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Marines,

This Fourth of July marks our Nation's 245th birthday. It is a time to celebrate and reflect on the founding ideas that make America truly wonderful. I am proud of the United States of America — my country and your country. Against all odds, we chose to break away from tyranny to create a Nation of liberty and freedom for all citizens. The most famous quote from our Declaration of Independence is "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." That is what we strive for — *always*.

That is our very important role as U.S. Marine Embassy Guards — to protect those unalienable Rights of all our citizens. This role is ongoing — currently we have U.S. Marine Embassy Guards deployed to over 183 diplomatic missions in over 150 countries. Please remember them and appreciate them as you celebrate this weekend.

As we have emerged from the weight of this pandemic, we are all recognizing the importance of community and connection. My wish for you is that you feel tremendous joy this weekend. As you celebrate this beautiful country with gratitude, please consider the value of reconnecting with your fellow Marines at our next reunion. This year, we are hosting our first reunion since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world, and we want to deliver an outstanding event that both honors the members we have lost, and reconnects current members after this difficult year.

Fire up those grills, hug your family and friends, and light those fireworks!

Hope to see you at the reunion.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Lighty".

Robert [Bob] L. LIGHTY

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