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SUBJ/250TH CHAPLAIN CORPS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE//

RMKS/1. On 28 November 1775, as our Nation took its first steps toward liberty, the Continental Congress directed that divine services be held aboard all naval ships-thus the United States Navy Chaplain Corps was born. From that day forward, Navy Chaplains have sailed alongside our Sailors and Marines for 250 years, offering faith, hope, and compassion in every corner of the globe, through every conflict, and across every sea.

2. Today, we honor generations of Chaplains who have answered the sacred call to serve-those who stood the watch in times of calm and in the storm, who prayed with the weary, comforted the grieving, and reminded all who serve that they are never alone. Guided by our North Star of Spiritual Readiness, we continue that legacy. Wherever the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force go-whether on the deckplates, in the field, or ashore-Chaplains bring light into darkness, peace into chaos, and strength to the spirit.

3. Our presence changes lives. Every conversation, every prayer, every act of compassion strengthens the heart of our Navy and Marine Corps team. Spiritual Readiness is not only our mission-it is our gift to the men and women who defend our Nation. Together, we ensure they have the courage, clarity, and faith to face whatever challenges lie ahead.

4. Thank you for carrying forward this sacred trust with honor, humility, and unwavering devotion. You embody our timeless calling, Vocati ad Servitium, Called to Serve.

5. Happy 250th Birthday, Chaplain Corps!

6. Released by RADM Gregory Todd, Chief of Chaplains.//

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