



Greetings to The Detachment of Texas,

As we near the finish line to our Legion year, I'm reminded of a timeless principle that has guided individuals and organizations alike throughout history: "A job is never finished until it's done." These words encapsulate a fundamental truth about the nature of work and the pursuit of excellence.

In our fast-paced world, where deadlines loom large and expectations run high, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that simply starting a task is enough. But the reality is far different. True accomplishment isn't measured by how many projects we initiate or how many tasks we begin—it's measured by how many we bring to completion.

Think about it. How often have we seen promising initiatives falter midway, only to fade into obscurity? How many times have we witnessed ambitious plans derailed by a lack of follow-through? The sad truth is that starting is easy; finishing is hard.

Yet, it's in the act of completion that the true value of our efforts is realized. It's in those final moments, when we cross the finish line, that we experience the satisfaction of a job well done. It's in those moments that we earn the respect of our peers and the admiration of our superiors.

But beyond personal satisfaction and professional recognition, there's a deeper significance to this principle. It speaks to our character, our integrity, and our commitment to excellence. It reminds us that success isn't just about achieving results—it's about doing so with diligence, perseverance, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

So, how do we embody this principle in our Legion lives? How do we ensure that we don't just start things, but we finish them as well?

First and foremost, it requires discipline. It requires the discipline to stay focused, to resist distractions, and to see things through to the end. It means setting clear goals, establishing a plan of action, and holding ourselves accountable for our progress.

Secondly, it requires resilience. It requires the resilience to overcome setbacks, to navigate obstacles, and to persevere in the face of adversity. It means recognizing that challenges are inevitable, but they are also opportunities for growth and learning.

And finally, it requires commitment. It requires the commitment to honor our word, to fulfill our obligations, and to see our commitments through to completion. It means understanding that our reputation is built on our ability to deliver on our promises, and that nothing is more valuable than our integrity.

So, as we go about our Legion work for the next six weeks, let us remember these words: "A job is never finished until it's done." Let us embrace the challenge of completion with discipline, resilience, and commitment. And let us strive not just to start things, but to finish them—to the very end.

Thank you.

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