

# Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group – 36

## Safety Policy

Collectively as a Marine Aircraft Group, MAG-36 enables Marine Air Ground Task Force operations in the First Island Chain by providing an expeditionary air capability. Everyday we operate, work, and live within the weapons engagement zones of several adversaries. The nature of our work, whether flying, maintaining, or providing support to aviation operations, is inherently dangerous.

Simply put: **what we do daily and where we do it is HIGH RISK.**

In my Command Philosophy, I stated that we are to be *Always Faithful* - to our Nation, our Corps, and ourselves. *Always Faithful* encompasses a safety mindset:

*Always Faithful to our Nation* – We do our nation’s bidding every day; tactically sound operations are inherently safe. Tactically sound plans:

- **Identify ALL threats** – both red and blue.
- **Mitigate the threats** as best as possible.
- **Push risk decisions up** to the appropriate level – *know who holds the authority.*

*Always Faithful to our Corps* – Our institution gives us the tools we need to safely operate through physical safeguards, such as personal protective equipment, and procedures and directives to guide us.

- **Be a professional** – Know your procedures, follow directives, utilize safeguards.
- **Be proactive** – Propose changes to procedures or develop new safeguards when necessary.
- **Hold each other accountable** – Teach and encourage one another and stop unsafe acts beforehand.

*Always Faithful to Ourselves* – Each of you are a necessary part of the team; take care of yourselves!

- **Develop safe habits** – Build an automatic layer of mitigation by making safe procedures a part of your muscle memory.
- **Ask questions** – no one has the answers to every problem; seek assistance as much as possible.
- **Know your limits** – Take care of yourself, build resiliency, and when required, take a knee.



  
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