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Teammates,

Each day, thousands of current and former members of Naval Special Warfare live as "quiet professionals". Our members continue to serve around the world, accomplishing critical and sensitive missions that contribute to our national security, and keep our nation safe.

We serve alongside many dedicated Patriots from across the military and all departments and agencies of our government. And, we serve alongside partners from many other nations who share an unwavering common commitment to long term security, stability, and prosperity in the world. Any real credit to be rendered is about the incredible focus, commitment, and teamwork of this diverse network and the years of hard work undertaken with little individual public credit. It is the nature of our profession.

At Naval Special Warfare's core is the SEAL Ethos. A critical tenant of our Ethos is "I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions". Our Ethos is a life-long commitment and obligation, both in and out of the Service. Violators of our Ethos are neither Teammates in good standing, nor Teammates who represent Naval Special Warfare. We do not abide willful or selfish disregard for our core values in return for public notoriety and financial gain, which only diminishes otherwise honorable service, courage and sacrifice. Our credibility as a premier fighting force is forged in this sacrifice and has been accomplished with honor, as well as humility. The most important credit we can garner is the respect of our Teammates and Partners.

Classified information is protected by law. All members exposed to classified information have a duty obligation to protect this information, regardless of what may be reflected in the media, accurately or otherwise. We will actively seek judicial consequence for members who willfully violate the law, and place our Teammates, our Families, and potential future operations at risk.

Continue to serve with honor, on and off the battlefield.

M. L. MACARACI

Force Master Chief

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