Commanding Officer's/ Inspector Instructor's Policy on Voting Assistance Program



Marines and Sailors of 1/25,

The right to vote is one of the most important responsibilities we carry as citizens. As Marines and Sailors, we swore an oath to defend the constitution and democracy – and as individuals, we strengthen it by participating in the electoral process. This battalion fully supports your right to vote, whether by absentee ballot, in-person, or through other legal means available to you.

The Voting Assistance Program exists to ensure that every eligible Marine, Sailor, and family member has the information and resources needed to register, request ballots, and cast their vote. Our battalion Voting Assistance Officer is available to provide guidance and assistance in a nonpartisan manner.

This program is not about politics but ensuring success. No Marine or Sailor will ever be directed on how to vote, but every Marine and Sailor will have the opportunity to vote. Leaders will ensure time is made available, consistent with mission requirements, for personnel to exercise this right.

Every Marine and Sailor of 1/25 will be informed of their right to vote, supported in exercising that right, and encouraged to fulfill their civic duty as citizens of the Nation we serve.

Semper Fidelis,

M. K. Burke

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