## Congratulations of Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russian Federation Alexander Ivanovich Bastrykin on Defender of the Fatherland Day



Dear colleagues, veterans of the investigation, members of public and advisory authorities under the Investigative Committee of Russia! Dear students of the department's educational organizations! I congratulate you on the holiday – Defender of the Fatherland Day!

Bravery and courage have long been symbols of the national army, the basis of its brilliant victories, while military service has always enjoyed special honor and respect in our country. In every home, in every Russian family, the memory of the heroic past of fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers is cherished. The determination shown in the fiercest battles for the freedom and independence of the Motherland is an integral part of our historical heritage, an example of true patriotism and loyalty to duty. That is why today we celebrate valor, dedication, dignity and honor – the enduring values of our people. Recent events in the world leave no doubt that Russian military strength is a deterrent in

the international arena.

Preserving best officer traditions and following the glorious past of our great ancestors, for 11 years of fruitful work, the Investigative Committee has justified the trust of citizens and the state, becoming an outpost that guards the law and the security of the population and the Motherland. Here we have people who give their all to the protection of the country's national interests and integrity of the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the Russian Federation. Employees of the Investigative Committee are characterized by the highest level of professionalism, dedication, courage, and willingness to resolutely and fearlessly carry out the tasks assigned to them. Many of them have shown these qualities in flashpoint areas, performing tasks in the North Caucasian Federal District, investigating crimes committed by the Georgian military in South Ossetia, as well as by terrorists in Syria. Not forgetting the lessons of the past, our investigators thoroughly investigate the crimes of Ukrainian nationalists and military forces committed in the friendly LPR and DPR.

Dear colleagues! You are constantly at the forefront in the fight against organized crime, terrorism, extremism, other complex and sophisticated crimes, and new challenges. Your high performance is based on your predecessors' experience, which you multiply. And in today's unstable world, in the face of ever-increasing external threats, the effectiveness of your work is the pillar of safety and tranquility of citizens, their confidence in the future.

I am sure that each of you will only increase your potential for the benefit of duty, faithfully following the principles of legality and justice. May your work for the good of the Motherland always be a worthy continuation of the glorious deeds of our ancestors and a model for our young pupils - future Russian officers.

And, of course, I would like to separately congratulate our veterans of the investigation, veterans of the Great Patriotic War and other military operations. Their exploits in the name of the Motherland are immortal, and the indestructible strength of spirit, courage, and integrity serve as guidelines in life and work for each of us. I am sincerely grateful to our veterans for their colossal contribution to the common cause of educating the younger generation, young professionals, strengthening the spirit of patriotism and the principles of morality.

Dear colleagues, comrades, I once again congratulate you on Defender of the Fatherland Day! Peace, health, and prosperity to you and your families! May this holiday of courage inspire you to achieve new goals, motivate you to do good deeds and great victories in the name of Russia!

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