



Birthday Message

Marine Corps League Members All,

Our 248th Birthday is upon us. Our Nation truly has much to celebrate because of us. Founded before our country was established with the hope of bringing freedom and democracy to all of the people throughout our great land. The United States has unwaveringly turned to the United States Marine Corps in time of need throughout the world. We have stood tall and accepted every challenge delivering a victorious outcome.

The bond formed whether it began in Parris Island, Quantico or San Diego is a bond that we proudly carry for a lifetime. This is a unique characteristic felt only by Marines who have earned the eagle, globe, and anchor. Our Dress Blues are well known and worn with pride but it is the inner soul of the love of our Corps that those who are not us cannot see or fully understand. Yes, I am a Marine is said with pride. With all due respect, we do not hear other Veterans announce allegiance to their military branch of service.

When our Nation calls, we are there. Historically, about every 20 years the United States become involved in a combat action conflict. The first to be called into action will be our Marine Corps. Every generation has performed exemplary in battle. Many of these battles are executed in a different tactical operation than the generations before them. Tactics may be different; the Marines are all the same. We still look to our left and look to our right already to support our Marines in every manner that we can so that none of us will be left behind.

We began in a tavern and still today we raise our glasses in tribute to our brother and sister Marines wishing all a Happy Birthday Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Warren Griffin
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