



# U.S. MARINE CORPS. 185th ANNIVERSARY

Since 1775 the United States Marine Corps has served our country in peace and war. This service continues today on land, at sea, and in the air. The Marine Corps serves the Nation as a force-in-readiness—prepared to go wherever and whenever the national interests require.

Throughout its proud history the Marine Corps has had in its ranks the finest of young American manhood. These Marines have made the Corps one of the world's most respected military organizations.

As a Marine it will be your opportunity and privilege to share in and add to the Corps' great tradition and its unique esprit de corps. You will gain in self confidence and leadership while having the advantages of travel, adventure, and excellent training.

Being a Marine will make you a better American. You will know the pride and personal satisfaction that comes only to those who have served their country as a U.S. Marine.

The rich tradition of the Corps dates back to 1775 when it was established by the Continental Congress. In the Revolutionary War, the Marines fought against the British Fleet on the ships of John Paul Jones, and made their first amphibious landing on the beaches of the Bahamas in 1776. Marines ended their war with the Mediterranean pirates when they planted the Stars and Stripes over the pirate stronghold at Derna in Tripoli after a six-hundred-mile march across the desert of North Africa. In the War of 1812, they fought on Lake Champlain and Lake Erie and were with General Jackson behind the barricades at New Orleans. They fought savagely in Formosa in 1867, and stormed the barrier forts of Korea in 1871. During the Spanish-American War, a single battalion of Marines held the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, against 6,000 Spaniards while other Leathernecks distinguished themselves at the battle of Santiago and with Dewey at Manila. They helped quell the Boxer uprising in China in 1900, and from then on until World War I, men of the Corps campaigned in the Philippines, Cuba, Mexico, Haiti, and Santo Domingo to protect American lives and property. On the battlefields of France Marines were called "Devil Dogs" by the Germans because of their courage and tenacity of attack. In the first World War, the Fourth Brigade of Marines took part in five operations as part of the famed Second Division of the A.E.F.—Belleau Wood, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Champagne, and the Meuse-

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When you wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor of the Corps, you become a member of a group known and respected throughout the world. For years, the U.S. Marines have stood for devotion to duty, versatility and thoroughness. Whenever a task needs to be done well, whether in war or peace, the Marines can be depended upon to do it quickly and efficiently.

The training and education you receive as a Marine set you apart from the crowd and it is with just admiration that people say, "There goes a Marine."

As a Marine, you will get around. You may be assigned to duty aboard a Navy ship, to a rich in tradition and world-famed Fleet Marine Force unit abroad for its battle record and esprit de corps, plays an important role in keeping the peace throughout the world today.

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