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REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD
at the Marine Ball
on November 18, 1978

Good evening ladies and gentlemen ... and fellow Marines.

I am delighted to be with
~~It gives me great pleasure to address you on this, the~~

203rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps. In 1775 the Continental Congress established the Corps in a resolution which stated that "particular care be taken that no persons be appointed but such as are good seamen or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea."

Throughout the years the Marine Corps has lived up to the high expectation of the Continental Congress, serving with distinction throughout the world both on land and at sea, ^{+ now, in the air.} ~~They were~~ *The*

Marines were
always there when the nation needed them the most, helping turn the tide of battle and the war in the Meuse-Argonne offensive of World War I, in the first American offensive in the Pacific at Guadalcanal in World War II, and at Inchon in Korea.

I am very proud of the fine job our Marine security guards do at the Embassy ~~today~~. Top Inglett deserves ~~a~~ special thanks for his many years of service and the fine job he had done here in Tokyo. Looking at our Marines convinces me all the more why the Corps has always been noted for its pride, dedication, fighting spirit and readiness. I am glad you are part of the Embassy Family.

I now wish to join you all in a toast to the United States Marine Corps.

To the Marine Corps.

Thank you.