



### **Holiday Message from the Commander**

Members of the MCICOM family,

The approaching days will be filled with activities that celebrate our individual beliefs, reflect on the past year's accomplishments and eagerly anticipate successes and health for the New Year. More importantly, this is a time when many of us reunite with loved ones and friends.

This is my favorite time of the year as we are reunited with our children, their spouses and our grandchildren.

I want you to enjoy the season's festivities, including good food, good drink, time off and the company of friends and loved ones.

I also want to see all of you after the holidays. To this end, I ask that all leaders emphasize safety. This includes safety in our homes, while traveling and at our special gatherings. Remember, the number of household and motor vehicle accidents rise significantly during the Christmas season. In addition, some of our fellow Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines may experience depression and sadness during this time of year. Please be vigilant during these times, and please, look out for one another.

As I reflect back on 2013, I will celebrate the blessings of family, health and the privilege of being your commander. I am proud being among your ranks.

Thank you for all you do and best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Holiday season.

Semper Fidelis  
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