



## Social Media

### Social Media Guidance for Unofficial Posts

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Vine, Snapchat, Omegle, and many others mediums are part of a continuously expanding network of social media websites, services and smart phone applications. These tools all provide means to communicate with loved ones, friends, co-workers and in some cases *perfect strangers*. Whether you are posting, blogging, messaging, or any other form of personal public engagement, Marines and Sailors should avoid offensive and inappropriate behavior that may bring discredit upon themselves, their unit, the Marines Corps and the United States Navy.

Inappropriate -- and in some cases, illegal -- behavior includes, but is not limited to, the posting of any classified information, controlled unclassified information (CUI) defamatory (damaging the reputation), libelous (defamation by written or printed words, pics, etc.), obscene, abusive, threatening, racially or ethnically hateful, or otherwise offensive or illegal information or material. As such, all active duty military personnel should avoid such conduct.

References: MARADMIN 365/10, MC Social Media Guide Book -- [www.marines.mil/News/SocialMedia/Guidance.aspx](http://www.marines.mil/News/SocialMedia/Guidance.aspx)

Anything an individual posts online remains online -- FOREVER! Ensure your online conduct is appropriate and in keeping with the high standards of the Marine Corps. Don't post drunk and don't post when overly emotional. Exercising sound individual judgment at all times is essential. When the content or professionalism of an online post is in doubt, there is no doubt -- DON'T POST!

**“Military members who violate federal law, regulations or policies through inappropriate personal online activity are subject to disciplinary action under the UCMJ.”**

### How to Report Social Media Violations

What should you do when receiving inappropriate posts from a fellow Marine or Sailor?

1. At an early stage, peer-to-peer counseling/intervention may work and prevent a future punishable infraction.
2. Use your chain of command to report violations.
3. Report the offense to the MARFORPAC IG. All complaints received by the IG office will be reviewed, processed and investigated/referred appropriately.

## IGMC Inspections

During FY-15 MARFORPAC will receive an inspection from IGMC. In preparation for the inspection, below are a few helpful tips:

1. Download your Functional Area (FA) checklist from the following IGMC website:  
[www.hqmc.marines.mil/igmc/Resources/FunctionalAreaChecklists.aspx](http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/igmc/Resources/FunctionalAreaChecklists.aspx)
2. Review with your FA SME all requirements. Following the initial review, we recommend semiannual follow-ups to ensure continuity of knowledge and compliance.
3. Have all appointment letters, orders, desktop procedures and turnover binders accessible.
4. If you do not know the answer to a question, don't make one up -- simply refer to the order or procedures for the correct process/answer.
5. Do not argue with the inspector. He or she is the USMC SME, listen to the advice they are providing and take appropriate pearls of wisdom to improve the process.

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