

A MESSAGE FROM THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL: CELEBRATING 71 YEARS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS



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On behalf of Navy Medicine, I extend my sincere congratulations, thanks and appreciation to the Navy Medical Service Corps (MSC) as it celebrates 71 years of unwavering dedication and service.

On August 4, 1947, the Army-Navy Medical Service Corps Act was passed to provide a permanent commissioned corps of specialists to complement the existing Medical Department officer corps.

The first 251 MSC officers represented the fields of administration and supply, allied science, pharmacy, and optometry.

All were veterans of World War II, some with careers extending back to the First World War as hospital corpsmen and pharmacist warrant officers.

Each Sailor entered the newly established MSC dedicated to a mission of service and support to the Navy and Marine Corps team; a mission that continues to this day.

The MSC is the most diverse corps in Navy Medicine, comprised of 31 subspecialties, including scientists, researchers, clinicians, and administrators, all unified around a single mission and serve in a variety of capacities at sea and with Marines deploying around the world on operational and humanitarian missions.

Your efforts, at clinics, inpatient facilities, and research units around the globe are world renowned in times of peace and conflict, and have earned the MSC a prominent place in the proud history of the United States Navy.

To everyone who served before us or who is currently serving in our Medical Service Corps, I want to thank you for your service and your honor, courage, and commitment to our great Navy.

You make a difference everyday! I am extremely proud of each of you and honored to serve with you.
Happy 71st Birthday Shipmates!

— Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison III, Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery