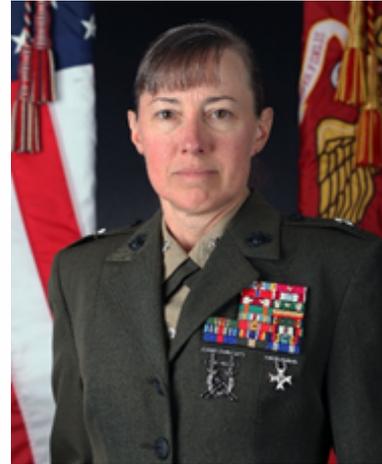


**COMMANDING GENERAL MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND/
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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY STATEMENT

We live in a 24/7 digital world, and it is the way we communicate in the 21st Century. Online social networking has opened up opportunities to share information, tell stories, and socialize. Marines and Sailors must be aware that operating online, in the virtual domain, comes with risks, including consequences for inappropriate behavior online.



A threat to our Core Values has evolved through the online behavior and activities by individuals who participate in spreading information that is damaging to fellow Marines, Sailors, and to the spirit and readiness of our Corps. We simply cannot and will not stand by and accept this very real threat to the institution that we so proudly serve. The actions of a few will neither threaten an unbreakable bond of trust and commitment between Marines nor tarnish our reputation.

Marines represent the Corps at all times, and our speech and conduct must consistently embody our core values and commitment to each other and our Nation. Marines should therefore always use their best judgment and avoid inappropriate behavior when posting on social networking sites, blogs, or on other websites.

Such commentary and content includes that which is defamatory, threatening, harassing, or discriminates based on a person's race, color, sex, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or other protected criteria. This type of conduct may be punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), cruelty and maltreatment of Marines of lesser rank (Article 93), sexual misconduct related to indecent viewing, visual recording, or broadcasting (Article 120c), or conduct unbecoming an officer (Article 133).

Marines who believe they have been subject to inappropriate online conduct are encouraged to report the misconduct to NCIS, Chain of Command, IG, their Chaplain, Victims Legal Counsel, Local Law Enforcement, Equal Opportunity Advisors, or Victim Witness Assistant Coordinators. Marines who witness prohibited conduct must report the misconduct to their Chain of Command.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie L. Nethercot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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