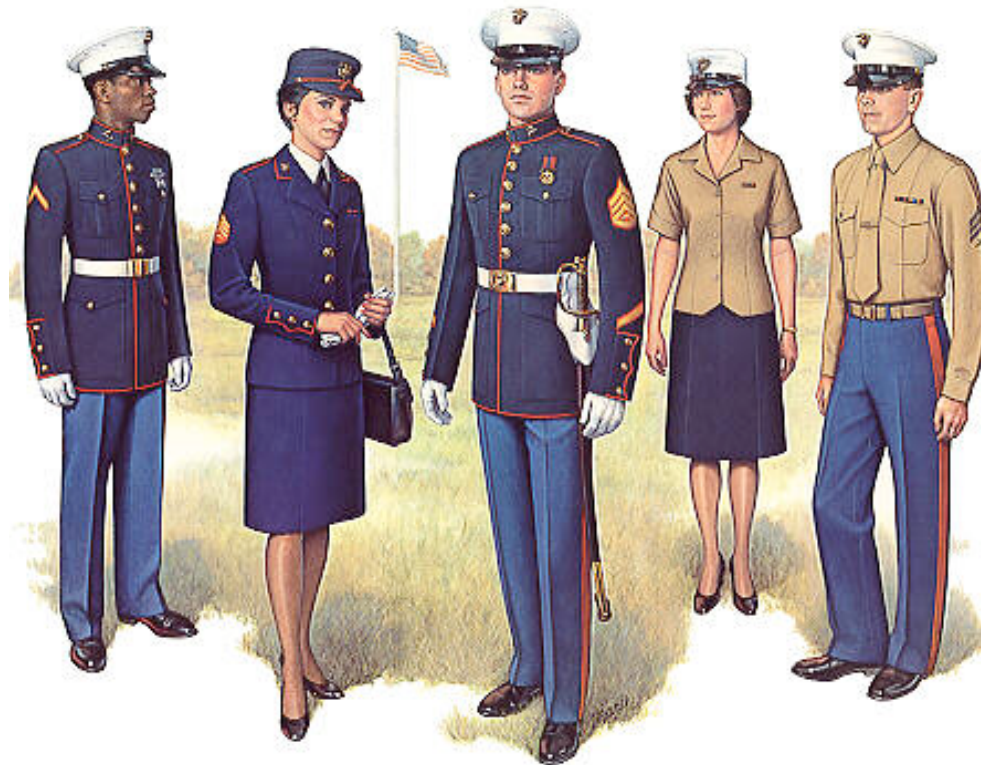


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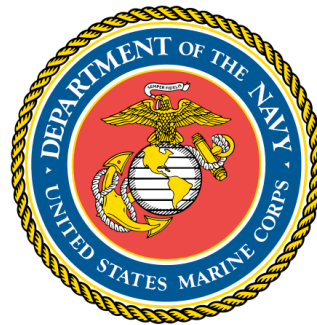
The American Marine!

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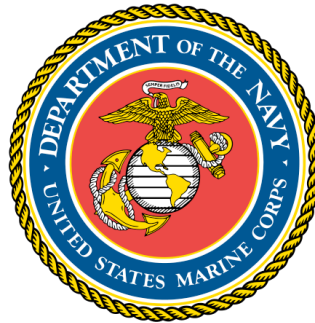
The American Marine!



He stands straight as an arrow
Dressed in Red White and Blue
His dress blues starched and pressed sharp as a tack.
America, He's heart and soul dedicated to You.



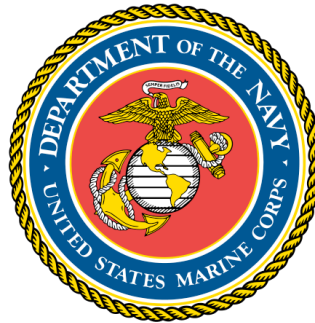
The American Marine!



His shoes are spit shined to perfection
Like a mirror in which he can see his reflection
His gloves are white like the new fallen snow.
His rifle loaded and ready to meet his foe.



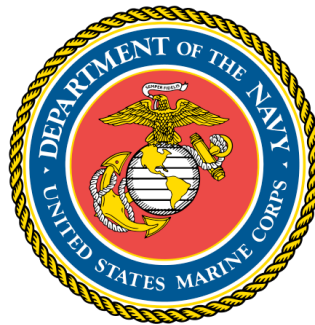
The American Marine!



His hands are calloused
But onward he marches never missing a step.
His eyes keen like the eagles
Scouring the fields for a buddy who may need his help.



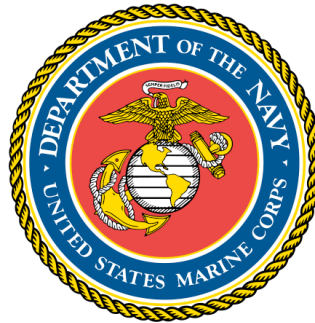
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His heart is sealed from God above.
His letters written to Mom and family with love.
It's his God and his country America's pride and joy.
Standing on the carrier ready to deploy.



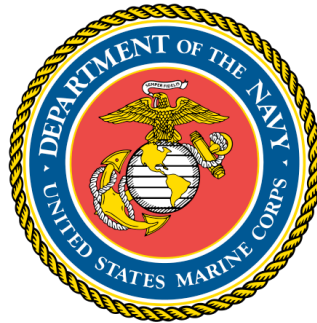
The American Marine!



No one sees his hands sweat and slightly tremble.
No one sees the tear fall from his American eyes.
No one feels his heart break when a soldier
beside him dies.
Only God sees the pain the American soldier
with honor defies.



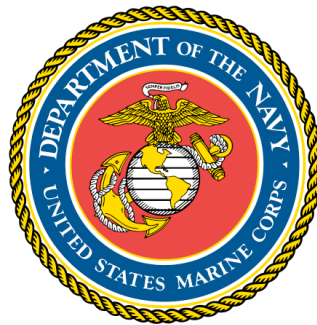
The American Marine!



He still remembers when the Twin Towers fell.
He still remembers the American Liberty Bell.
He still remembers "In God We Trust"
He still remembers Saddam's dungeons and mass graves
called prison cells.



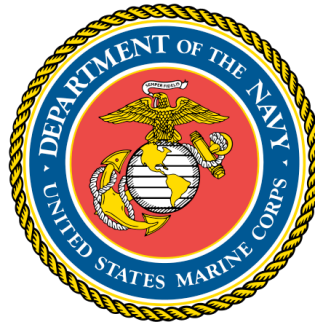
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He remembers Mom's apple pie each Sunday at noon.
He remembers the ball games and rock and roll tunes.
He remembers Ole Glory there will never be another.
He remembers saying goodbye to his baby brother.



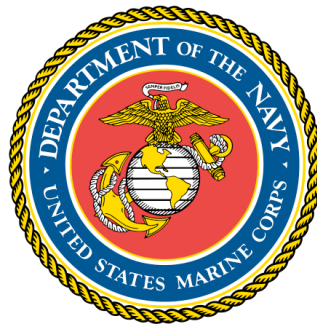
The American Marine!



He will fight with honor with his blood spilled upon the
hot burning sands.
He will dig down and live in the fox holes called the
very pits of hell.



The American Marine!



He will fight in swamps, jungles or in the dusty
desert lands.
He is the American soldier with trigger cocked who
will soon bid this war farewell!

The American Marine!

