

SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES POLICY

Continued expansion and use of social media and web-based interactive technologies requires due diligence and oversight to ensure the operational security of MAGTFTC, MCAGCC. Service members and their families are our first line of defense when it comes to navigating the risks associated with social media. They require the training, understanding, and tools necessary to secure important information while using social media as a forum to share news and events.



- Headquarters Marine Corps has created a website at <http://www.marines.mil/News/Social-Media/> that provides information regarding social media and the Marine Corps. The link has useful information for Marines and their families concerning existing rules for public affairs and personal conduct while utilizing social media.
- Social media includes collaborative tools such as social networking sites, user-generated content, social software, email, instant messaging, and discussion forums (e.g., YouTube, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Google apps etc.).

Enclosure (1) of MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Policy Letter 19-18 “Social Media Best Practices” provides best practices for the use of social media and reduces the risk to Marines, their families, and operational security that may arise from its use.

Commanders, Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Special Staff Officers, and Officers-in-Charge will ensure their Marines, civilians, and contracted personnel are informed of the best practices listed in the enclosure. Family Readiness Officers will also disseminate recommended best practices to Combat Center Family members. Marines are strongly encouraged to ensure their family members follow these best practices.

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