

## Commanding Officer's/ Inspector Instructor's Policy on Request Mast



Marines and Sailors of 1/25,

Request Mast is a long-standing tradition in the Marine Corps that guarantees every Marine and Sailor the right to directly communicate with their commanding officer. This process is a protected privilege and an important part of maintaining trust, transparency, and accountability within our ranks.

Every member of this battalion has the right to request mast to address grievances, report misconduct, or present matters affecting welfare, readiness, or duty performance. Request mast may be submitted through the chain of command, but you will never be denied the opportunity to speak directly with the Commanding Officer or Inspector Instructor. Retaliation against anyone who exercises this right will not be tolerated.

Leaders are expected to resolve issues at the lowest level possible, but they will also respect and support a Marine or Sailor's decision to request mast. This process ensures that all hands know their voice can be heard and that their concerns matter.

Marines and Sailors of 1/25 will have unrestricted access to the Commanding Officer/Inspector Instructor through request mast. Use it responsibly, respect the chain of command, and know that his right will always be upheld.

Semper Fidelis,

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