



**10 November 2022**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Our Commandant's 247<sup>th</sup> birthday message to all Marines, regardless of status of active, retired or former, focuses on the strength and resilience our Corps of Marines (and Veterans) has endured for over 247 years in defense of our United States of America. That resilience has honed our Marines' skills to fight and endure in just about every kind of environment. During this birthday season, it should cause us to reflect and take an objective look at who we, as Marines, can continue to succeed and how we will prepare for the future.

The Women Marines Association has taken a deep look into our future and how we will be prepared to provide an organization for all women Marines, FMF chaplains and corpsman to ensure that our legacy and history will continue to be shared and our accomplishments and milestones influence the next generation of Marines. This reflection is a never-ending process and as we grow, we will continue to succeed in many ways.

The Women Marines Association is committed to remembering and appreciating all women who have worn the uniform and earned the title of Marine. Since 1960, the Women Marines Association has proudly reflected our great Marine Corps heritage and history and will continue to do so for many generations to come. Our legacy will live on.

Happy 247<sup>th</sup> Birthday Marines!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Ann L. Crittenden'.

Ann L. Crittenden  
President, Women Marines Association