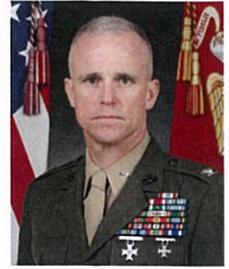




### III MEF INFORMATION GROUP COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT



Every year, Marines and Sailors get injured or die because individuals fail to take appropriate measures to protect themselves, leaders fail to adequately recognize and mitigate risks, and units fail to implement policy that protects our most precious resource. Our ability to accomplish the mission is inextricably linked to our ability to take care of our Marines. This Group's proven success can only continue if Marines and Sailors play their part in getting every warrior to the fight. We will aggressively train and employ this Group, but we will do so safely and deliberately. We will not take shortcuts or unnecessary risks, and we will provide strong leadership throughout our ranks to ensure we continue to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Each individual in this Group is a safety officer, and is charged to call attention to unsafe conditions whether in garrison, in the field, on leave/liberty, or in combat. This includes eliminating self-destructive behaviors such as binge drinking, drug abuse, or other individual acts that put both our Marines and our unit readiness at risk. Our Marines and Sailors will be responsible for conducting training and leave/liberty activities in a safe manner, and for ensuring those around them are doing the same. Habits of action now, will directly translate to how we perform in combat, allowing us to accomplish the mission and bring Marines and Sailors home safely.

This Group and its subordinate battalions will maintain a constant and comprehensive safety training program that focuses on all aspects of our mission, as well as leave/liberty activities. The Group Force Preservation Council (FPC) will provide oversight, and ensure we conform to all standing policies and procedures within III MEF, HQMC and the Department of Defense. Operational Risk Management will be applied to all events, inspections will be conducted regularly, and safety briefs will be given before leave and liberty. Leaders will set the example and foster an environment that is conducive to tough, challenging, mission-focused training that is safe and free of unnecessary risks.

Every member of this Group plays a critical role in our success. We cannot afford to lose a single Marine or Sailor to death or serious injury due to unsafe practices or reckless behavior. I will accept nothing less than full awareness, understanding, and compliance with all safety guidelines and efforts to implement them into every facet of our mission.

  
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