**COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SAFETY**

Safety is a byproduct of engaged leadership at all levels. The Marine Corps Safety Program requires that we maintain the highest level of readiness by incorporating Operational Risk Management (ORM) in all operations; assuring controls are in place for any hazard that cannot be eliminated, and providing appropriate, safe, and healthful facilities for our personnel. It is the duty of all Marines within the battalion to assist the safety officer in the management of a safety program that will enhance force preservation and warfighting capabilities by preventing mishaps and reducing personnel and material losses.

Safety is not a mission in itself; however, it is intrinsic to successful operations and daily practices. A sound and active safety program will not pacify the inherent dangers of our training; rather, it will focus people as our most precious resource and preserve combat power so it may be applied at the right place and time.

I charge every member of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion to recognize and make known potentially unsafe situations. Safety and readiness go hand in hand. Mishaps can always be prevented, just as risks can always be mitigated. Think about every possible outcome of your actions. Determine the hazards, put measures in place to mitigate the risks, and execute. A vigorous safety program is an essential part of a force in readiness.

The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Safety Officer is First Lieutenant Max K. Aigner. He has direct access to the Commanding Officer for safety related matters, and will work closely with the battalion Executive Officer who has oversight of the execution of the safety program.

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