MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171
COMMANDER'S INTENT

PURPOSE

This is what is important to me and why. My intent is focused on three categories that will form the basis of how we train and operate at all times.

METHOD

1. **Mission.** Why we exist. Everything we do-- training, executing projects, or supporting exercises, should be done in a manner that makes us more dangerous to our enemies. Realistic, supervised, and creative training will make us proficient at our primary function, providing expeditionary aviation ground support to the aviation combat element. Our operations will be planned and executed in accordance with appropriate directives, orders, and manuals and all projects and exercises will be done with an "expeditionary" mindset…manned and equipped no larger or heavier than necessary to accomplish the mission.

2. **Marines.** Our most important asset. It is our Marines' and sailors' knowledge and experience that will enable us to effectively do our mission. Everyone has something to contribute to a team that will operate most efficiently when the team members are played to their strengths, work together, and watch out for each other. In order to work together effectively, we must communicate with each other. Information, both bad and good, must be shared and properly disseminated up and down the chain of command. Every section and Marine in this squadron is critical to our overall success. Our leaders must know the unit's capabilities, know their Marines, and reach out to our Marines' families.

3. **Machines.** The enablers. We are an engineer unit and without weapons, vehicles, tools, and equipment, we cannot accomplish our mission. Accountability of our gear and equipment is a prerequisite for proper utilization and these machines must be taken care of, not only through proper maintenance, but through knowledgeable, correct, and safe employment. Do not misuse, abuse, or over-use our warfighting assets. Motor stables, inspections, weapons cleaning; all are critical to ensuring our gear is ready to be used to accomplish the mission.

ENDSTATE

Creation of a cohesive, smooth-functioning team that is able to work together to accomplish any mission assigned under austere conditions. A unit that is ready for all things.

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