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**Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Urges Congressional Support for H.R. 1096 and S. 305
Legislation to Create 250th Anniversary Marine Corps Coin**

Legislation Would Authorize Department of Treasury to Mint Coins in 2025 With Proceeds Supporting Future Programs at the Marine Corps Heritage Center

Triangle, Va. – The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is calling on members of Congress to support The 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act that would instruct the U.S. Mint to issue more than 1 million coins to commemorate 250 years of Marine Corps history, raise funds and support future education, historical, and cultural programs.

The bipartisan legislation was formally introduced in February by a quartet of Marine Corps Veterans serving in Congress – Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI), Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA), Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK). The bill is currently in committee for both the House of Representatives and Senate.

“The 250th Anniversary of the Marine Corps is a truly historic moment, and this legislation serves as an opportunity, at no cost to taxpayers, for the American public to become part of the celebration,” said Major General James W. Lukeman, USMC (Ret), president and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. “The Marine Corps is in the midst of a critical redesign that will modernize the force to address emerging threats and future security challenges. As the Marine Corps moves to secure the future, our Foundation seeks to preserve, showcase, and educate the public on its history, tradition, and unique culture.”

Because Congress is limited to authorizing a maximum of two coins per calendar year, it is imperative that the bill is passed by June 2023. Due to legislative rules, at least 67 Senators and 290 House members are required as co-sponsors for a commemorative coin bill before it can be scheduled for a floor vote.

“This legislation is so essential to the future of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation because the proceeds will be used to support and fund our programs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and across the country,” said Maj. Gen. Lukeman. “It is an opportunity for Congress to show their support for the generations of Marines who have served their country while upholding the Corps’ motto of Semper Fidelis. Funding from these coins will allow us to educate all generations – past, present, and future – about the Corps’ rich and storied history.”

The legislation would authorize the Department of Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins, and 750,000 half-dollar coins. Taxpayers incur no cost when commemorative coins are issued, as funds are only disbursed to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation after the U.S. Mint has sold enough to reimburse the cost of designing and issuing the coins.

About the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation:

Dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of Marine Corps history, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation was established in 1979 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation supports the historical programs

of the Marine Corps in ways not possible through government funds. The Foundation provides grants and scholarships for research and the renovation, restoration and commissioning of historical Marine Corps artifacts and landmarks. The Foundation secured the necessary funding for the construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Heritage Center, located in Triangle, Virginia, and continues to expand programs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and beyond its walls. For more information, visit MarineHeritage.org.

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