



I MEF SUPPORT BATTALION SAFETY STATEMENT



Safety is the responsibility of all Marines and Sailors within the unit and is inherent in everything that we do. Each of us must foster a force preservation culture that encourages the identification of the potential hazards which may lead to mishaps. I require, every Marine and Sailor within the I MSB to consciously work to mitigate any possible mishap through professional behavior and the use of Leadership and Operational Risk Management (ORM).

Leadership and ORM are essential elements of mission success. I MSB will prepare for combat while maintaining the highest standards of risk mitigation and operational supervision. The fundamentals of safety apply both on and off-duty, no member of I MSB is exempt from safety practices. If any member has concerns about safety, I require that you immediately notify the chain of command after safely putting a stop to any unsafe actions.

Complacency kills. I charge all members of the unit to promote and foster a safe and healthy personal and professional working environment both on and off-duty. Knowing the capabilities of our personnel and equipment is vital to this end. Proper hygiene, fitness, and hydration are essential elements to the overall safety of our personnel and will not be neglected. Additionally, the safe handling of weapons, proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and the safe operation of government and personal vehicles and equipment are NOT optional.

Off-duty incidents do more to degrade our combat effectiveness than the enemy could ever hope to do on the battlefield. We will conduct ourselves safely in everything that we do, especially on liberty.

Our greatest asset, our Marines and Sailors, deserve our focused attention and commitment. The loss of life or injury to any Marine or Sailor due to negligence and complacency as pertaining to safety considerations is unacceptable. Our leaders are responsible for inspecting, addressing, and correcting safety issues for our Marines and Sailors; they will be held accountable for any failure to do so. ORM is the cornerstone of everything that we do: planning, and executions of training and operations, daily activities, and our personal lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William V. Gorsuch".

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