

# VFW Wishes Marine Corps a Happy 243rd Birthday

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – This Saturday marks the 243rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Experts at improvising, adapting and overcoming, the men and women who become Marines share a special spirit and connection as part of the “Few and the Proud.”

Seeped in rich traditions and hallmark valor, the Marines have fought in every American armed conflict dating back to 1775. Known for their tenacious fighting spirit and their unwillingness to accept defeat, the standard of excellence U.S. Marines achieve and the motto by which they live – Semper Fidelis – have made them an international symbol of honor and pride.

The more than 1.6 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary wish the men and women of the United States Marine Corps a very happy 243rd birthday, and thank you for your continued service and bravery in duty to our country.

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