



Christmas Greetings

The approaching Christmas season affords the Major General Commandant an opportunity to express to the officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees of the Marine Corps and of the Marine Corps Reserve, his appreciation of the service rendered by them during the past year.

You have performed your duties in a spirit which has made the Marine Corps secure in the goodwill and confidence of the nation. A special appreciation is expressed to those officers and enlisted men of the Marine Corps Reserve and of the retired list who, patriotically, gave up lucrative positions or well-earned retirement, to respond to the nation's call in an emergency.

The Major General Commandant is confident that, upheld by the glorious traditions of our beloved Corps, all ranks will face the New Year with the determination to improve the efficiency of the Marine Corps and its usefulness to the country.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

T. HOLCOMB,
The Major General Commandant.