

## Marine's 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 MARINES.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every 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.

# RETIREMENT CEREMONY

MAJOR  
**DANIEL J. WILLIAMS**



MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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## Sequence of Events

## The Watch

Invocation

For years this Marine has stood the watch.  
While many of us lay about our bunks at night,  
this Marine stood the watch.

National Anthem

While others of us were attending schools,  
this Marine stood the watch.

Presentation of the Awards

And, yes, even before many of us were born,  
this Marine stood the watch.

Remarks by Lieutenant Colonel

As our families watched the storm clouds of war brewing on the horizons of history, he stood the watch.

Jose Nicholas (USMC, Retired)

This Marine looked ashore and saw his family often needing guidance, but he knew that he must stay because he had the watch.

Remarks by Major Daniel J. Williams

For years he stood watch so that our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly, in safety, knowing that this Marine would stand the watch.

Anchors Aweigh

Today we are here to say - the watch stands relieved.  
Relieved by those you have led, guided and trained.  
Marine, you stand relieved.  
We have the watch.

Marines Hymn

Semper Fidelis!

## Anchors Aweigh

## Major Daniel J. Williams

Stand Navy out to sea,  
Fight our battle cry;  
We'll never change our course,  
So vicious foe steer shy-y-y-y.  
Roll out the TNT,  
Anchors Aweigh.  
Sail on to victory  
And sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

Anchors Aweigh, my boys,  
Anchors Aweigh.  
Farewell to foreign shores,  
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.  
Through our last night ashore,  
Drink to the foam,  
Until we meet once more.  
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

Blue of the mighty deep:  
Gold of God's great sun.  
Let these our colors be  
Till all of time be done, done, done, done.  
On seven seas we learn  
Navy's stern call:  
Faith, courage, service true,  
With honor, over honor, over all.



*Major*

*Daniel J. Williams*



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Major Williams was born on 2 January 1983 in Tacoma, WA. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on 8 July 2002. Following Basic Training and Aviation Ordnance Technician School, he reported to Marine Medium-Helicopter Squadron 262, Okinawa, Japan in July 2003. During this tour, Major Williams served as Ordnance Technician and Supply Expeditor in

support of operations in the Philippines and South Korea.

In July 2004, Major Williams was transferred to Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA where he served as Ordnance Technician, Hazmat Supervisor, Maintenance Controller, and deployed twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In May of 2006, Major Williams was accepted to the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA for MECEP Prep, with follow-on orders to Reserve Officer Training Corps, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Major Williams met his now wife, Hellen, when he was conducting MECEP Prep in 2006.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in August 2009, having completed his undergraduate education in Public Health at the University of Washington. He and Hellen were married two months before his commissioning on 12 June 2009 in Escondido, CA.

Following The Basic School and the Air Support Control Officer Course, he was assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Camp Pendleton, CA in August 2010. During this tour, Major Williams served as a Platoon Commander, Safety Officer, and deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In July 2013, Major Williams was transferred to Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA where he served as an Instructor and Training Officer for Air Support Operations Operator's Course and Air Support Control Officer's Course.

Ordered to MCAS Miramar, CA in July 2016, Major Williams served as Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 38 Adjutant, Legal Officer, and Tactical Air Command Center Operations Officer-in-Charge. Major Williams subsequently reported as Headquarters Company Commander, Marine Air Control Group 38, MCAS Miramar, CA in August 2018.

In July 2019, Major Williams was reassigned to Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA where he served as Curriculum Developer for the Advanced Expeditionary Logistics Operations Course.

Major Williams conducted a final move in 2021 to HQSVCBN, MCRD-SD, where he served as Service Company Commander. He retires after 22 years of honorable service.

Major Williams and his wife, Hellen, live in Escondido, CA with their two children: LeeRoy 22 and Mia 13.