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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 246th 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 Christopher Perkins, an exemplary Marine who was also a co-founder of Veterans On Wall Street. Congratulations, Chris. 🇺🇸 This year's recipient of the Honorable David Dinkins Vanguard Honor is Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr., General of Marines, Astronaut, and NASA Administrator. 🇺🇸 Thank you Rich Jones and ViacomCBS for again producing this year's virtual event. 🇺🇸 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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**Congratulations to Christopher Perkins
Marine for Life**

**Congratulations to Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
Fellow Classmate, BOC 1-69**



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MILITARY GUEST OF HONOR

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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General David H. Berger
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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 worldwide 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.”



Happy Birthday, Marines

Congratulations to
CHRISTOPHER PERKINS
our latest
MARINE FOR LIFE.

Semper fi,
Loretta & Walter Anderson

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.

The **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS** represents a history, legacy and ethic that are unsurpassed as cornerstones to the strength of America. The rich heritage that is the Corps, the indelible mark that The Marines have stamped on our society and the positive influence they have provided in shaping America's position as a global power and firebrand of democracy, are all rooted in the strength,

integrity and commitment of the individual Marine. It is the individual Marine who has made and continues to make the Corps. And it is the individual Marine, with an ethic shaped in the fields of America's defense, who has helped build the communities that are our nation, forged on solid foundations of ethics, integrity and personal commitment. It is that "**MARINE FOR LIFE**" spirit that makes a difference to our Corps and to our nation.





**THE CORPORAL ALLEN J. STRIFFLER
2021 USMC MARINE FOR LIFE AWARD**
CHRISTOPHER PERKINS

**CAPTAIN, US MARINE CORPS (RET.)
MANAGING PARTNER & PRESIDENT, COINFUND**

Christopher R. Perkins serves as Managing Partner and President of CoinFund. In this capacity, Chris delivers institutional scale to further fuel the investment process and drive value for portfolio partners and investors while bridging the gap between the world of digital assets and traditional finance.

Prior to joining Coinfund, Chris served as Global Co-Head of Futures, Clearing and Foreign Exchange Prime Brokerage (FXPB) businesses at Citi. In this capacity, he was responsible for delivering leading listed derivative electronic and voice execution, comprehensive central clearing and #1 ranked OTC Clearing and FXPB services to top institutional clients.

In the aftermath of the global financial crisis, Chris worked closely with governments, global regulators and industry participants to launch an industry-leading central clearing business as the \$700 trillion derivatives industry migrated from an unregulated to a regulated paradigm. During his tenure, Citi was widely recognized as the global leader in this space, clearing hundreds of trillions of dollars notional, and safeguarding approximately \$40 billion in client assets.

Appointed as the Global Head of FXPB in 2018, he worked closely with numerous global regulators to architect and execute a comprehensive restructuring and integration plan across multiple geographies. These efforts improved profitability and risk management while driving an industry-leading market share.

Prior to joining Citi in 2008, Chris served as the U.S. Head of Derivatives Intermediation at Lehman Brothers managing a portfolio of over \$100 billion in notional across credit and interest rate derivatives.

An Iraq war veteran, Chris served in the U.S. Marine Corps for nine years achieving the rank of Captain. Highlights of his military career include leading the reconstruction, civil affairs, logistics, public affairs and fire support coordination effort during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq from 2004-2005.

Chris is the co-founder of Veterans on Wall Street (veteransonwallstreet.com) and Veterans in Digital Assets (VIDA), national initiatives focused on veterans employment and empowerment. He was named "Employee of the Month—35 People Worthy of Emulation" (*Esquire*, Fall 2012) and recipient of Columbia University's "Peter J. Awn Community Service Award" in 2018.

Chris serves on the Board of Advisors of Academy Securities. He also serves on the Leadership Council of the Bob Woodruff Foundation and is a member of the Economic Club of New York, the Nationswell Council, and Business Executives for National Security (BENS). Previously, he served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of FIA, Inc. and Vice Chairman of the Board of Team Rubicon.

Mr. Perkins has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, with distinction, and a Master of Arts Degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University



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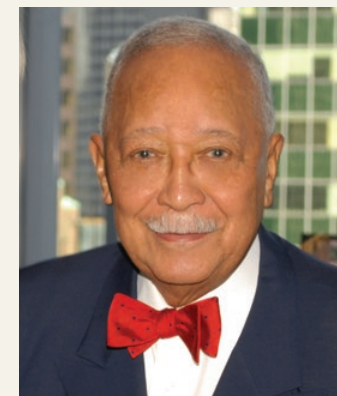
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THE HONORABLE DAVID DINKINS
106TH MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, USMC, MONTFORD POINT MARINES
JULY 10, 1927 - NOVEMBER 23, 2020



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.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey, in July, 1927, Mayor 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.

