

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH/CASA ITALIANA,

in association with

*The Abruzzo and Molise Heritage Society of the Washington, DC Area,
The Lido Civic Club of Washington, DC, and
The Lucchesi nel Mondo-Tuscany Club*

cordially invite parishioners of Holy Rosary Church and friends of the Italian American community in Washington, DC to a program on the Italian legacy in the development and growth of the United States Marine Band by Marine Historian, Gunnery Sergeant Kira Wharton, United States Marine Corps

*The program will also include a performance by the
Marine String Quartet*



***The Italian Legacy
In the Development and Growth of the
United States Marine Band***

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Casa Italiana
595 3rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
ADMISSION: FREE

Light refreshments will be served
at the conclusion of the program.

Established by Congress in 1798, the U.S. Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Originally a small group of Fifers and Drummers, the band today has grown to 150 musicians and support staff members. Throughout its history many musicians and directors have contributed to the band's growth and success, including a large number of Italians and Italian-Americans. Among these was the Marine Band's fourteenth director, Francis Maria Scala. We are honored to have Gunnery Sergeant Kira Wharton, who will address this very interesting bit of history of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band.