

## SAFETY POLICY

Our job as Marines is inherently dangerous. Our institution is in the business of defending our country against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that includes direct contact with life threatening situations. The only way to be effective in executing our assigned mission is to mitigate risk through an inherent mindset of safety. This does not mean that we should be risk averse, but rather to ensure that safety considerations become second nature and are automatically applied to our daily activities.

I expect leaders to foster a culture where safety is always considered and to take action when situations arise that put our Marines and Sailors at risk. Every Marine is a Safety Officer and by remaining vigilant, visible, and staying active, we will provide a safe working environment within which to operate.

Let there be no question that being safe takes every single member of our team. Everyone is responsible and there will be no tolerance for negligent behavior. I expect that we will incorporate Operational Risk Management (ORM) into our daily routine and apply these simple principles both on and off duty. Through a professional training program, we will ensure that our Marines and Sailors are properly educated and therefore eliminate ignorance from our ranks.

To execute safely, we must be disciplined and attentive to accountability. If we take a lackadaisical approach, we will see a degradation in our productivity and ultimately in our ability to be ready when called. We need every Marine and Sailor in the fight and if we lose Marines to injury or worse because of avoidable circumstances, then we are failing to provide a force in readiness that is postured to support the Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

Each of you inherently knows what looks right and feels right. Ensure the preservation of your Marines and Sailors by keeping safety front and center in all of your activities. Identify the risks and mitigate them through the logical application of control measures. With this simply construct in mind, together we will maintain Marine Air Support Squadron 2's solid position as a relevant and ready capability for III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Semper Fidelis,



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