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Marines are expected to live our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. They are serving throughout the world, leading by example and honoring our legacy in both their professional and personal lives.

There is no place for this type of demeaning or degrading behavior in our Corps, this includes our actions online.

We need to be brutally honest with ourselves and each other. This behavior hurts fellow Marines, family members, and civilians. It is a direct attack on our ethos and legacy.

Let me be perfectly clear; no person should be treated this way. It is inconsistent with our Core Values, and it impedes our ability to perform our mission.

Standup, speak out, and be a voice of change for the better. Hold those who misstep accountable. We need to realize that silence is consent--do not be silent. It is your duty to protect one another, not just for the Marine Corps, but for humanity.

As Marines, as human beings, you should be angry for the actions of a few. These negative behaviors are absolutely contrary to what we represent. It breaks the bond that hold us together; without trust, our family falters.

We must do a better job of teaching Marines what we expect of them in the social media realm. I expect all Marines to treat one another with dignity and respect, whether it be in public, behind closed doors or online.

I need you with me on this. I need you to protect one another, to care for one another. If you witness something that isn't right, ACT! Do not allow anyone to harm our fellow Marines, our families, or our institution. We all must live a life that not only reflects our Core Values, but our cultural values of dignity, respect, and self-discipline.

Ultimately we must take a look in the mirror and decide whether we are part of the problem or the solution.