



CHANGE OF COMMAND

Major General Thomas B. Savage

Relinquishes Command To

Brigadier General Andrew T. Priddy

29 MAY 2026

11 Area Parade Field

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton



*The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division
welcomes you to the
1st Marine Division Change of Command ceremony
in which
Major General Thomas B. Savage
will relinquish command to
Brigadier General Andrew T. Priddy.*



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

PRE-CEREMONY SERENADE

WELCOME

*INVOCATION

SOUND ATTENTION

SOUND ADJUTANT'S CALL

MARCH ON

*NATIONAL ANTHEM

POSTING OF COLORS

SOUND OFF

MANUAL OF ARMS

RECEIVE THE REPORT

PUBLISH THE ORDER

OFFICERS CENTER

TRANSFER OF COMMAND

VIP / GUEST REMARKS

OUTGOING COMMANDER'S REMARKS

INCOMING COMMANDER'S REMARKS

PASS IN REVIEW

*ANCHORS AWEIGH

*MARINES' HYMN

CEREMONY CONCLUSION

RECEPTION (*White House Front Yard*)

*EVENTS DURING WHICH GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO STAND.

CEREMONIAL STAFF

COMMANDER OF TROOPS

Colonel Kaleb J. Harkema

CHAPLAIN

Captain John D. Ault, United States Navy

NARRATOR

Master Sergeant Jason L. Rolon

ADJUTANT

Major Emerson R. Lara

CONDUCTOR

Captain Eric K. Kyne

DRUM MAJOR

Gunnery Sergeant Craig H. Palmer

COLOR GUARD

Sergeant Austin M. Hewitt

Corporal Sebastian Orendainramirez

Corporal Marvin J. Mecano

Lance Corporal Antony T. Murphy

PARADE STAFF

Lieutenant Colonel Gregory M. Duesterhaus

Lieutenant Colonel Tase E. Bailey

Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin J. Siegel

Master Sergeant Weston L. Sherwood

Master Sergeant Robert E. Rendall

Master Sergeant Manuel A. Villanueva Jr.

MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS B. SAVAGE



Major General Savage enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1986, is a graduate of California State University, Chico, and was commissioned in August 1991. He is a graduate of The Basic School, the Infantry Officer Course, the U.S. Army Infantry Captains Career Course, the Marine Corps Command and Staff Course, the School of Advanced Warfighting, the Naval War College, and the United Kingdom Higher Command and Staff Course.

He also completed U.S. Army Ranger School, U.S. Army Airborne School, and the USMC Basic Reconnaissance Course.

His service in the Operating Forces includes: Platoon Commander with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (June 1992-June 1994); Company Executive Officer with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (June 1994-January 1996); Logistics Officer, Company Commander, and Operations Officer for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (May 1999-August 2002); Aide de Camp to the Commanding General I Marine Expeditionary Force (August 2002-June 2004); G-3 Operations Officer 1st Marine Division (July 2006-June 2007); Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 1st Marine Regiment (June 2007-January 2010); Commanding Officer for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (January 2010-January 2012); Commanding Officer Headquarters Battalion 1st Marine Division (January 2012-June 2012); Commanding Officer for 2d Marine Regiment (August 2014-March 2016); Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division (March 2016-June 2016); Deputy Commanding General I Marine Expeditionary Force/Commanding General 1st Expeditionary Brigade (July 2019-May 2021); Deputy Director for Operations, USAFRICOM (May 2021-July 2023); and Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (June 2023-November 2024).

His service outside the Operating Forces includes: Amphibious Raid Instructor at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic (January 1996-May 1997); Assistant Officer in Charge of the Amphibious Reconnaissance School (August 1997-January 1998); Fellow on the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group (September 2013-June 2014); Strategic Plans Advisor for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans, Office of Secretary of Defense (Policy) (June 2016-July 2018); and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps (July 2018-July 2019).



BRIGADIER GENERAL ANDREW T. PRIDDY

Brigadier General Andrew Priddy assumed duties as the Chief of Staff, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO in May 2024. His previous assignment was Commanding General of 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) and the Deputy Commanding General of II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). Brigadier General Priddy was commissioned in 1995.

A career infantry officer he has served in 2d Battalion, 4th Marines; 3d Battalion, 3d Marines; commanding officer of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines; Deputy CJ3 for Combined Joint Task Force Operation INHERENT RESOLVE; and the commanding officer of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

He has multiple MEU deployments and tours to the Middle East and Europe. His staff assignments include Military Assistant to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps; Planner and Aide-de-Camp to the Commander U.S. Special Operations Command; Operations Officer and Parade Commander, Marine Barracks Washington D.C.; and Staff Platoon Commander, The Basic School. Brigadier General Priddy graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. in Ocean Engineering.

He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Joint Force Staff College, and the U.S. Naval War College.

He served as the Commandant's Fellow to the Center for Strategic and International Studies and has master's degrees from the College of Naval Warfare and the George Washington University.

