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**THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA
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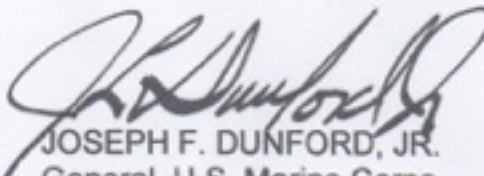
On the occasion of the 120th General Court of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, I join each of you in remembering and honoring your ancestors who founded and defended our great Nation.

For those gallant first Americans—our original visionaries—establishing such a Nation as ours must have seemed unattainable in the face of incredible odds. Their fortitude, resolve, and courage became the bedrock of our country. Today we pay tribute to their bravery in paving the remarkable path that has made America what it is today.

Generations of men and women in uniform have drawn inspiration from the perseverance of our Founders and have stood proudly on their shoulders. I deeply appreciate your ongoing support of today's Service members and those who aspire to wear the cloth of our Nation. Please know that you have our gratitude and admiration, and we are honored to carry the values and spirit of your ancestors into the future.

To the members and descendants of the Founders and Patriots of America, I wish you all the best in your celebration of this milestone. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH F. DUNFORD, JR.
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