

# Instructions for Recording Your Marine Corps Hymn Video Submission

Thank you for participating in this **special tribute** to honor the **250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps!** We are compiling a montage of voices from across the nation to create a **one-of-a-kind rendition of the Marine Corps Hymn** to be played during the **MCHF 250th Anniversary Gala** on April 26, 2025.

We would be honored to have you **sing or speak the full Marine Corps Hymn**, which will be seamlessly edited into a final production featuring multiple voices, ensuring a powerful and moving tribute.

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## Step-by-Step Recording Instructions

### 1. Prepare for Your Recording

- Below are the **full lyrics** to the **Marine Corps Hymn**—please be sure to **sing or speak every line** clearly.
- You may choose to **sing the hymn** (traditional tempo) or **speak the lyrics** in a proud, steady tone—whichever you prefer!

### 2. Recording Best Practices

- **Use a Cell Phone or Camera** – A smartphone is perfectly fine! Just make sure to record in **1080p HD** or higher for the best quality.
  - **Hold the Phone Horizontally** – This will ensure your video fits seamlessly into our montage.
  - **Find Good Lighting** – Natural light or a well-lit room works best. Avoid backlighting (such as standing in front of a bright window).
  - **Ensure Clear Audio** – Record in a **quiet** location with minimal background noise. Speak or sing **clearly and confidently**.
  - **Keep the Camera Steady** – Use a tripod, prop your phone up, or have someone hold it for you to avoid shaky footage.
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### 3. Marine Corps Hymn Lyrics

**Verse 1:**

*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.*

**Verse 2:**

*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.*

**Verse 3:**

*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.*

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### 4. Submitting Your Video

Once recorded, please **upload your video** using the following link: [Marine Hymn Videos](#)

Alternatively, you can email your file to [grooms@marineheritage.org](mailto:grooms@marineheritage.org) with the subject line:  
**Marine Corps Hymn Video Submission – [Your Name]**

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## 5. Submission Deadline

To ensure we have time to edit the final montage, please submit your video by **April 9, 2025**.

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### Thank You!

Your participation in this special tribute will help us create a **memorable and moving piece** celebrating the **250th anniversary of the Marine Corps**.

For any questions or technical support, please contact **Stephanie Grooms at [grooms@marineheritage.org](mailto:grooms@marineheritage.org)**.

### Semper Fidelis!

We look forward to hearing your voice in this historic celebration!