## **CALLING ON ALL FORMER MARINES**

Thanks to the efforts of a few good men, the New York City Fire Department has put together a **FDNY Marine Corps Association** 

A USMC Birthday celebration was held at the Brooklyn Museum on December 5, 2000 in an effort to gather support. It took a lot of planning and the turnout was pretty good. They knew they were on to something and hoped to make it grow the following year.

Unfortunately, the plans were interrupted by the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and the focus went to recovery efforts at the site. The Association would go on hold and the organizers would re-group.

On November 23, 2001, the Office of the Fire Commissioner granted approval to form a new fraternal veterans organization.

An initial organization and membership support meeting was held on April 24, 2002 at the UFA Office and things began to take shape. In November, with the help of the Marines stationed there and the efforts of these men, a birthday celebration was held at Floyd Bennett Field. The oldest Marine present, a survivor of Iwo Jima had the first piece of cake and the association was back in motion. The "party" was attended by nearly fifty members, both active and retired members of the department.

The idea of this association is to be simple...no meetings, no newsletter, no obligations, just a yearly gathering for the Marine Corps Birthday. Like any organization, there will be positions open for those who wish to help out, but that will be decided upon at a later date. Right now we need to expand our ranks. There is no mechanism in place to locate former Marines, so we need your help. Make copies of the application and pass it around.

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Return application with your \$25.00 check payable to FDNY MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION PO Box 1092
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