

COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFETY

Comparing his Marines with the Japanese, he noted that the Japanese soldier "was trained to go to a place, stay there, fight and die. We train our men to go to a place, fight to win, and to live. I can assure you, it is a better theory."

Gen A. A. Vandegrift, USMC



Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division consistently delivers tactical excellence, because of our outstanding Marines and Sailors. It is imperative that we foster a mindset in which proactive risk management is inherent to all actions. It is unacceptable to ever lose or seriously injure a Marine or Sailor due to preventable situations.

It is a timeless fact that our Marines and Sailors are our most precious resource. Therefore, it is incumbent upon every member of this Battalion to ensure his or her own safety, and the safety of those entrusted to their care. This responsibility applies equally while on or off duty.

As directed in MCO 3500.27C, Marine Corps Risk Management is the process we will apply for all planning, operations, training, and non-operational activities. The risk management process enables us to implement controls and set conditions for the prevention of mishaps. Per the Order, all Marines and Sailors will apply risk management concepts to identify and mitigate risks in all tasks, missions, operations, and personal activities whether forward deployed, in garrison, or on liberty. Take immediate action if an unsafe situation is observed.

Every Standard Bearer is an absolutely invaluable member of the team and each serves a model of discipline, on and off duty. Risk is inherent to our mission, but we must always manage that risk. A culture that attacks every situation as preparation for combat will set conditions for the "prevention of preventable incidents."
Never accept unnecessary risk, either on or off duty.


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STANDARD BEARERS: THE STANDARD IS EXCELLENCE