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On behalf of Navy Medicine, I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the men and women of our Navy Dental Corps as they commemorate 104 years of continued service to our nation.

On Aug. 22, 1912, President William Howard Taft and the 62nd Congress established the Dental Corps.

Since its inception, the Navy Dental Corps has continually answered the call and honored the trust placed in our hands by our nation.

From the original corps of 30 assistant dental surgeons to the more than 1,351 active and reserve members and 14 dental specialties today, the Dental Corps continues to ensure the dental health and dental readiness of America's sons and daughters.

Navy dentists can be found serving around the world with Marine expeditionary forces, assuming triage roles and assisting at battle dressing or Marine battalion aid stations, on our ships, and in our military treatment facilities and research labs. They also serve in support of disaster relief and humanitarian assistance missions that make lasting impressions on thousands of people in need of dental care.

Navy dentists serve as leaders in disease prevention at sea and at home. They are pioneers and innovators enhancing our research capabilities and education efforts, and they provide vital public and dental health services for Sailors and Marines.

The Dental Corps also ensures the readiness and development of its members through strong continuing dental education programs and world class post-graduate dental education at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School. Through their investment in education and training, families around our nation can be sure that their loved ones will continue receiving world-class dental care.

To the men and women serving in our Dental Corps, thank you for your selfless sacrifice and unrelenting dedication. I am honored to serve with you. Happy 104th birthday!

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