

# Eisenhower Honors Marines



The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms is the United States Marine Corps' largest base. Opened in 1952, Twentynine Palms is home to the largest live-fire training base in the world, the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command. The Command plays a critical role in national security, as it trains Marines for amphibious, expeditionary, and air-ground combat. Because of the base's location in the Mojave Desert, its terrain has provided a training ground for Marines from all over the country prior to being deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Eisenhower Medical Center is proud to provide health care services in conjunction with Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital to Twentynine Palms active duty military personnel, spouses and their families. Eisenhower executives were recently invited to tour the Naval Hospital as well as training areas on the base. In recognition of this special relationship, Eisenhower President and Chief Executive Officer G. Aubrey Serfling and Eisenhower Foundation President Michael Landes formally thanked the Marines at Twentynine Palms for their contributions to Eisenhower and the Coachella Valley, and honored them for their role in protecting national security.

A formal proclamation to Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Commanding Officer Don C. B. Albia reads, in part, "...Eisenhower Medical Center does hereby wish to recognize and commend the service men and women of Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command at Twentynine Palms for their unparalleled dedication and service to the United States of America. Under their protection and through their selfless actions and bravery, Eisenhower Medical Center can continue to provide quality health care to those in need in the Coachella Valley and the surrounding areas."