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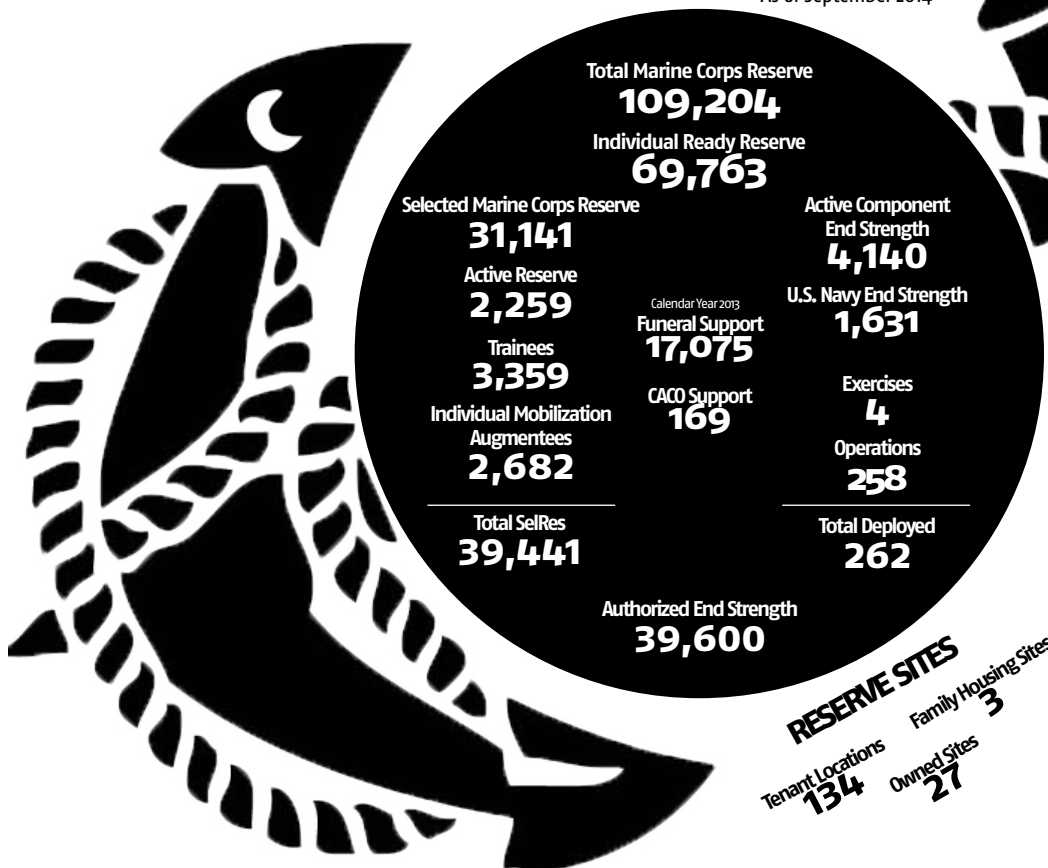
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LT. GEN. RICHARD P. MILLS

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

"As technology advances and the threat to cyber security increases, it is imperative that we as Marines and Sailors remain vigilant not only on the battlefield, but also online. Many, if not all of you, use computers on a daily basis; it is important to review and follow the regulations concerning operational security and online communication. Be cautious and observant when interacting online both at work and in your personal lives. Remaining aware of the possible threats will not only protect you and your families, but will play a part in the protection of the organization as a whole. Semper Fidelis."



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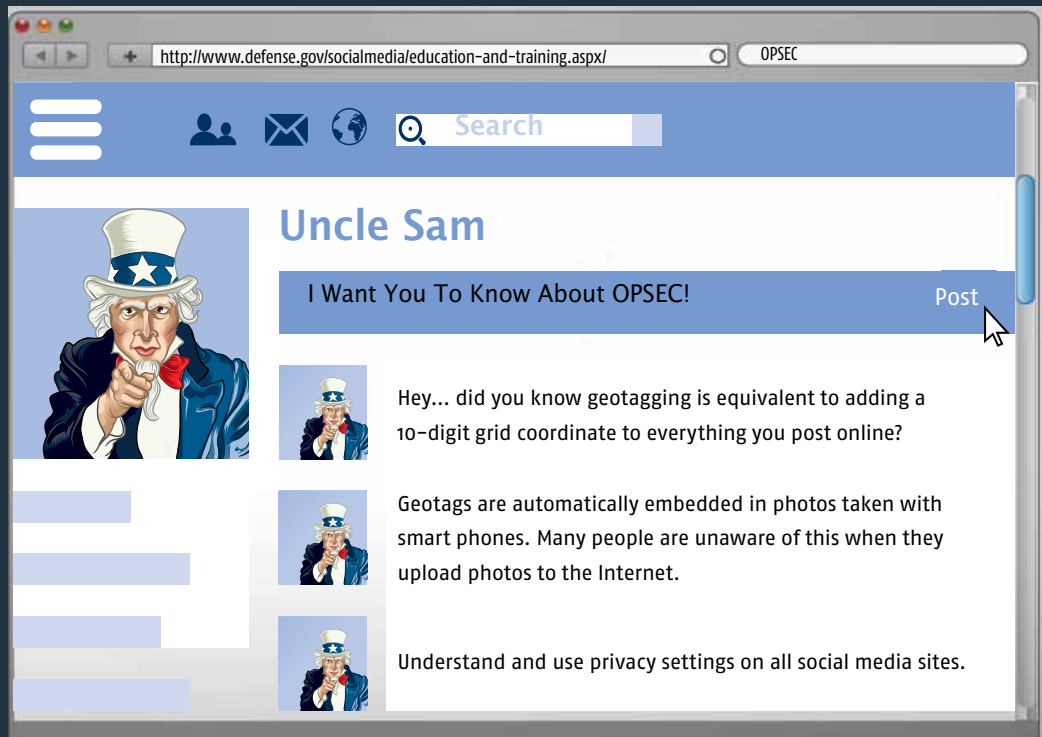
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Operational Security



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OPSEC:

What is Operational Security or OPSEC? It's how we keep service members safe and not compromise the mission.

OPSEC is a process of identifying critical information. OPSEC helps you determine what information is and is not safe to put into the public's view.

Whether at work, home, or schools, almost every part of a Marine's life is connected to the Internet. Cyber threats are increasing on a daily basis, so it's essential to remain vigilant and always employ operational security measures.

Importance:

Our enemies are constantly seeking information on U.S. military operations. Some information they look for isn't classified and may be posted to the front page of your social networking site.

That's why it's just as important to implement OPSEC at home. You can start by avoiding posting personally identifiable information such as:

- Social security numbers
- Mother's maiden name
- Dates and places of birth
- Home addresses

How To Use:

-  Don't give away your position through GPS location links such as geotagging about places where you are or where you will be.
-  Create strong passwords
-  Validate all friend requests through another source, such as phone or email before confirming them.
-  Beware of downloading unfamiliar links.