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**COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE ATLANTIC
COMMANDER, U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES COMMAND
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2020 HOLIDAY MESSAGE**

The past year has been one of unprecedented challenges for our nation and for the Navy-Marine Corps Team. I am certain that, like me, many of you are looking forward to the opportunity to ring in a New Year.

The distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine is an encouraging development. As we celebrate this Holiday Season, please remain vigilant in containing the spread. We must also remember that the holidays present challenges. This pandemic has brought about a virtual environment where we may be less inclined to reach out to each other. Please stay close; we are all each other's family. Seek out assistance and offer support. Communicate often and listen. Keep a watchful eye; we owe this to each other and our nation. Be safe; we need you.

Additionally, we are mindful that the missions we strive to accomplish can only be achieved through the hard work, diligence, and dedication of our people. Each of you contribute to that success. We are immeasurably grateful for your continued commitment to that end.

As always, we ask that you keep our deployed brothers and sisters, and their families, in your thoughts and prayers. For those who endure the sacrifice of being away from loved ones, this is an especially difficult season.

Alicia and I extend our warmest holiday greetings to the hardworking men and women of FMFLANT, MARFORCOM, and MARFORNORTH. Every Marine, Sailor, civilian, and family member plays an important role in accomplishing our missions. We are both grateful for your trust and dedication and we look forward to beginning a happy and healthy New Year with all of you.

Semper Paratus,

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