As the first (and only) African American Mayor of NYC, major successes of note under his administration included: “*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.

Mayor Dinkins was an active participant on numerous organizational boards — with his primary focus on youth. 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 remained in love with his city.

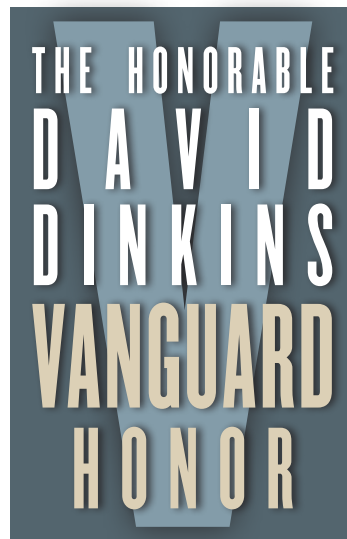
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**THE HONORABLE CHARLES F.
BOLDEN JR.**

**MAJOR GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS (RETIRED) / 12TH NASA ADMINISTRATOR
FOUNDER & CEO EMERITUS, THE CHARLES F. BOLDEN GROUP**



First as a Marine Corps Major General and then as NASA Administrator, Charles F. Bolden Jr. has dedicated his life to the service of the United States, working to secure our nation's security, prosperity, and guiding efforts to explore our universe and better understand our fragile planet.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Bolden to be the 12th NASA Administrator, making him only the second astronaut to hold that position.

While heading NASA, Bolden oversaw the transition from the space shuttle system to a new era of exploration, fully focused on the International Space Station (ISS) and aeronautics technology development.

Bolden led the development of the Space Launch System and the *Orion* Crew Capsule. Bolden also oversaw the shift toward commercial space initiatives handling resupply of the ISS. He created NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate, responsible for developing the technology that will make future exploration missions successful. Bolden's tenure included the triumph of the Mars *Curiosity* Rover landing, the success of the Juno mission that is helping us understand the planet Jupiter more completely, increasing the number of satellites tasked with Earth observation tasks, and continuing progress toward the expected 2021 launch of the James Webb Space Telescope. Not forgetting that the first "A" in NASA stands for Aeronautics, Bolden also focused his attention on NASA's aeronautics programs and the agency's goal of

developing airplanes that can travel faster, farther, quieter, and greener than ever before.

During his career as a NASA astronaut, Bolden flew on four space shuttle missions, logging over 680 hours in space. He piloted Space Shuttle *Columbia* in 1986 (STS-61C) and Space Shuttle *Discovery* in 1990 (STS-31) – the mission that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope. He also served as Mission Commander on Space Shuttle *Atlantis* in 1992 (STS-45), and Space Shuttle *Discovery* in 1994 (STS-60). Bolden also served as Chief of NASA's Safety Division at the Johnson Space Center in the wake of 1986's Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster.

Bolden also had a long and distinguished military career. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Bolden flew over 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War. He later served as a test pilot for the Naval Air Test Center's Systems Engineering and Strike Aircraft Test Directorates. After completing his service as an astronaut in 1994, he served as the Assistant Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, and in 1998 as the Commanding General of the Marine expeditionary force attached to *Operation Desert Thunder* in Kuwait. He last served as Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, prior to his retirement from the Marine Corps.





FOUNDING CHAIR
GERRY BYRNE

VICE CHAIRMAN, PMC (PENSKE MEDIA CORP)

PMC owns leading entertainment, fashion, art and digital media brands that include *Rolling Stone*, *Variety*, *WWD*, *Deadline Hollywood*, *IndieWire*, *Hollywood Life*, *TVLine*, *She Media*, *The Robb Report*, *Art in America* and *South by Southwest*. Byrne's decades of accomplishments as a media executive, entrepreneur and community leader are highlighted by a long run as publisher of *Variety* where he dramatically transformed that business into a powerful, diversified, global media brand. The start-up publisher of both *Electronic Media* and *Crain's New York Business*, Byrne also successfully created *The Quill Awards* for NBC before he led a division of Nielsen that included *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Billboard*, *Adweek* and *Backstage*. Additionally, Byrne, serves as Executive Chairman *Washington Life Magazine*.

A staunch believer in "participation", Mr. Byrne is on the boards of numerous not-for-profits including Fisher House (Executive Committee), The Intrepid Museum, The USO, The Gotham Film & Media Institute,

Veterans Advantage (Advisory Board), The Bob Woodruff Foundation, The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research, Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza, The Creative Coalition, The Hamptons International Film Festival (Chairman, Advisory Board), The John A. Reisenbach Foundation (Chairman Emeritus), and The Armory Foundation. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Fordham University Gabelli School and is a Trustee 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 "Salah M. Hassanein Humanitarian Award" at ShowEast '96, New York's Elaine Kaufman Cultural Center's 2002 Distinguished Service Award and 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, then 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.

