

3 Star General to Speak at Birthday Ball



The Verde Valley Marine Corps League announced today that Lt. General John Goodman, USMC (retired) will be the guest speaker at the 2023 Marine Corps Birthday Ball. General Goodman is a 41-year combat veteran. Awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Soldier's Medal in Vietnam, he went on to become a Naval Aviator.

General Goodman, a California native, was the quarterback for the ASU Sundevils in 1965 and 1966. He played professional football with the New Orleans Saints, but an injury ended his football career.

Among his many assignments, he commanded the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Okinawa, Marine Forces Korea, and Assistant Chief of Staff United Nations Combined Forces, and Commander of the Marine Forces in the Pacific.

Verde Valley Marine Corps League Commandant Keith Vogler said “We are honored and privileged to have such a distinguished guest speaker. He is a Marine’s Marine”.

The 2023 Marine Corps Birthday Ball is open to the general public and will be held on Saturday, November 11th, at American Legion Post #25 in Cottonwood. Tickets are available at the Post and proceeds will go to Toys for Tots and to support local veterans.