



**CHIEF  
NAVY MEDICAL CORPS**

3 March 2018

Dear Medical Corps Colleagues,

I am privileged to represent you, the nearly 4300 physicians on active duty and in the reserves, on the occasion of our 147th birthday. Like those who have come before us, today's Navy physicians have reliably overcome operational challenges and honored the sacrifices that you and your families have made in service to our Navy and our Marine Corps. For more than 147 years, Navy physicians have maintained the highest standards of care for the warfighter, their dependents and those that have previously worn the cloth of our Nation.

We have a proud and long tradition of providing care, preserving life, and restoring health, in every conflict. We have continuously improved and maintained the medical readiness of our Navy and Marine Corps team and advanced our respective specialties. Many of us are currently deployed, supporting Navy and Marine Corps missions as well as joint operations. We advance mission-relevant research, sustain our exceptional Graduate Medical Education programs and care for all patients that turn to us with compassion and expertise. As the Chief of the Medical Corps, I am proud to serve with you—and for you!

My warmest regards and sincere thanks to you all as we celebrate another year of exemplary service to our Corps, our Naval service, and our Nation. Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Pearigen".

PAUL D. PEARIGEN  
Rear Admiral  
United States Navy

*Happy 147<sup>th</sup>,  
shipmates!*

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