



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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Semper Fi
Celebrating 225 Years of the U.S. Marine Corps

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to send my best wishes to the members of the United States Marine Corps as you celebrate its 225th anniversary.

The Marine Corps has a proud past and a promising and important future. Over the past 225 years, Americans truly have been fortunate to have had Marines working to defend our nation and keep it safe strong and secure. Our commitment and obligation to America's veterans and enlisted men and women should never be taken lightly. No one is more deserving of our recognition, our deepest thanks, and our support. You can be sure that the President and I will continue to honor all of those who serve America in the Marine Corps.

As a veteran myself, I am especially pleased to offer my warmest hopes for your continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

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