Mr. Byrne is a member of The British Academy of Film & Television Arts and The New York Athletic Club.

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
Christopher Perkins

&

The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr.

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Quantico, Virginia



CO-CHAIR
ZACH
ISCOL
CO-FOUNDER
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD, HEADSTRONG

Zach Iscol is a digital media and healthcare entrepreneur and a combat decorated former Marine officer. He served two tours in Iraq and on other assignments throughout Africa and the Middle East, and fought in the Second Battle of Fallujah.

In the military, Zach built and lead organizations ranging from the first successful Iraqi military unit in Iraq's Al Anbar Province to

components of the first Marine Corps special operations command.

Since leaving the service, he has built and run a staffing company, a digital media company, Task & Purpose, and a non-profit behavioral healthcare company, the Headstrong Project. The Headstrong Project now cares for close to 1,000 veterans a week in 35 cities and counting providing them the world-class, cost, and bureaucracy free mental healthcare they need to recover from hidden wounds and get back to the best versions of themselves.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in NYC, Zach served as the deputy director of Joint New York Medical Station, one of the largest and only successful COVID field hospitals in the country. Zach recently ran for NYC comptroller and received the endorsement of the NY Post as the most qualified candidate based on his "ample managerial and financial experience" and ambition to "do more with the job than anyone ever has."

A 2001 graduate of Cornell University, he was the youngest recipient of Phillips Exeter Academy's John Phillips Award, a member of the 2013 Team USA for USA Triathlon, and a grand marshal of the 2019 New York City Veterans Day Parade. In 2007, while still on active duty, he testified before the United States Senate about the need to protect Iraqi refugees, especially translators and others who put their lives in danger to help US forces.

He lives in New York City with his wife, Meredith Melling, and their four children.



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**CO-FOUNDER AND
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
OF TEAM RUBICON**

Jake Wood is the founder and CEO of Groundswell, a financial technology company sitting at the intersection of philanthropy, employee compensation, and corporate social responsibility.

Prior to launching Groundswell, Wood served as the founder and CEO of Team Rubicon, a disaster response organization that is widely considered one of America's leading nonprofits. Since 2010, Team Rubicon has recruited over 150,000 volunteers and responded to nearly 1,000 disasters and humanitarian crises. Under Wood's leadership, Team

Rubicon scaled to 200 full-time employees across four offices and operated a \$55 million P&L. In total, Wood helped raise nearly \$300 million for Team Rubicon's work through a mix of online donor acquisition, family foundations, and corporate partnerships - to include complex licensing and co-marketing deals. Team Rubicon has become widely recognized for its strong corporate culture, which has been recognized numerous times as a "best places to work in America," and its technological innovation via partnerships with companies like Microsoft, Twilio, Palantir, and others. Wood remains Team Rubicon's chairman.

Prior to Team Rubicon, Wood served four years in an elite Marine Corps scout-sniper unit, leading Marines in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. He graduated at the top of his class at boot camp, the School of Infantry, and the Marine Scout-Sniper Course. He received three meritorious promotions, with one in combat, and is the recipient of the Navy-Marine Commendation Medal for Valor.

Wood is a sought-after thought leader on topics of organizational culture and leadership, frequently speaking at corporate and industry events. Notable corporate clients include Goldman Sachs, Intuit, Farmers Insurance, Travelers Insurance, Facebook, and Carhartt.

Wood's memoir, *Once A Warrior*, was an Amazon best-seller and Tom Brokaw stated that "it's the book America needs right now."

He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a dual degree in Business and Political Science and played four years of varsity football for the Badgers.



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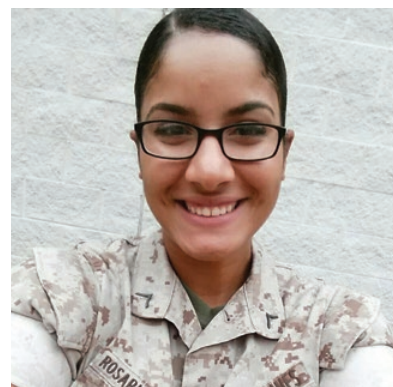


