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**A Message  
From the Commandant  
of the Marine Corps**

**A**s we pause another year to reflect on who, and what we are, I'm reminded that our heritage as

Marines springs from the misty battlefields, coral reefs, frozen hilltops, steamy jungles, and desert sands of hundreds of places and campaigns where those who wear the eagle, globe and anchor have fought and died. That heritage will never change. So long as America exists, it will continue to seek out, to rely on, and to honor, those whose creed is honor, courage, commitment to purpose, and selfless dedication to whatever cause our Nation gives us to undertake.

Today, in the 218th year of our Corps, you who fill our ranks are among the finest our Nation has. Your actions of today are tomorrow's legends, to be celebrated by future generations of Marines. So as we close another year of our history, I want each of you to know simply that your Nation is proud of you . . . of each and every one of you who has ever borne the title Marine.

Wherever you are today in the service of our Corps, be you a Marine in uniform or one who has laid it aside . . . a Sailor who serves with us . . . one of our civilian Marines . . . or a member of our Marine families . . . I join with each of you in wishing our Corps a happy birthday. This is our day—your day—so stand tall; you deserve to . . . you're United States Marines, and you're 218 years proud!

Semper Fidelis,

**Carl E. Mundy, Jr.  
General, U.S. Marine Corps**