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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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Happy birthday Marines! This year marks 248 years since the founding of the United States Marine Corps. Every year at this time, we pause to celebrate. Regardless of where we are, whether in a fox hole, on an air strip or in a grand ballroom. We pause and reflect on that long ago group. Who gathered in a bar to sign up to create our beloved Marine Corps. We may take a moment to remember where we were on the very first Marine Corps Birthday after we earned the title of United States Marine. And for some of us it may take longer to remember, but I would hope that this birthday is as special to each of you as that very first one you celebrated.

The Marine Corps League, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, was founded in part, to help in preserving traditions like the celebration of our birthday, and I am honored to be a part of that. In addition, we strive to provide fraternity with Marines and their families. I can't think of a better time to do that than while celebrating the birthday of our beloved Corps. It is with great pride that the Marine Corps League is in 2023.

As you celebrate our birthday this year, I have one request. Regardless of where you go to celebrate, or who you celebrate with, find one Marine in the group who you may not have known or talked to before, and say hello. Find out a little about them. Listen to their stories, or tell them a few of your own. But most of all, celebrate the way that only Marines can truly understand.

Semper Fi Marines,

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