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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RETIREMENT OF COMBAT CENTER CHIEF OF STAFF, COL. GEORGE AUCOIN

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – Col. George C. Aucoin, Combat Center Chief of Staff is scheduled to retire Thursday after 33 years of honorable and faithful service in the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Aucoin's current tour at MCAGCC began in October 2010 as the Assistant Chief of Staff (G-7) for Mission Assurance and is presently serving as the Chief of Staff for the Commanding General, the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California.

Colonel Aucoin's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards). He is a graduate of the U.S. Army's Ranger School, is a Marine Parachutist and a Marine Combatant Diver.

******MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS******

Media interested in covering this event must call the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at (760) 830-5476 and must RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, Oct. 30. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at MCAGCC's MAIN GATE located on Adobe Rd. at 9:00 a.m. on THURSDAY, Oct. 31 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least TWO hours.