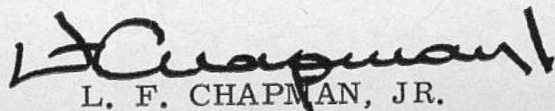


On this 193rd anniversary of the founding of our Corps, it is fitting to note yet another milestone—one with special meaning not only for Marines but also for millions of people around the world who instantly recognize the wearer of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor as a United States Marine. November 19, 1968, marks the 100th anniversary of the Corps emblem as we know it today.

It is true that our device has struck fear in those who tested the limits to which brave men will go to preserve their ideals. It is equally true that the sight of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor has kindled hope in the hearts of those who were fighting to gain or to preserve freedom and equality. Our emblem is universally synonymous with the preservation of those unalienable rights defined by our founding fathers—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Since 1775, American Marines have helped to secure these rights.

To those who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor in the past, I say: "Well done."

To those wearing the Eagle, Globe and Anchor today, I would add: "Continue the march."



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