

**Ask anyone. Marines. They live and breathe Honor, Courage, Country.  
Semper Fi**

**There are only two kinds of people that understand Marines:  
Marines and the enemy. Everyone else has a second-hand opinion.**

Gen. William Thomson, **U.S. Army**

**The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines.  
Lord, how they could fight!**

MGen. Frank E. Lowe, **USArmy**; Korea, 26 January 1952

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**Marines know how to use their bayonets. Army bayonets may as  
well be paper-weights.**

Navy Times; November 1994

**Why in hell can't the Army do it if the Marines can. They are the  
same kind of men; why can't they be like Marines.**

Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, **USArmy**; 12 February 1918

**I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front, and  
there is not a finer fighting organization in the world!**

General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur; **USArmy**; Korea, 21 September 1950

**We have two companies of Marines running rampant all over the  
northern half of this island, and three Army regiments pinned  
down in the southwestern corner, doing nothing. What the hell is  
going on?**

Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., **USArmy**, Chairman of the the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
during the assault on Grenada, 1983

**Marines I see as two breeds, Rottweilers or Dobermans, because  
Marines come in two varieties, big and mean, or skinny and mean.  
They're aggressive on the attack and tenacious on defense.**

**They've got really short hair and they always go for the throat.**

RAdm. "Jay" R. Stark, **USNavy**; 10 November 1995

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**Lying offshore, ready to act, the presence of ships and Marines sometimes means much more than just having air power or ship's fire, when it comes to deterring a crisis. And the ships and Marines may not have to do anything but lie offshore. It is hard to lie offshore with a C-141 or C-130 full of airborne troops.**

Gen. Colin Powell, **U. S. Army**

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff

During Operation Desert Storm

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**You cannot exaggerate about the Marines. They are convinced to the point of arrogance, that they are the most ferocious fighters on earth- and the amusing thing about it is that they are.**

Father Kevin Keaney; **U.S. Navy**

1st Marine Division Chaplain

Korean War

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**I am convinced that there is no smarter, handier, or more adaptable body of troops in the world (than the U.S. Marines)**

**Prime Minister** of Britain, Sir Winston Churchill

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**The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle.**

Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing, **U.S. Army**

Commander of American Forces in World War I

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**The American Marines have it [pride], and benefit from it. They are tough, cocky, sure of themselves and their buddies. They can fight**

**and they know it.**

General Mark Clark, U.S. Army

**If I had one more division like this First Marine Division I could win this war.**

General of the Armies Douglas McArthur; USArmy; in Korea, overheard and reported by Marine Staff Sergeant Bill Houghton, Weapons/2/5

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**"I can never again see a UNITED STATES MARINE without experiencing a feeling of reverence."**

--GEN. JOHNSON, U.S. ARMY