

MajGen Hudson is New Commander, MCICOM

Major General Charles L. Hudson assumed leadership for the Marine Corps Installations Command (MCICOM) from Major General Juan G. Ayala in a change of command ceremony at Henderson Hall, Arlington, VA on July 1. Hudson – who previously served as Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Commander, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan – also assumes the role of Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities) and Commanding General, Marine Corps National Capital Region.

In assuming his new command, MajGen Hudson said, "Marines, Sailors, civilian employees and host nation employees of Marine Corps Installations Command, I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this prestigious command and facilitate the continued maturation of its organization construct." "Together, we will enable our Corps' combat readiness and combat effectiveness by supporting the CONUS-based Operating Forces and those Operating Forces forward deployed and forward based around the globe."

MajGen Hudson, a 34-year career Marine officer, was commissioned in 1981 following his graduation from The Citadel. He held a wide range of command assignments leading up to his promotion to Major General. As a general officer, Hudson has served as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation and the United States Defense Representative – Kuwait; Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group; Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), the Logistics Combat Element for I MEF (Forward)/NATO Regional Command (SW) in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command. Additionally, he has participated in operations conducted in Grenada, Lebanon, the Arabian Gulf, East Timor, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Major General Hudson said he views the Command's mission as:

- Serving as the primary platform for training and installation support to the Operating Forces.
- Ensuring the safety and security of Marines, Sailors, and family members aboard our installations.
- Ensuring garrison quality of life support to Marines, Sailors and their families.
- Executing actions related to future basing initiatives to enable Operating Force readiness

"This is a superb organization of extremely talented people with a critical role in training and sustaining our expeditionary forces," concluded Hudson. "I sincerely appreciate everyone's efforts day in and day out. "