



HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

10 November 1946

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps.
To: All Marines, Their Families, and Their
Friends.

Subject: 171st Birthday of the U. S. Marine
Corps, Greetings on.

Reference: (a) Resolution of the Continental Con-
gress, dated 10 November, 1775.

1. In accordance with the above reference, the U. S. Marine Corps will celebrate its 171st Anniversary of service to the nation on 10 November, 1946. On this occasion attention is directed to the outstanding manner in which Marines, by their untiring devotion to duty in protecting the peace during the past year, have enhanced the traditions the Corps has cherished throughout its history.

2. Friends and families of Marines are most cordially invited to share in the observance of this traditional ceremony. It was your loyal support and encouragement which sustained the members of the Corps during the bitter battles in the Pacific and through these trying times of world unrest.

3. To each of you, I extend my warmest personal greetings, as well as those of the Marine Corps. We look to each Marine, and to those associated with the Marines, for support in the coming year which will build new traditions and renew the "esprit de corps" which has distinguished our service since its inception.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "A. A. Vandegrift".

A. A. VANDEGRIFT