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Thanks to all with the positive feedback on our plan to "have a conversation" with Marines and build an understanding and appreciation of the importance of "protecting what they have earned" and the consequences of alcohol abuse.

To all, have zero doubt, Marine Corps leaders want every Marine to be successful . . . and that this is an effort to maximize success. Not a single Marine I have ever spoken with misunderstands that abuse of alcohol is the fuel leading to every destructive behavior we see today in our Corps . . . let alone degrades our readiness overall. We also want to help those who may struggle with dealing with alcohol . . . help is available for you.

Finally, this is not a program per se . . . there will be no classes, no computer program . . . and almost no cost . . . this is simply doing what we have done whenever we have recognized a problem . . . raising the issue and participating in an exchange of ideas.

As the Nation's force in readiness, all Marines have to bring their "A" game every day . . . and alcohol and any sort of abuse or undisciplined behavior does not contribute to the mission's success.

This is about each of us as part of a team . . . we need every player at his/her best.

Thanks and Semper Fidelis,

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