

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-56

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL R. LEHNERT
OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE
49TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND OBSERVANCE**

- WHEREAS,** for 48 consecutive years, the City of Torrance has sponsored an Armed Forces Day Parade; and
- WHEREAS,** the 49th Annual Armed Forces Day Observance will begin on May 16, with military exhibits at Del Amo Fashion Center and the parade taking place on May 17, 2008 in the City of Torrance; and
- WHEREAS,** each year the Armed Forces Day Celebration gives special recognition to a specific branch of the military service, and this year the City proudly salutes the United States Marine Corps and is honored to have Major General Michael R. Lehnert serve as Grand Marshal of the parade; and
- WHEREAS,** Major General Michael R. Lehnert is the Commander of Marine Corps Installations West, Camp Pendleton, California; and
- WHEREAS,** Major General Lehnert is a distinguished graduate of the Central Michigan University and received an undergraduate degree in History and commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the PLC program, a graduate of the Marine Officers Basic School, he has attended various military schools, culminating in his graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College and Naval War College earning a Masters Degree in International and Strategic Studies; and
- WHEREAS,** Major General Lehnert has served in the United States Marine Corps with distinction for over 35 years with assignments including Executive Office, USMC Recruiting Station, San Antonio, Texas; Engineer Platoon Commander and Maintenance Officer, LSU-32, 9th Engineer Support Battalion in Okinawa, Japan; and many assignments at Camp Pendleton, California, including CO, Company C, 1st Landing Support Battalion; CO, Combat Service Support Detachment 11; CO, Combat Service Support Detachment 16; XO, MAU Service Support Group 17; Landing Force Support Party Commander, BSSG-7; and MEF Engineer, First Marine Amphibious Force, the United States Southern Command as Chief, Central American Exercise Branch, J-3 Operations Directorate, and he also participated in Operation Just Cause and Operation Promote Liberty during the Panama crisis; and

WHEREAS, Major General Lehnert commands have included Company A, Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, Chief of Futures Branch, Doctrine Division at the Joint Warfighting Center in Norfolk, VA; Joint Task Group Bulkeley, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, participating in Operation Sea Signal, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Marine Wing Support Group 27 at Cherry Point, North Carolina; Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, II MEF; Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Panama; Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics; 2d FSSG CENTCOM theater Operation Iraqi Freedom; Marine Logistics Command; and as a Brigadier General, he was assigned Chief of Staff, United States Southern Command; and

WHEREAS, among Major General Lehnert’s personal awards are the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, on behalf of its members and the citizens of Torrance, California, expresses its appreciation to

MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL R. LEHNERT

who, by his presence, contributes honor and prestige to this annual patriotic event in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk