



VFW Salutes US Marine Corps' 234th Year of Service

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November 10th, marks the 234th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. With its rich traditions and hallmark of valor, the USMC has fought in every American armed conflict as the "first to fight for right and freedom" since 1775.

The standard of excellence U.S. Marines achieve and live by have made them an international symbol of honor and pride. From the Battles of Derna, Iwo Jima and Khe Sanh, to the toppling of the Saddam statue in central Baghdad, "America's 911 Force," has demonstrated its uninterrupted commitment and gallantry in protecting America and defending those who cannot defend themselves from tyranny and oppression.

In 1921, Marine Corps Commandant, Major General John A. Lejeune, wrote "In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term 'Marine' has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

The 2.1 million members of the Veterans of Foreign wars and its Auxiliaries proudly salute you today for your sacrifices and dedication to duty and service to country.

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