HONORS

Presidential Unit Citation Streamer with one Silver and three Bronze Stars:

World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq

Joint Meritorious Unit Award Streamer: Somalia

Navy Unit Commendation Streamer with two Bronze Stars:

Korea, Southwest Asia, Iraq

Mexican Service Streamer

Dominican Campaign Streamer

Haitian Campaign Streamer with one Bronze Star

Marine Corps Expeditionary Streamer

World War I Victory Streamer with one Bronze Star

China Service Streamer

American Defense Service Streamer with one Bronze Star

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Streamer with one Silver and one Bronze Star

World War II Victory Streamer

Navy Occupation Service Streamer with 'Asia'

National Defense Service Streamer with three Bronze Stars

Korean Service Streamer with two Silver Stars

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Vietnam Service Streamer with two Silver and three Bronze Stars

Southwest Asia Service Streamer with two Bronze Stars

Afghanistan Campaign Streamer with one Bronze Star

Iraq Campaign Streamer with one Silver Star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Streamer

Global War on Terrorism Service Streamer

Korean Presidential Unit Citation Streamer

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Streamer

Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Actions Streamer

LINEAGE

1913-1914

Activated 23 December 1913 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as 1st Advance Base Brigade

Deployed during January 1914 to Culebra, Puerto Rico

Relocated during February 1914 to New Orleans, Louisiana

Redesignated 1 April 1914 as 1st Brigade

Deployed during April 1914 to Vera Cruz, Mexico

Participated in the landings and occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico, April-November 1914

Relocated during December 1914 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1915-1939

Deployed during August 1915 to Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Participated in the occupation of Haiti, August 1915 - August 1934

Participated in the occupation of The Dominican Republic, June-December 1916

Deactivated 15 August 1934 at Port Au Prince, Haiti

Reactivated 1 September 1935 at Quantico, Virginia as 1st Brigade and assigned to Fleet Marine Force

Redesignated 16 September 1935 as 1st Marine Brigade



LINEAGE (Continued)

1940-1949

Deployed during October 1940 to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Redesignated 1 February 1941 as 1st Marine Division

Relocated during May 1941 to Quantico, Virginia, and Parris Island, South Carolina

Deployed during April-July 1942 to Samoa and Wellington, New Zealand

Participated in the following World War II campaigns:

Guadalcanal, Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, Okinawa

Participated in the occupation of North China, September 1945 - June 1947

Relocated June 1947 to Camp Pendleton, California

1950-1964

Deployed during July-September 1950 to the Republic of Korea

Participated in the Korean War, September 1950 - July 1953, operating from:

Inchon-Seoul, Chosin Reservoir, East-Central Front, Western Front

Participated in the defense of the Korean Demilitarized Zone, July 1953 - March 1955

Redeployed during February-April 1955 to Camp Pendleton, California

Elements participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis, October-December 1962



LINEAGE (Continued)

1965-1991

Deployed during July 1965 - May 1966 to the Republic of Vietnam

Participated in the War in Vietnam, July 1965 - April 1971 operating from:

Chu Lai, Da Nang, Dong Ha, Qui Nhon, Hue, Phu Bai, Quang Tri

Redeployed during April 1971 to Camp Pendleton, California

Elements participated in Operation New Arrival, the relocation of refugees from Indochina

April-May and June-December 1975

Participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Southwest Asia

September 1990 - February 1991

Elements participated in Operation Sea Angel, in Bangladesh, May-June 1991

1992-2015

Elements participated in Operation Restore Hope, Somalia, December 1992 - April 1993

Elements participated in firefighting efforts in the Western United States, July-September 1994

Elements participated in support of Hunter Warrior Advanced Warfighting Laboratory

Experiment, Camp Pendleton California, September 1996 - March 1997

Participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq, March-May 2003, March 2004 – March 2005,

March 2006 – February 2007 and February 2008 – February 2009

Participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, April 2010 – March 2011



WALTZING MATILDA

*Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong,
Under the shade of a coolabah tree,
And he sang as he watched and
waited while his billy boiled.
Who'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me,*

*Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,
Who'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me?
And his ghost may be heard
as you pass by the billabong,
Who'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me?*

“Waltzing Matilda” is a cherished Australian folk song. During World War II, after fierce fighting in Guadalcanal, the city of Melbourne, Australia opened its arms and homes to the 1st Marine Division, providing the Marines a hard-earned respite. On the anniversary of George Washington’s birthday, 22 February 1943, the Marines marched in a parade through the city as the 1st Marine Division Band played “Waltzing Matilda” for cheering allies. Marines in the 1st Marine Division have honored this historic tune ever since, and the fond partnership with Australia is symbolized by the Southern Cross constellation featured in the Blue Diamond unit insignia.

MARINES' HYMN

*“From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country’s battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.*

*Our flag’s unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev’ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.*

*Here’s health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we’ve fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven’s scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.”*

