



Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 24 Mission, Intent and Priorities



The Mission of Marine Aircraft Group 24 is to provide combat-ready, expeditionary aviation forces capable of short-notice, worldwide employment in support of Marine Air Ground Task Force operations. The overarching intent of everything we do at MAG-24 is Mission first, Marines and Sailors always. Within that, our number one priority is maintaining readiness to accomplish all assigned missions while preserving our most precious assets—our individual Marines and Sailors. The greatest change in all of Marine Aviation over the next few years is happening right here in MAG-24. Though we are going through a major transition in the form of new missions, units, platforms, and capabilities, we are still a part of America's expeditionary force in readiness. This is particularly important as the Marine Corps reorients on the Pacific and we return to our expeditionary and amphibious roots. We must be ready, responsive, relevant and always prepared to respond to today's crisis with today's force today!

My priorities are:

- **Readiness and Mission Accomplishment.** It's all about maintaining readiness to accomplish our assigned missions while preserving our most precious assets—our individual Marines and Sailors. We will complete our mission in OEF, III MEF & 1st MAW tasking, frag missions, Aviation Plan implementation, and any other assigned tasks. We must always strive for improved individual, personal, unit and family readiness.
- **Preserve the Spirit of the Marine Corps.** Simply put this is who we are and what we stand for as United States Marines. We will be known as a Group that maintains strict adherence to standards and does the right thing at the right time for the right reason. This effort requires visible, engaged and assertive leadership at all levels and constant reinforcement of our core values of honor, courage and commitment.
- **Cultivate an Expeditionary Mindset.** MAG-24 must be an Expeditionary Force in Readiness and transition from a Rotational force to a Ready MAG.
- **Ensure successful implementation of the Marine Corps Aviation Plan.** Lead and manage the required change to ensure successful implementation of the Marine Corps Aviation Plan at MAG-24.

Other important things to me are:

MAG-24 will work as a Team. Team building and teamwork will be the key to our success as we change in composition and transition to a ready MAG and expeditionary force in readiness. We are one Group—I need everyone in the MAG to work as a Team whether within your units, between units, or between staffs. As each Marine, Sailor, or unit joins our MAG, we will welcome them with open arms and positive mentoring—team building must be continuous. Teamwork extends beyond our MAG. We will work well with fellow III MEF units and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Our reputation will be of a MAG that is easy to work with and that gets things done.

Maintain effective communications. Maintain communications up, down and laterally throughout the chain of command. Keep the chain of command, your Marines, and your families informed. My critical information requirements or things that concern me the most are those that pose a threat to our Group in terms of safety or force preservation, can prevent us from accomplishing our mission, or that will reflect badly on the Marine Corps.

Maintain balanced excellence and have fun. You all deserve to enjoy coming to work each day. We'll work together to maintain balanced excellence between hard work to accomplish our mission, enhancing readiness, being brilliant in the basics and having fun. Have fun both on and off-duty, but please, always employ risk management and moderation.

I believe in all of you, and I want MAG-24 to be the best place to serve in the Marine Corps. I will do my best to provide you with the information, assistance and leadership you deserve. Be supportive, take care of each other, and always treat each other with dignity, respect and professionalism. Together, as a Team, we can accomplish any mission and ensure the continued success of MAG-24 to our Corps. Mission first, Marines & Sailors always.

Semper Fidelis,

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