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Dear Master Chief Martinez,

It is my profound honor to offer the congratulations of the physicians of the Navy Medical Corps on the auspicious occasion of the 110th birthday of the Navy Hospital Corps. Although the formal organization of the Hospital Corps dates from 1898, your superlative contributions to the health of sailors and Marines of the United States Armed Forces has stretched over the lifetime of our nation. Your medical knowledge and skills have advanced with each decade—well beyond the duty of dispensing the “loblolly” porridge to those in sick bay. Our modern Corpsmen are essential contributors to the operation of every hospital department and are the backbone of combat casualty care delivery. The perspiration, dedication and inspiration of the Navy Corpsman have become your honored tradition and distinguish you from your peers.

It is with pride that we serve alongside the most decorated Corps in Navy Medicine, and the proud members of the Navy’s most decorated enlisted rating. Congratulations on 110, the Navy Medical Corps extends our sincerest best wishes, our deepest appreciation, and a hearty “Well Done!”

*Happy Birthday +
congratulations!
It is our honor to
serve with you!*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. M. Roberts".

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