



# *Parish of Ascension*

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## **Marines honored at Ascension Parish Council meeting**

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish honored 12 local area Marines for their role in Operation Iraqi Freedom at the Nov. 19 council meeting in Gonzales.

The Marines volunteered to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment based in Camp Pendleton, Calif. They are usually attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment in Baton Rouge. They were deployed in Iraq from Oct. 14, 2008-Aug. 27, 2009.

Those honored included three Ascension Parish natives: Lance Cpl. Aaron Bacala (son of Ascension Parish Chief Sheriff Deputy Tony Bacala), Lance Cpl. Christian Burleigh and Lance Cpl. Trent Turner. Also honored: Lance Cpl. Brandon Cullen (nephew of Councilman Dennis Cullen), Lance Cpl. Terrel Mack, Lance Cpl. Patrick Roberts, Lance Cpl. Jason Ross, Lance Cpl. Jonathon McClung, Lance Cpl. Nicholas Edwards, Lance Cpl. Brent Roussel, Corporal Phillip Daspit and Corporal Adam Thibodaux.

The Marines received Certificates of Appreciation from Parish President Tommy Martinez and the Parish Council, and were honored with a patriotic song by local artist Pam Gautreaux.



**Caption for photo**

**Marines.111909** – Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment pose for a photo at the Ascension Parish Council meeting on Nov. 19 in Gonzales. In front, from left to right are: Council Chairman Pat Bell, Corporal Phillip Daspit, Parish President Tommy Martinez, Lance Cpl. Terrel Mack, Lance Cpl. Patrick Roberts, Lance Cpl. Brandon Cullen, Lance Cpl. Trent Turner, Lance Cpl. Christian Burleigh, Lance Cpl. Aaron Bacala, Parish Councilman Oliver Joseph and Parish Councilman Dennis Cullen. In back (left to right) are parish councilmen Adrian Thompson, Dempsey Lambert, Randy Clouatre, Chris Loar, George Valentine, Todd Lambert and Benny Johnson. Also present but not pictured: Councilman Kent Schexnaydre. Also honored but not present were Lance Cpl. Jason Ross, Lance Cpl. Jonathon McClung, Lance Cpl. Nicholas Edwards, Lance Cpl. Brent Roussel and Corporal Adam Thibodaux.