



MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING



Commander's Guidance – Be ready for the next fight
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Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 (MWSS-171) has proven itself successful both in operational and garrison environments. With the recent deployment to our annual exercise and detachment deployments around the world, we have proven ourselves to be responsive in simultaneously supporting distributed operations on a global scale. We will continue to build on this solid foundation of experience and will be responsive by providing scalable aviation ground support elements to Marine Air Group 12 (MAG-12), 1st MAW, III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF), and Marine Corps units worldwide. We will achieve these objectives by preparing our unit, our individual Marines and Sailors, and our families using teamwork, trust, and mutual respect.

Preparation as a unit. MWSS-171 will reconstitute the team and train to extend the reach of the Aviation Combat Element to support MAGTF operations. We will integrate our Marines and Sailors who redeploy, and we will soon experience the annual personnel rotation. Each of these occurrences presents us with opportunity to build on the unit lessons learned and personal experiences. We will seek opportunities to remain tactically engaged, while balancing the support required to sustain MAG-12. Our tasks are to **simultaneously provide one forward operating base (FOB) and two Forward Arming and Refueling Points (FARPs)**. In order to accomplish this, we will reset our individual training, conduct unit level collective training, and capitalize on opportunities to operate within a MAGTF. Specific operational requirements which will remain our aiming points are the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and other operational deployments. We must also stand ready for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations. We will develop as a unit with the ability to provide multi-functional detachments with appropriate leadership, command and control, and experience to accomplish the assigned tasks.

MWSS-171 Priorities

1. Operational deployments
2. Support to MAG-12
3. Support to MAGTF training events
4. Fleet Assistance Program

Preparation of our individual Marines and Sailors. The readiness and welfare of each individual Marine and Sailor in MWSS-171 directly relates to the readiness of our unit. **All leaders will maintain the steady operational heartbeat of the unit** by consistently developing and executing individual and collective training plans that ensure individual proficiency. We will all seek to challenge our Marines and Sailors to identify and solve complex problems with innovative solutions. We will balance the development of occupational specialties with the development of leadership skills...founded upon solid doctrine. **The strength of any unit is dependent on its small unit leaders.** Training, coaching, mentoring and developing our Marines and Sailors will enable our unit effectiveness.

Preparation of our families. The welfare of our families directly relates to the readiness of our Marines and Sailors. We will continue to build a strong unit family network, where family members have trust in the Marine Corps and in the leaders of MWSS-171. **Our family members expect and deserve courteous and responsive support** from family readiness professionals and our Squadron's leaders. The families of our Marines and Sailors are the MWSS-171 family.

Our Endstate: MWSS-171 is ready in all things and for all things. We are prepared to respond with unparalleled expeditionary aviation ground support for training and operational requirements. Our continuous objective is a high-state of unit readiness – personnel, equipment, and training.

In Omnia Paratus,

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