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NROTC Southern University Celebrates the 239th Birthday of the Marine Corps

(BATON ROUGE, LA) – The Southern University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit joined servicemen and women across the globe in celebrating the 239th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10th, 2014

It was on November 10th, 1775 that the continental congress of an early America passed a resolution asking that “two Battalions of Marines be raised” to serve as landing forces with the fleet. Today, this date is honored and celebrated as the birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The celebration traditionally includes the marching of a cake, where the oldest Marine present passes a slice of cake to the youngest - a symbolic gesture that represents passing on the heritage of our beloved Marine Corps from the old to the new.

The day began outside the Naval ROTC battalion with a presentation on leadership by guest speaker Sergeant Major Robert Williamson, USMC. Southern University NROTC's Marine Officer Instructor then read a birthday message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps for all in attendance. Afterwards, the NROTC battalion got in formation, marched the colors, and conducted the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. For this 239th birthday of the Marine Corps, the Southern University Naval ROTC unit honored the traditions of the most loyal, most feared, most revered, and most professional fighting force the world has ever known.