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From: Commander, Marine Forces Reserve
To: Site Commander
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Subj: MARINE FOR LIFE PROGRAM

1. The Commandant's Marine For Life program is poised for final development and implementation. Marine For Life will assemble and develop already existing Marine Corps networks to support and improve assistance to our 27,000 Marines who leave active service each year. The program is designed to sponsor them upon their return to civilian life; keep them in the Marine Corps family; and reemphasize the value of honorable service as exemplified by our mottos *Semper Fidelis* and "once a Marine always a Marine".
2. The program is operating successfully now at six test sites. The first year of implementation will stand up "hometown links" at 50 additional sites across America as well as a web-enabled database. This electronic network will facilitate the augment the human network and provide Marines a free email account to use during their transition period.
3. Your site has been selected to host one of the first 50 hometown links. In the inaugural phase of the program, you will be working with HQMC (RA) to select an officer or staff noncommissioned officer to serve as the hometown link. Other than office space and your leadership, there will be no requirement on your unit. Instead, you will find that the hometown link and the Marine For Life program in general will contribute to your existing goals to involve veteran and Reserve Marines, local influencers, and community relations.
4. Continued close coordination between you and the HQMC Marine for Life staff will be crucial in ensuring the success of your hometown link and the program. Rest assured that I fully support this program and expect maximum effort from all leaders to ensure its success.
5. The Marine for Life points of contact are Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Frank, Hometown Link Coordinator, at commercial (704) 598-0015 ext 3056, frankte@mfr.usmc.mil, Captain Christopher Phelps at MARFORRES at commercial (504) 678-6592, phelpsce@mfr.usmc.mil, and Major Gary Dean, Program Officer, at commercial (703)784-9140, deangd@marpower.usmc.mil. This letter authorizes liaison, as appropriate, in implementing this groundbreaking initiative.

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