Our Marines, Sailors, and Civilians are our most valued and valuable assets and their preservation is critical to our ability to accomplish our mission. Consequently, their safety and well-being are the responsibility of every Marine, leader, and unit in 1st Marine Logistics Group.

Behavioral health issues and preventable mishaps during operations, training, and recreation are becoming the greatest threats to our force, both in both combat operations abroad and force preservation at home. Our non-hostile injuries and fatalities are always tragic, but they are unacceptable when preventable. We must learn from experience and our mistakes and build on processes that work well. We will continue to hold ourselves, and those in our charge, accountable for actions and consequences.

Our ability to plan and execute well is clearly defined by standard operating procedures, tactics and techniques, proven safe practices, and common sense. Adherence to these critical elements will ensure we always do things professionally and therefore safely. No professionally or operationally sound plan can be inherently unsafe.

Education and expertise in sound operational practices, and a thorough supervision of work, are the foundations of success on the battlefield and in all of our day-to-day endeavors. However, at the end of the day, it is the individual Marine who is expected and empowered to call attention to, and if necessary stop, unsafe behavior. Take care of your fellow Marines and remember to protect what you’ve earned!

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