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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

*02 February 2014*

*Dear Army Nursing Team,*

*I am very excited to celebrate the Army Nurse Corps 113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with you. This year, we recognize you, our Everyday Heroes in Healthcare. Army Nurses have been providing trusted and compassionate care to America's Sons and Daughters in every major conflict since 1901, and our anniversary gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on how far we as a Corps have come.*

*Your tireless efforts continuously enhance readiness, preserve life and function, and promote health and wellness for all those entrusted to our care. And while you may not consider yourself a hero, testimonies of the men & women you have cared for tell us otherwise.*

*Many of the stories I hear recount how a hero's caring touch saw them through long and uncertain moments. They have bared witness to the hero who stayed late out of concern for the patient who is "not doing very well". Many recall the kind words, if not the name, of the nurse who offered comfort to a grieving family during their time of need. And they remember the hero who safely welcomed to the world a new son or daughter on that joyous day. But more than anything, they remember how their hero made them feel even years after their wounds have healed.*

*You do not ask for recognition or tribute for what you consider simply as "doing your job." Everyday heroes never do. So I extend my genuine gratitude to you for your service to our Nation, our Corps, and for upholding the promise of providing trusted and compassionate care to America's Sons & Daughters for 113 years and counting!*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. O. Keenan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**JIMMIE O. KEENAN**  
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