

*CHIEF*  
*NAVY MEDICAL CORPS*

3 March 2020

Dear Medical Corps Colleagues,

It is my honor to represent you, the nearly 4,300 physicians on active duty and in the reserves on the occasion of our 149th birthday! Let us continue to reflect on our respected Corps and our noble profession that has served the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Commands around the globe for 149 years. As you carry on the proud tradition of Navy Medicine, realize that everything you do as medical professionals continues to ensure that the defenders of our nation, past and present along with their family members have received the best health care our country has to offer. We are an unparalleled medical force that stands ready to support any operational requirement that arises in the future whether it be on land or at sea.

The Medical Corps has a proud and time-honored tradition of providing the highest quality healthcare to our Sailors, Marines, and their families. We have stood the watch in diverse environments whether it be operational or at a military treatment facility; setting the standard for compassionate-care, unswerving service and exceptional leadership and professionalism. As our operational environment evolves we continue to advance the innovations of military medicine. Our Graduate Medical Education programs and your continued dedicated mentorship and guidance within our community have ensured the next generation is ready to carry the tradition of excellence and ensuring the readiness of our warfighters. As the Corps Chief, I am proud to serve with you- and for you!

My heartfelt gratitude to you all as we celebrate another year of exemplary service to our Corps, our Navy and Marine Corps comrades-in-arms and our Country. Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

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JAMES L. HANCOCK  
Rear Admiral, Medical Corps  
United States Navy



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RDML James Hancock, MC, USN  
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
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Dear Rear Admiral Hancock,

On behalf of the Navy Dental Corps, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Navy Medical Corps as you celebrate 149 years of service.

The Navy Medical Corps has changed significantly since the Naval Appropriations Act of 1871 established the Medical Corps as an official Staff Corps of the U.S. Navy. In 1871, the Medical Corps was comprised of 150 physicians with ranks of "Assistant Surgeon" to "Medical Director." At that time, a newly commissioned assistant surgeon earned about \$1,700 a year, in addition to allowances for food and clothing. Military housing however, was not available for physicians.

While much has changed in 149 years, the dedication to duty, delivery of high quality medical care, and sustainment of readiness have remained constant whether serving on shore or at sea; on the frontlines of conflict or the frontiers of medical science. The Medical Corps has established itself as an integral part of Integrated American Naval Power, and is poised to meet the future operational requirements of the warfighter in support of distributed maritime operations.

To the active and reserve Navy physicians serving throughout the world, I extend my sincere and deep gratitude for your dedication, compassion and sacrifice, and congratulate you all on this special day. Happy 149<sup>th</sup> Birthday Shipmates!

Sincerely,

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G. D. SHAFFER  
Rear Admiral, Dental Corps  
United States Navy



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Dear Admiral *Jim* Hancock,

On behalf of the Navy Nurse Corps, I extend our warmest congratulations to the men and women of the Medical Corps on your 149<sup>th</sup> birthday!

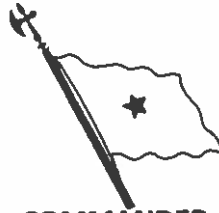
Today we stop all engines to celebrate your accomplishments since the founding of the Medical Corps in 1871 by the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress. Medical officers have served around the globe whether at sea, on land at MTFs or in austere environments providing exceptional medical care to our warfighters and their families. Your commitment to excellence in patient care and scientific advancement has saved thousands of lives and honored Navy Medicine.

The Navy Nurse Corps is honored to serve shoulder-to-shoulder with you. We stand this day and recognize you and the entire Medical Corps for your many accomplishments, selfless sacrifices, and unwavering devotion to duty demonstrated throughout the years. Happy Birthday and best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

T. A. DAVIDSON  
Rear Admiral, United States Navy  
Director, Navy Nurse Corps

*Happy  
birthday!*



**COMMANDER  
NAVAL MEDICAL FORCES PACIFIC**

3 March 2020

Dear Admiral Hancock,

On behalf of the Medical Service Corps, it is a pleasure to extend my warmest wishes to the dedicated professionals of the Medical Corps on their 149th birthday!

The Navy Medical Corps has honorably served our nation's Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, their families, and our retirees since 1871. Without exception, your contributions at home and forward-deployed in operational units around the world have transformed Navy Medicine into what it is today. With the utmost skillfulness and compassion, you have provided care to those who fight for this great nation and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedom.

You should be very proud of your accomplishments, and it is an honor and privilege to serve with you! With my sincerest congratulations, I wish the men and women of the Medical Corps, a very Happy Birthday!

**T.H. WEBER**  
Rear Admiral, Medical Service Corps  
United States Navy  
Director, Medical Service Corps



3 March 2020

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Dear Admiral Hancock,

On behalf of the Navy Medicine Civilian Corps, it is my pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to you on the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Navy Medical Corps.

Since 1871, the Medical Corps has boldly answered the call of duty providing medical care to Sailors and Marines on the battlefield and at home. The rich history that you enjoy is embodied in those who serve in the Medical Corps, past and present, and their commitment to excellence. Navy Medicine is successful in meeting its mission around the globe and here at home because of the direct efforts of the Medical Corps.

The 11,500 members of the Navy Medicine Civilian Corps are proud to call you our teammates. My warmest personal regards to you and the members of the Navy Medical Corps as you celebrate yet another anniversary of incomparable service. The Civilian Corps salutes you!

Sincerely,

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Dr. Andrew Jones  
Director, Navy Medicine Civilian Corps



**FORCE MASTER CHIEF  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

3 March 2020

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Chief, Medical Corps  
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
7700 Arlington Blvd.  
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Dear Admiral Hancock,

The Hospital Corpsmen across Navy Medicine and I take pleasure in wishing the men and women of the Medical Corps a Happy 149<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The Medical Corps' relentless charge to excellence illuminates a path to the execution of the Surgeon General's priorities. Your constant efforts to deliver care to our "People", your presence in all "Platforms" across the world, your exceptional "Performance" and your absolute drive to increase survivability directly increases our "Power".

With medical readiness at the forefront of our mission, the Hospital Corpsmen and I look forward to another year of working together in efforts to meet and surpass all expectations set for Navy Medicine.

Happy Birthday Medical Corps! Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

H. SMITH, JR.  
FORCM(SW/EXW/FMF), USN  
Force Master Chief  
Director, Hospital Corps