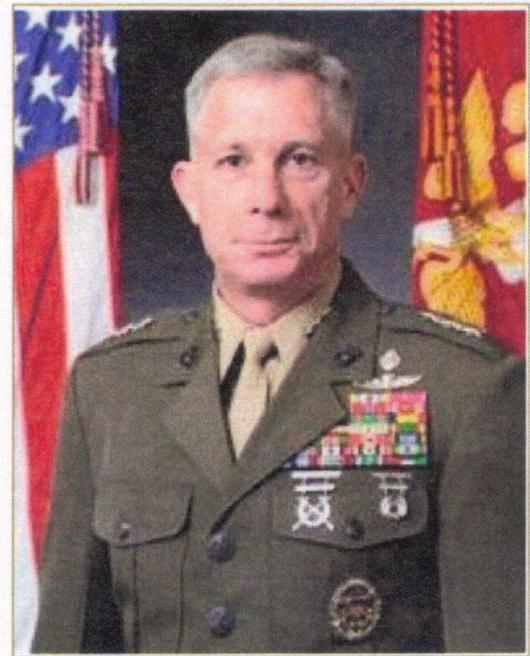




**COMMANDING GENERAL
I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Safety Policy**



I MEF has built a reputation as the Corp's preeminent expeditionary fighting force, always ready to fight and win our nation's battles in any environment. Safety and Force Preservation are essential to readiness and must be adopted as fundamental components of both operations and leadership.

Whether conducting tactical operations, training or on liberty, risk is inherent in everything we do. I MEF will accept no unnecessary risk and will aggressively manage risk by complying with established policies and procedures and executing sound planning and leadership. Planning for operational and off duty events will include Operational Risk Management; we will anticipate and mitigate hazards rather than react to problems. Engaged leadership at all levels, on and off duty, is the centerpiece of success. I expect leaders to provide the direction and mentorship necessary to ensure personnel are well trained, and individuals know their limitations and have the discipline not to exceed them. Leadership does not stop when liberty call is sounded; leaders must be engaged in the lives of their Marines and Sailors. Leaders must know the challenges their personnel face, help them evaluate their off duty plans, and provide the experienced guidance necessary to help them overcome problems and mitigate risk. This will require commitment and dedication, and I expect nothing less from our leaders.

I MEF is currently engaged in the defense of our great nation around the globe; we cannot afford the senseless loss of personnel. Through proper planning and engaged leadership, we will preserve our war fighting capability and maintain our reputation as the Corp's most ready fighting force.

Semper Fidelis,

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