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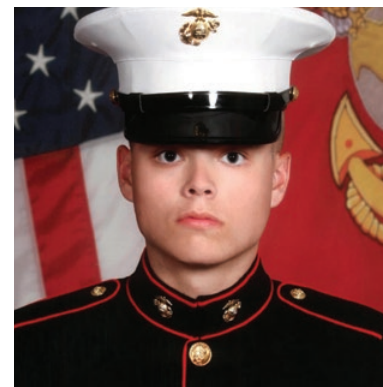
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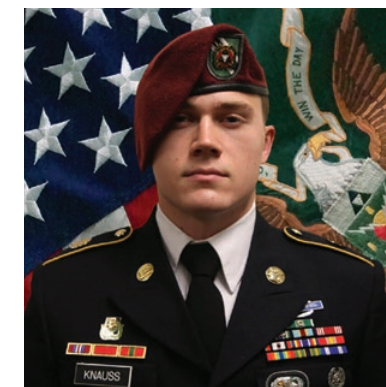
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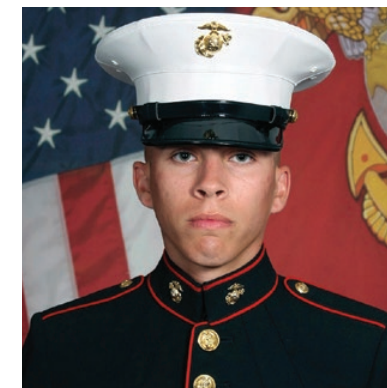
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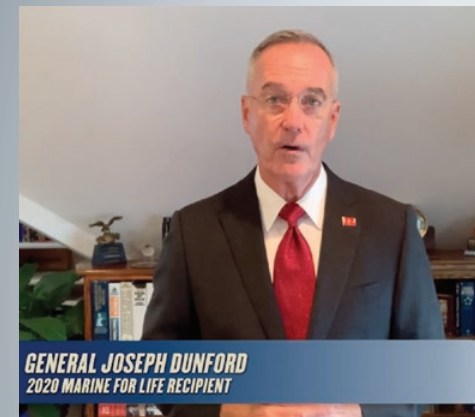
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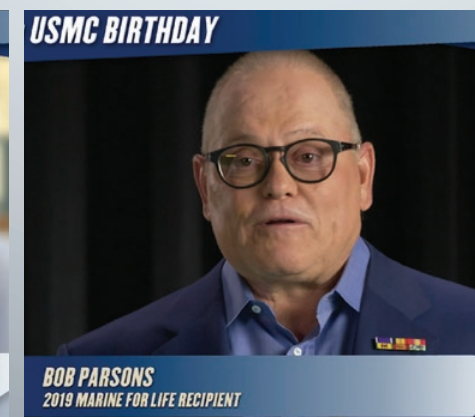
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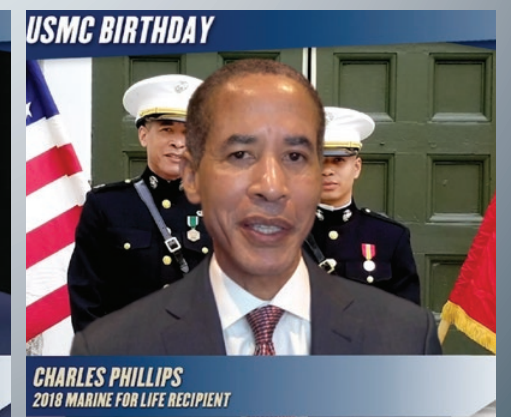
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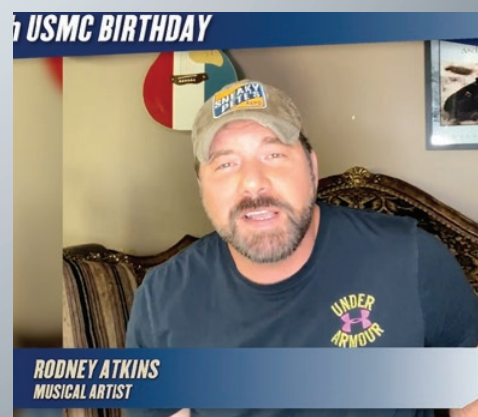
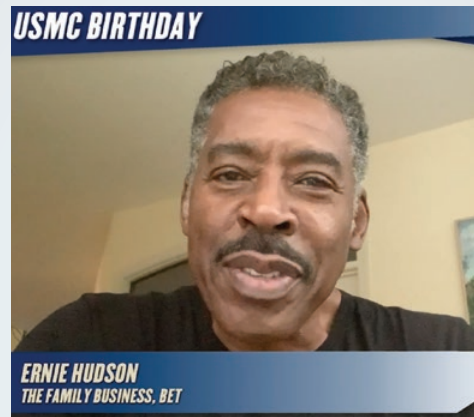


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