April 8, 2020

I hope this message finds everyone in good health. I am checking in with you to ensure that you are alright and that you have everything you need. With the numbers continuing to climb according to the CDC, we are not out of the woods yet. According to the Governor, the peak of COVID-19 will peak later in the month of April instead of May as originally predicted. I hope all this ends soon, and we can get back to normal. In addition, it has been advised if you go outside to wear some kind of mask, especially if you are going to the grocery store. My wife and I went to Walmart the other day, and they were limiting the number of customers inside. Many people are out of work, and small businesses will have a financial hardship. I am still working, however we are taking precautions to ensure everyone's safety.

Please continue to pray for our nation and our President as we fight through this pandemic. Also pray for your Commandant that his Sergeant Major (wife) doesn't get any more ideas for home projects. I have been to Home Depot more in the past two weeks than I have been all year. Also, I am getting pretty good at cooking, and I no longer burn water. The good thing about what we are all facing is we are spending more time with our families. Life can be very busy, and we tend to lose out on quality time with our loved ones. Things have slowed down considerably, and actually I have kind of enjoyed it.

As you know, our next detachment meeting is scheduled for April 25th. At this time, I do not see us meeting this month, and honestly we may not resume until June. However, things could change, and we could return to normal in the next few weeks. I have talked with our Paymaster, Fred Marotta, and the detachment officers will be calling our members in the next few days. Each officer will have at least 10 members to contact and to check on. Let's all keep in touch and reach out to our Marines. If there is anyone that needs anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Our nation needs many prayers, so please take a couple minutes each day. May God bless you and keep you safe, and I will see you soon.

Semper Fi,

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