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SUBJ: 162ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED//
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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. ON BEHALF OF MARINES EVERYWHERE, I EXTEND BEST
REGARDS AND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NAVY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 162ND ANNIVERSARY.

2. SINCE THE NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1842, MARINES
AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE TAKEN GREAT COMFORT IN KNOWING THEIR HEALTH AND
WELL BEING ARE IN GOOD HANDS. THE PROFESSIONALISM, SKILL, AND
DEDICATION DISPLAYED BY OUR "DOCS" HAVE FORMED A SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN
MARINES AND SAILORS. IN THESE CHANGING TIMES AND AS WE FIGHT THE
GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AT OUR SIDE AND ARE
ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMPASSION, COURAGE, AND DEDICATION.

3. AS YOU PAUSE TO COMMEMORATE THIS SPECIAL OCCASION AND PAY TRIBUTE
TO THOSE WHO PRECEDED YOU, WE JOIN YOU IN CELEBRATING YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PAGE 08
RUCOMFB1863 UNCLAS COUNTLESS MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS
DISTINCTION IS COMMENDABLE AND SHOULD SERVE AS A GREAT SOURCE OF PRIDE.
WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE THE BEST, AND WE ARE ALWAYS PROUD TO SERVE
ALONGSIDE OF YOU.

4. SEMPER FIDELIS, M. W. HAGEE, GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS, COMMANDANT
OF THE MARINE CORPS.// BT
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