

A Message From The Commandant Of The Marine Corps




At this joyous season, memories of old times and old places are foremost in our minds, and thoughts traditionally turn home to families and friends.

It would be good if each of us could return home to visit for a time and renew family ties and friendships. Colonial Marines with General Washington at Trenton in 1776, Marines with Lieutenant O'Bannon in Tripoli in 1805, Marines during World Wars I and II, Marines in Korea and Vietnam, Marines who have fought for freedom for over 201 years have had these same thoughts.

While the traditional homecoming is not possible for all of us, each can take pride in the fact that as professional United States Marines, we are a very real part of our nation's effort in achieving lasting peace among all nations of the earth.

To each of you, your families and loved ones, my sincere thanks for your dedication. As you perform your duties either at home or away, it is fitting to remember that our religious heritage still gives hope to man's ancient vision of peace on earth, good will towards men. Mrs. Wilson joins me in sending all good wishes for peace, happiness, and prosperity during the coming year.


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