

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE U. S. MARINE CORPS ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Throughout the history of our country, the Marine Corps has performed its duty faithfully, loyally and conscientiously, and has lived up to its motto, 'Semper Fidelis.' Higher praise than this I cannot give.

I extend to the members of the Corps my heartiest congratulations on its achievement in the past, and my best wishes for its success in the future.

(Signed) CALVIN COOLIDGE.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDANT TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

One hundred and fifty years ago today, the Continental Congress assembled at Philadelphia, resolved that two battalions of Marines be raised, for service both on land and sea. The Marine Corps so authorized served throughout the Revolutionary War. Later on, in 1798, our Corps was reestablished and from then until the present time Marines have always formed a part of our national defenses. During that long period of time they have served with the Navy and with the Army, afloat and ashore.

In the War of 1812, Indian Wars in Florida, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish War, the Philippine Insurrection, the China Campaign in 1900, and the World War, Marines have fought bravely and well.

Marines have therefore traditions to uphold, traditions of loyalty, well exemplified not only by our motto, "Semper Fidelis," but by the heroism of our predecessors. Our country is now at peace, but we have still the obligation faithfully to carry out the duties assigned to us and keep ourselves in readiness should our nation again be engaged in war, to defend her as of old.

(Signed) J. A. LEJEUNE.



DID MARINES EVER LOOK LIKE THIS?

This odd group of Marines took part in a pageant in Salt Lake City, Utah, several years ago. The costumes were designed to follow the various uniforms worn by Marines from Revolutionary times to the World War. However, the designer did not claim that his ideas of the several uniforms were historically correct, and, in fact, they are not strictly true to the types of various periods. Fanciful as many of the costumes are, the Marines made a decided hit on the streets of the Mormon City.