



## 1st Marine Division Commanding General's Enduring Guidance

The Blue Diamond exists to fight and win our Nation's battles. Our mandate is clear: we will generate combat ready forces, integrate relevant combat capabilities into our formations, maintain unmatched lethality, and foster a disciplined warrior culture that cares for our Marines, Sailors, and their families to ensure enduring resiliency.

### Foundational Pillars of the Blue Diamond

The environment we face is increasingly lethal, distributed, and contested across all domains. To succeed, our formations must be anchored in four core pillars:

Ready Forces	Generate units capable of deploying and fighting at a moment's notice.	Realistic, repetition-heavy training; rigorous equipment maintenance; rapid deployment capabilities.
Relevant Capabilities	Field formations engineered to dominate complex, multi-domain battlefields.	Integration of emerging technologies; adaptable force design; decentralized command and control.
Lethal	Close with and destroy the enemy under any conditions.	Absolute mastery of weapons systems; aggressive maneuver warfare; seamless combined arms synergy.
Warrior Culture	Forge a cohesive, resilient force anchored by mutual trust and family support.	Engaged leadership, unyielding discipline, proactive family readiness, and holistic well-being.

### Generating Ready Forces

Readiness is not just a metric we track; it is a way of life. The complex, multi-threat environment of the mid-21st century does not afford us the luxury of time to prepare once the crisis begins. We build and sustain readiness through austere, demanding, and realistic training that pushes our Marines and Sailors to their physical and cognitive limits.

Every leader within this Division is responsible for the holistic readiness of their unit. This requires meticulous attention to equipment maintenance, administrative preparedness,

and the resilience of our personnel. We cannot afford to waste time or resources. A ready force is a disciplined force. We will execute the basics brilliantly, ensuring that when the order is given, the 1st Marine Division deploys rapidly and arrives on the battlefield prepared to execute violently and immediately.

### **Providing Relevant Combat Capabilities**

The character of war is evolving, and our formations must evolve faster than our adversaries. The modern battlefield is a complex ecosystem requiring us to fight across the land, sea, air, space, and cyber domains. We cannot cling to outdated paradigms. Instead, we must aggressively integrate relevant combat capabilities—from advanced multi-domain sensing and targeting to organic precision fires—into our lowest tactical echelons.

Leaders will empower their Marines to experiment, adapt, and employ these capabilities innovatively. We must create formations that are survivable, highly mobile, and difficult to target, yet capable of generating overwhelming localized combat power. By pushing relevant capabilities down to the squad and platoon levels, we enable distributed operations and decentralized decision-making, ensuring our adversaries cannot outpace our tempo.

### **Unmatched Lethality**

Lethality is the ultimate measure of our effectiveness. The 1st Marine Division is a warfighting organization, and our primary currency is the ability to dominate and impose our will upon the enemy. Everything we do in garrison and in training must directly contribute to making our formations more lethal.

We will cultivate an aggressive, offensive mindset. Lethality requires technical mastery of our weapons and platforms, but it is ultimately driven by the warfighting spirit of the individual Marine. We will hone our ability to seamlessly integrate combined arms, maneuver swiftly to positions of advantage, and strike with overwhelming violence of action. The enemy must know that encountering the Blue Diamond means facing a relentless, precise, and devastating force.

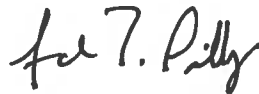
### **Disciplined Warrior Culture & Resiliency**

Combat requires more than just tactical proficiency; it demands unwavering trust and cohesion. We will cultivate a disciplined warrior culture where every Marine and Sailor is

fiercely committed to looking out for the person to their left and right. This commitment extends far beyond the barracks and the battlefield—it absolutely includes our families.

Our families are the bedrock of our strength. By taking care of them and deliberately integrating them into our support structure, we build the holistic resiliency required to sustain high-tempo operations and endure the frictions of war. Engaged leadership is non-negotiable; leaders must know their personnel intimately, identify friction points early, and foster an environment of mutual respect, accountability, and care. A disciplined unit that takes care of its own and honors its families is fundamentally a more resilient and ready warfighting force.

It is truly my honor to lead the Blue Diamond. The history and legacy of this storied Division is unmatched. We will continue to honor this legacy as we continue the next chapter.

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Andrew T. Priddy

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Commanding General

## COMMANDING GENERAL'S ENDURING GUIDANCE

### *The Blue Diamond*

#### OUR MANDATE

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#### THE STANDARD

Execute the basics brilliantly.

Innovate at every level.

Take care of our own.

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#### READY FORCES

- State of Being: Readiness is not a metric; it is our baseline.
- Train Hard: Embrace austere, realistic, and demanding training.
- Deploy Rapidly: Maintain your gear, mind, body and spirit to fight tonight.

#### RELEVANT FORMATIONS

- Adapt & Evolve: Integrate emerging tech down to the squad level.
- Decentralize: Empower leaders for distributed, multi-domain operations.
- Stay Agile: Be survivable, highly mobile, and difficult to target.

#### UNMATCHED LETHALITY

- Offensive Mindset: Close with and destroy the enemy.
- Technical Mastery: Know your weapons and platforms flawlessly.
- Combined Arms: Strike with overwhelming violence of action.

#### WARRIOR CULTURE & RESILIENCY

- Mutual Trust: Look out for the Marine and Sailor to your left and right.
- Family Strong: Our families are our bedrock; their readiness is our readiness.
- Disciplined Care: Engaged leadership builds an unbreakable, resilient force.