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Orange High School Celebrates Marine Corps Birthday

ORANGE, Calif., November 15, 2010— Last Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the front steps of Orange High School, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) led a celebration of the 235th birthday of the Marine Corps. Capt. Michael Ivey, JROTC Senior Marine Instructor, organized the event. The program included the presenting of colors, the singing of our national anthem performed by the OHS vocal music department, a few readings, and culminated in a cake cutting ceremony.

One of the traditional highlights is a solemn reading of John A. Lejeune, Major General Commandant's order, *"On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine". In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history."*

The cake cutting ceremony follows a strict protocol that mandates that the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present and the second going to the youngest Marine. The cake was cut with an official Marine Corps sword and handed out to those in attendance.

The Orange High School JROTC program has been selected as a Naval Honors School (NHS) for the third consecutive year. The NHS is awarded to Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units recognized in the top 10 percent of all JROTC units nationwide. The purpose of the Marine Corps JROTC program is to instill a value of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. It does not seek any particular commitment to the military.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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