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Lieutenant General Jack W. Bergman, USMCR
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve
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Dear General Bergman:

I'd like to extend my congratulations to the men and women of the Marine Forces Reserve on this the 92nd birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Since the first muster in 1916, the Marine Corps Reserve has forged and strengthened its legacy of service to our nation.

We do not need to look into the distant past to see that the forging iron remains hot. The long war in which we are engaged has provided countless examples of the Marine Forces Reserve building upon its heritage in historic ways. And while the names of places like Fallujah, Khost and Najaf are still fresh, they will forever be branded in our memories.

In light of this faithful commitment to service I am proud to be able to extend my personal thank you to all members of the Marine Forces Reserve. Our nation is able to rest easy knowing that wherever there is a tough mission the Marine Forces Reserve will be there.

Semper Fidelis!

Sincerely,

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