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## **ARMY BIRTHDAY 14 JUNE 2006**

Congratulations to the United States Army on the occasion of your 231<sup>st</sup> birthday. For more than two centuries, the men and women who have worn the Army uniform have served with honor and distinction. Today's generation of Soldiers continue to add to that incredible legacy every day. From deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, to humanitarian operations at home and abroad, Army men and women are making the world a better place.

You have undertaken an incredible transformation to a lighter, leaner, more agile force, and you have executed this effort while engaged in operations around the globe. Today's Army is more capable, responsive, and lethal than ever. America can sleep well at night knowing you're on duty protecting our freedom.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs, the men and women of the Armed Forces, and a grateful Nation, Happy Birthday Army!

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