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Special Message #3  
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USMC Birthday, Veteran's Day & SUVCW Birthday

It is my Great honor to be able to send this Special Message, in order not to clutter your mailboxes or over burden our secretaries I have chosen to combine these three events into one message. I am proud to be a member of all three of the above groups, this is always one of the best weeks of my life.

First, Today on 10 November 1775 the United States Marine Corps was born, and recruitment began in Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. What better location to bring to life the best fighting force the world has ever seen than in a tavern. From the beginning we were the sharpshooters on merchant vessels and in the fields but weren't against the occasional hand-to-hand discussion. Today, Brothers and Sisters of the Marine Corps lead the way in the defense of the United States of America, home and abroad, The President's Own! In hundreds of bases, Camps and homes around the world Marines will be gathering at Marine Corps Ball's, pool tables and living rooms today to hoist a glass in the memory of all of those who have gone before us, those who serve today and those of the future, God Bless the United States Marine Corps, Happy Birthday & Semper Fi to all my Brothers and Sisters.

Second, At the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month in 1918 an Armistice was signed with Germany to end the War to end all wars, World War 1, this day was called Armistice Day until 1954 when Congress renamed it to Veteran's Day to honor all veterans who served the United States in the US military. It is on 11 November of every year that we should remember those United States Veterans of the United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, United States Army Air Corps, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, and the United States Space Force for their service to this Great nation. Remember this day is for all veterans, Memorial Day is for those veterans who have passed away in the service of the United States.

Lastly, On 12 November 1881 the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) formed the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV) to carry on its traditions and memory long after the GAR had ceased to exist. Membership was open to any man who could prove ancestry to a member of the GAR or to a veteran eligible for membership in the GAR. In later years, men who did not have the ancestry to qualify for hereditary membership, but who demonstrated a genuine interest in the Civil War and could subscribe to the purpose and objectives of the

SUVCW, were admitted as Associates. This practice continues today. In 1925 the SV name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), under which its federal charter was issued in 1954. The SUVCW is legally recognized as the heir to, and representative of, the GAR. On 12 November 2022 we the Brothers of the Greatest Organization in the world honoring those who fought and, in some cases, died to preserve the Union of the United States of America during the American Civil War 1861 – 1865. Honor the memories of the Grand Army of the Republic for the 141<sup>st</sup> time, yes Brothers we are 141 years old and going strong. Also remember to reach out and thank a veteran, but don't just thank them, tell them who we are and why we care, invite them to join us.

Thank you, Brothers and God Bless, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next weekend during our Remembrance Day events.

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
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