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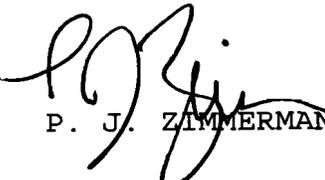
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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
To: All Active Duty and Civilian Personnel

Subj: COMMANDER'S STATEMENT ON GAMBLING (SPORTS POOLS, LOTTERIES,
GAMES OF CHANCE, ETC.) ON MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, CHERRY
POINT

Ref: (a) 5 C.F.R. 735.201
(b) DoD 5500.7-R (Joint Ethics Regulations)

1. Public service is a public trust. Each of us owes it to our employers, the American taxpayer, to give a full day's work for a full day's pay. Gambling is prohibited on Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point. Engaging in gambling activities detracts from unit readiness, conflicts with good order and discipline and is no in keeping with the work ethic I expect from each and every Air Station Marine, sailor and civilian employee.
2. Reference (a) states: "While on Government-owned or leased property or while on duty for the Government, an employee shall not conduct, or participate in, any gambling activity including the operation of a gambling device, conducting a lottery or pool, a game for money or property, or selling or purchasing a numbers slip or ticket." This language is clear: sports pools, games for money, lotteries and similar activities are prohibited on Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point. There is no innocent exception to this rule: if you are playing for money or property, you are in violation of this prohibition.
3. I expect every supervisor aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point to understand this prohibition on gambling and enforce it. I expect every Marine, sailor, and civilian employee aboard this installation to understand this prohibition and abide by it. If you need clarification on this rule, utilize your chain of command or contact the Staff Judge Advocate. Further guidance may be found at reference (b). Violations of the prohibition on gambling may result in disciplinary action against active duty military personnel under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or adverse administrative action for civilian employees, up to and including termination.


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