

Once again the Marine Corps is engaged in a fight "for right and freedom", this time in support of the United Nations' effort to secure a world united in peace. We pause in the midst of our 1950 Anniversary observance to pay tribute to our gallant comrades who are committing themselves so admirably in the Korean theatre. We salute the memory of those brave men who have given their lives in this tragic conflict. In keeping with our long established and cherished traditions, all Marines make the solemn pledge that we, through diligent self-application and devotion to duty, will keep ourselves fit for the trying days that lie ahead. We must be ready to take our part in that relentless offensive which will terminate in final victory. Until that time I urge an all-out effort. Train hard and fight with determination.

To all Marines everywhere, my sincere best wishes on the occasion of the 175th Anniversary of the founding of our Corps. God speed and good luck in all your future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. B. Cates". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

C. B. CATES
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Commandant of the Marine Corps