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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

We, who are Marines, are the most fortunate of American men and women. We are entrusted with the privilege of service in a Corps unsurpassed in valor, fidelity, and success. In the two hundred seven years of our history, Marines have responded to protect the nation's interest -- from Nassau to Lebanon and every clime and place between.

On this special day, as always, those who rely on us can be confident that, if needed, we are ready.

As we celebrate this birthday, I can propose no more appropriate words than those which have characterized Marines since 1775, and which I am certain will continue to distinguish Marines for generations to come --

SEMPER FIDELIS!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Barrow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. H. BARROW
General, U. S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps