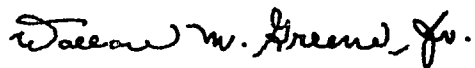


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

As I review our capability to sustain the forward progress of the Marine Corps Association and reach toward new goals of service to Corps and Country, I am pleased to report that the Association is in sound financial condition. Its net worth currently exceeds \$250,000, and its revenues from book sales, advertising and other operations are steadily increasing. However, there are two important ingredients of greater success which I believe are in need of renewed attention. These are full career membership, and the lively exchange of ideas and development of professional thought.

Membership in the Marine Corps Association has shown notable gains during the past year. Many of you have helped in this endeavor, and I want to thank you for your efforts. But we have not yet gone far enough. For example, I believe that every career Marine, both officer and enlisted, should enjoy the benefits of membership, and it must be our aim to place all on the rolls.

Becoming a member of the Association is an important step, but every member must realize that there is more to be done. Express an idea for the benefit of the rest of us; report a unique training or operational experience; prepare an original paper on a matter of doctrine or technique; in sum, *assist in the dissemination of professional knowledge*. The Marine Corps GAZETTE provides the Association with a means of achieving this objective. It is widely acknowledged as a magazine of quality and readability. But its success depends primarily upon the contributions made to it by the membership. Let all of us, especially those of us in uniform, resolve to do our part.



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