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1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER RELIEVED OF COMMAND

Camp Pendleton, Calif. – The commanding general of the 1st Marine Division relieved Lt. Col. Francisco X. Zavala, the commanding officer of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, May 7. Maj. Gen. Robert F. Castellvi relieved Lt. Col. Zavala because he lost trust and confidence in the commanding officer's ability to lead after an official report of an incident of domestic violence.

Marine Corps officials are investigating the incident at this time. Maj. Gen. Castellvi has appointed an interim commanding officer, _____, until a qualified replacement can be selected to lead 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

1st Reconnaissance Battalion is based on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The primary mission of the unit is to conduct advanced force operations, battlespace shaping, amphibious reconnaissance, underwater reconnaissance, and ground reconnaissance or surveillance to observe identify, and report intelligence information.

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