



## HMH-463

### Command Philosophy

### Commander's Intent



**Mission First, Marines and Families Always!**

**HMH Mission:** Support the Marine Air Ground Task Force Commander (MAGTF) by providing assault support transport of heavy equipment, combat troops, and supplies, day or night under all weather conditions during expeditionary, joint, or combined operations.

One of the first expressions most Marines learn while at the rifle range or pistol range is, "Slow is smooth and smooth is fast." This ditty, reminds us that by focusing on each **fundamental** step in sequence, we will accurately and quickly hit the target. We must apply the same mindset to our mission. By focusing on the fundamental components of our mission, we will become brilliant in the basics which will be our recipe for success.

Our mission consists of three **fundamental** components.

**1. Fix aircraft.** Every Marine in the squadron will focus on the **fundamentals** of their MOS in a consistent and methodical manner while maintaining our aircraft. By adhering to the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program and the Maintenance Instruction Manuals, we will safely produce Ready Basic Aircraft that will allow us to support the MAGTF Commander.

**2. Fly aircraft.** The **fundamentals** of flying a CH-53 lie in our core skills. Our success throughout the spectrum of military operations will be dependent upon our ability to execute the basics. If we are **fundamentally** sound in the basics, we will succeed in any environment.

**3. Take care of ourselves and our families.** The most precious assets that we have are each other and our families. If we or our families are in crisis, we will not succeed. Taking care of each other and our families is **fundamental** to our success.

The fear that our enemies have for us as Marines and the respect that we enjoy from all others were earned by our predecessors. We will protect what we have earned; the right to be called a Marine, and we will be faithful to the legacy left to us by those who have gone before. Despite the challenges that we may face, we will embody our Corps' motto: Semper Fidelis.

By focusing on the **FUNDAMENTALS** of fixing aircraft, flying aircraft and taking care of each other and our families, we will safely and successfully accomplish our mission.

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