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## **THE USMC Memorial Foundation to Host Onsite Tour and Ceremony Followed by Dinner Featuring Former US Ambassador to South Korea Admiral Harry B. Harris and Military Leaders**

DENVER, CO — Former US Ambassador to South Korea Admiral Harry B. Harris will present a keynote address before an audience of military leaders, business leaders, service members and public officials. A highly decorated veteran and seasoned diplomat, Harris was also the first American of Japanese descent to lead US Pacific Command. The event will raise funds for a major remodel of the United States Marine Corps Memorial.

A tour of the Memorial the same morning will precede the evening dinner. Invitees will get the chance to pay their respects and get a detailed rundown of the renovations that donors and contributors will fund. Over 1000 Marines, sailors, soldiers, guardsmen and airmen were interviewed to come up with the design.

### **WHO — WHAT — WHEN — WHERE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023**

**10:00 am to 11:00 am**

**MEMORIAL TOUR - FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

[The United States Marine Corps Memorial](#), 16899 W Colfax Ave, Golden, CO 80401

- Veteran service dogs greet guests, lining the Walk of Valor
- The Rocky Mountain Renegades will conduct a flyover at 10:15 am
- Foundation Vice President Sam Hickey will deliver remarks and share memorial remodel plans

Media and camera crews welcome.

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**AN EVENING WITH THE AMBASSADOR - Hosted by THE USMC Memorial Foundation - [TICKETS](#)**

[Brown Palace Hotel](#), 311 17th Street, Denver, CO

- Keynote speaker - Former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Admiral Harry B. Harris, USN Ret.
- Special guest speaker - Sgt. Mike Medina, USMC 2004-20014

NOTE: Any attending media and/or camera crews must pre-register with Kirk Monroe prior to the events. All media are encouraged to attend/cover both events. Drone video and photos are available as well. You can email him at [Kirk@reddopr.com](mailto:Kirk@reddopr.com). Please arrive for set-up thirty minutes prior to the events.

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What began in 1974 as the passion project of a lone Staff Sergeant, Cyrus “Bo” Bowers, who dedicated his life to the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, the Memorial has become a veteran and civilian effort with nationwide reach and global impact. The Memorial is the only one of its kind to honor Marines who have served no matter the conflict, recognizing their valiant honor, courage and commitment protecting the country since the inception of the Corps.

Now there is a memorial which authenticates the motto that “Marines never retire.”