

Welcome to the Retirement Ceremony
In Honor of
Master Sergeant Jeremy T. Andres
United States Marine Corps



13 September 2004 – 30 November 2025

28 August 2025
Marine Air Control Group 18
Okinawa, Japan



The Commanding Officer
Marine Air Control Group 18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Colonel Justin M. Sanders

takes great pleasure in welcoming you to the
Retirement Ceremony
aboard
Marine Corps Air Station Futenma
where

Master Sergeant Jeremy T. Andres

will retire after 21 years
of
Honorable and Faithful Service

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Master Sergeant Jeremy T. Andres

Master Sergeant Jeremy T. Andres was born in Sacramento, California. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on 13 September 2004, and was assigned to Platoon 2025, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Upon graduation, he attended Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Camp Pendleton, California. Upon completion, He attended and graduated from the Personnel Administration School, Camp Johnson, North Carolina; earning the military occupational specialty of 0151.



In March 2005, Private Andres received orders to 12th Marine Regiment, Okinawa, Japan and served as an Administrative Clerk. In June 2005, he deployed to Zamboanga, Philippines as a Security Guard in support of the Joint Special Operations Task Force. In October 2005, he was promoted to the rank of Private First Class. In July 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.

In March 2007, Lance Corporal Andres received orders to Student Personnel Administration Center, School of Infantry West, Camp Pendleton, California and served as an Infantry Training Battalion Orders Clerk. In October 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and assumed the billet of Section Chief. In October 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assumed duties as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the Student Personnel Administration Center.

In August 2009, Sergeant Andres received orders to Marine Security Guard (MSG) School, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Quantico, Virginia. In October 2009, Sergeant Andres graduated and earned the title of MSG Watchstander. Upon graduation, he reported to U.S. Embassy Tashkent, Uzbekistan and assumed the collateral duties of Mess; Navy Motion Picture Services (NMPS), and Vehicle Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO).

In October 2010, Sergeant Andres received orders to U.S. Embassy Athens, Greece and assumed responsibilities as the Assistant Detachment Commander and collateral duties as the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) and Supply NCO. In October 2011, Sergeant Andres received orders to American Embassy Monrovia, Liberia where he assumed the duties as the Training, Mess, Vehicle, NMPS, Supply, and CBRN NCO.

In October 2012, Sergeant Andres reported to Consolidated Administration Center (CONAD), Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia and served as the Inbound Section NCOIC. In January 2014, Sergeant Andres was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and was assigned as the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (SNCOIC) at the battalion's satellite office located in the Pentagon. In April 2015, Staff Sergeant Andres returned to Henderson Hall and served as the SNCOIC of the Outbound and Temporary Additional Duty Section.

In May 2016, Staff Sergeant Andres reported to Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team - Pacific, Yokosuka, Japan, and served as the Administrative Chief and additional duties as the Assistant Security Manager and Command Financial Specialist. In January 2017, Staff Sergeant Andres attended and graduated from the Advance Administrative Specialist Course, Camp Johnson, North Carolina. He was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant December 2017.

In December 2019, Gunnery Sergeant Andres graduated from MSG Training Center, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Quantico, Virginia. Upon graduation, he was assigned as the Detachment Commander of U.S. Embassy Luanda, Angola. In June 2021, Gunnery Sergeant Andres assumed the duties as the Academics Chief and Instructor Advisor at the MSG Training Center. He was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant in August 2022.

In December 2022, Master Sergeant Andres reported to Marine Air Control Group 18, Okinawa, Japan and served as the Administrative Chief and additional duties as the Sponsorship Coordinator and Education Officer.

Master Sergeant Andres' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 gold stars in lieu of third award) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 gold stars in lieu of fourth award). Master Sergeant Andres is married to Anastasiya Ni and they have two sons; Christopher, 9-years old, and Benjamin, 2-years old.

The Watch

*For 21 years,
this Marine has stood the watch.*

*While some of us were in our bunks at night,
this Marine stood the watch.*

*While some of us were in school learning our trade,
this Marine stood the watch.*

*Yes... even before some of us were born into this world,
this Marine stood the watch.*

*In those years when the clouds of war were seen brewing
on the horizon of history,
this Marine stood the watch.*

*Many times he
would cast an eye ashore to see his
family standing there; Needing his
guidance and help;
Needing that hand to hold during those hard times,
But he still stood the watch.*

*He stood the watch so that our families, our fellow
countrymen, and we could sleep soundly in safety each and
every night, knowing that
this Marine stood the watch.*

*Today we are here to say...
Marine... the watch stands relieved.*

Relieved by those you have guided, trained, and led.

*Master Sergeant Jeremy Andres
you stand relieved... we have the watch.*



Old Glory

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory. I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice. I stand guard majestically over great institutions of learning.

I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world. Look up and see me. I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident; I am arrogant; I am proud. When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer. I bow to no one. I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshipped. I am loved and I am feared. I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years: Gettysburg, Shilo, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, in the Persian Gulf and a score of places long forgotten, by all but those who were there with me. I was there.

I led my Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. I followed them and watched over them. They loved me. I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima. I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my Marines and Sailors cheered me. And I was proud. I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries that I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my own country. And when it is by those I have served in battle with, it hurts. But I shall overcome, for I am strong. I have slipped the bonds of earth and from my vantage point on the moon; I stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space.

I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hour comes when I am torn in strips to be used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle - when I fly at half mast to honor my Soldiers, my Airman, my Sailors, my Marines, and - when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother, at the graveside of her fallen son or daughter.

*I am proud. My name is "Old Glory."
Long may I wave, dear God, long may I wave.*



Staff Non-Commissioned Officer's Creed

I am a Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Marine Corps.

As such, I am a member of the most unique group of professional military practitioners in the world.

I am bound by duty to God, Country, and my fellow Marines to execute the demands of my position to and beyond what I believe to be the limits of my capabilities.

I realize I am the mainstay of Marine Corps discipline, and I carry myself with military grace, unbowed by the weight of command, unflinching in the execution of lawful orders, and unswerving in my dedication to the most complete success of my assigned mission.

Both my professional and personal demeanor shall be such that I may take pride if my juniors emulate me and knowing perfection to lie beyond the grasp of any mortal hand, I shall yet strive to attain perfection that I may ever be aware of my needs and capabilities to improve myself.

I shall be fair in my personal relations, just in the enforcement of discipline, true to myself and my fellow Marines, and equitable in my dealing with every man.





Marines' Hymn

*From the Halls of Montezuma, To the shores of Tripoli
We fight our country's battles, In 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 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.*

Marines' Prayer

*Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails,
make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to
my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and
helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones
and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do
the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor
and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily
performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties
my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me
considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my
uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I
must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted,
make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to
try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which
I may understand the answer to my prayer.*

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