FROM: The Major General Commandant.
TO: The Officers and Men of the Marine Corps.

SUBJECT: Anniversary Message.

1. On this, the 163rd anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps, we may well pause to consider the history of our Corps, draw inspiration from the record of past events, missions accomplished, and ambitions achieved. Let us dedicate ourselves to emulate the examples of those gone before us, resolve to be worthy of those traditions we have long cherished and look forward to building solidly on the foundations now established.

2. With assurance, born of long experience, we will look to the future, consider our problems, scattered though we be, and have faith to accomplish the tasks encountered.

3. My greetings to you on this day

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