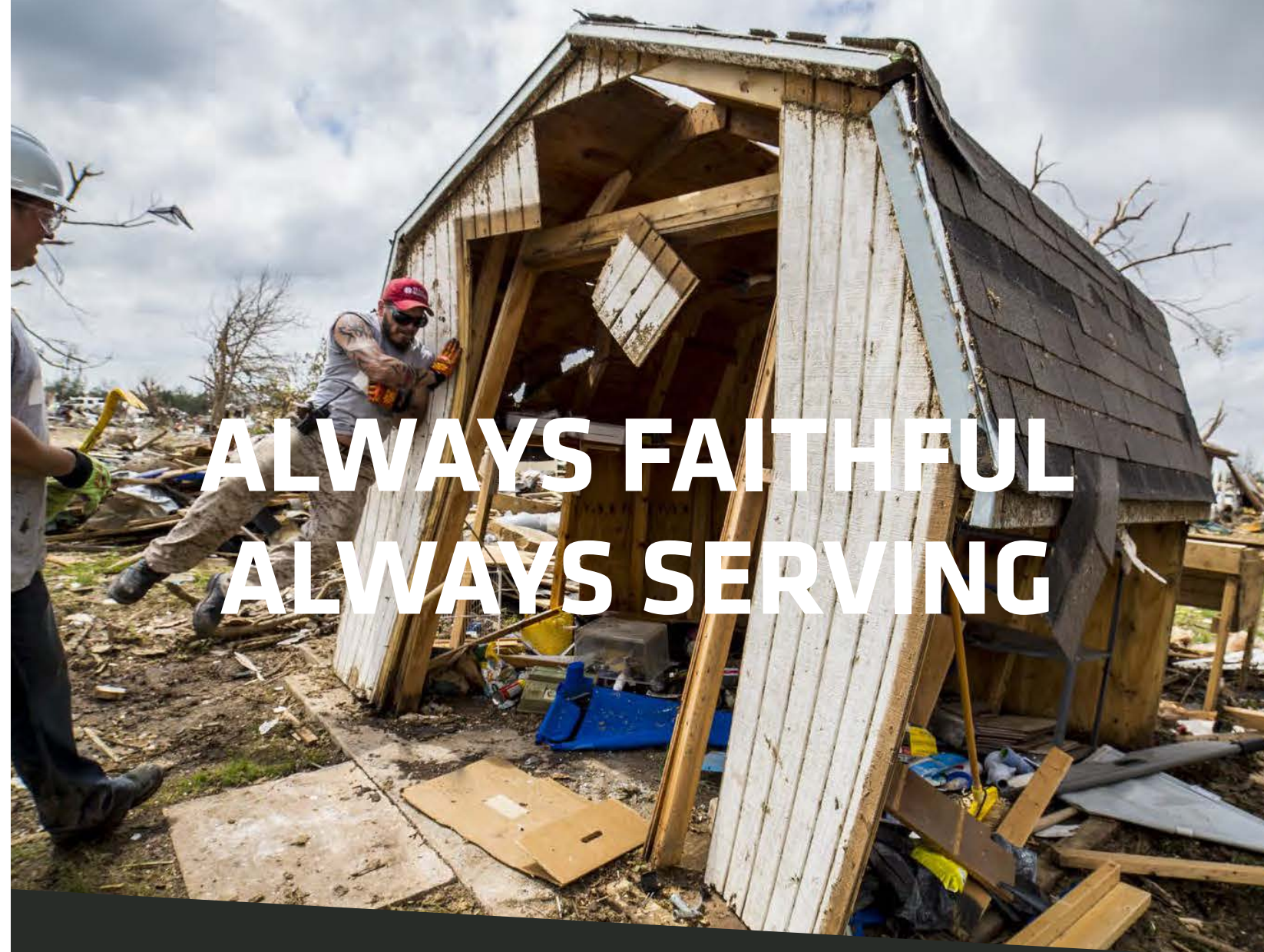
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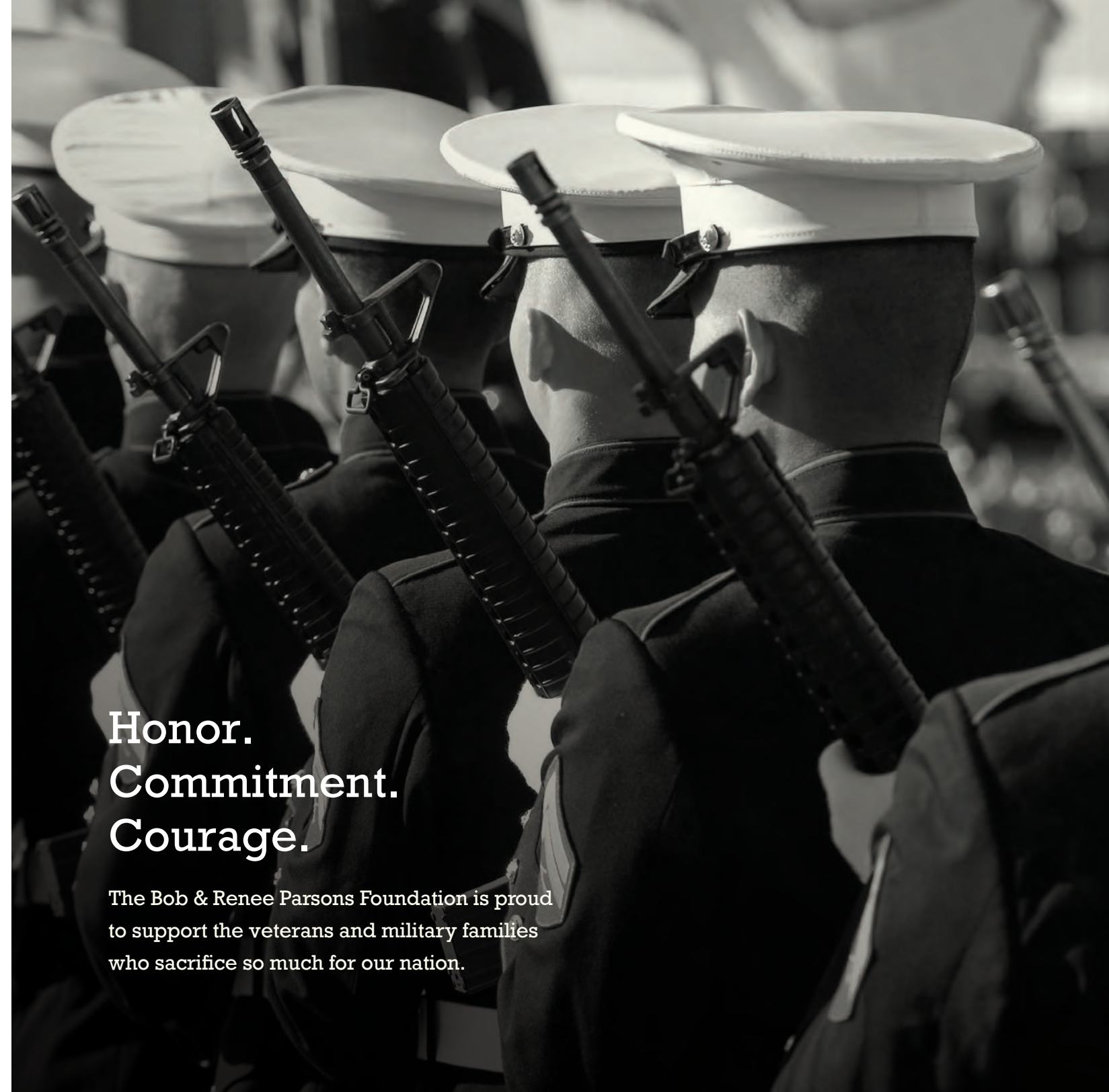
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