A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, I extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 39th Annual Modern Day Marine Military Exposition.

Marines take great pride in our heritage and operational successes. As good as our Corps has been and is today, we need to keep challenging the status quo and pushing to find better warfighting solutions. Industry plays a vital role in developing the cutting-edge tactics and strategies that allow us to overmatch near-peer competitors, to fight and win whenever and wherever our Nation calls. For every mission the Marine Corps undertakes, industry marches with us lock step by providing equipment that allows us to train our forces, carry the fight to the enemy, and sustain our efforts along the way. Winning battles in any clime and place requires continual innovation, ingenuity, and a willingness to adapt.

The theme for this year’s exposition – “Adaptive, Innovative, and Ready...from the Sea” – captures the emphasis our Corps is placing on adaptation and innovation. It also reflects our Corps’ focused efforts toward increased naval integration. With emergent technology, pacing threats, and adversary advancements in capabilities like long-range precision fires, sea control and denial will undoubtedly be crucial in future conflicts. We rely on our industry partners to conceptualize and develop the capabilities we need to ensure our Marines never have to enter a fair fight – capabilities like ship-to-shore connectors, better AI solutions, unmanned and autonomous systems, efficient expeditionary supply chains, and signature management.

We must ensure that our Marines are trained and equipped to operate and succeed in actively contested maritime spaces and anywhere else we may be called. On behalf of all Marines, I thank everyone participating in this year’s Modern Day Marine Exposition for all that you do to strengthen our warfighting capabilities and support our men and women in uniform. Best wishes for another successful event.

Semper Fidelis,

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