



COMMANDING OFFICERS'S PHILOSOPHY OF COMMAND



My philosophy of Command is simple – it centers on **WHY** we exist as a Command, **WHO** we are, and the **TRUST** we must embrace and nurture up and down the chain of command.

WHY: This Command exists to ensure that the fiercest warriors on the planet, the United States Marines, go into battle supported by the best possible health services available to provide them emergent and life saving care under the harshest of field and combat situations imaginable.

WHO: We are Marines and Sailors of the Navy and Marine Corps team. From our very first days in the service of this great nation, our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and warrior ethos have been ingrained in our souls. This is the very core of who we are – we must live it and re-commit to it every day of our lives in order to ensure we remain true to ourselves and our mission.

TRUST: The unwavering reliance on each other's integrity, strength of character, and abilities, breeds confidence up and down the chain of command such that every one of us fosters a safe environment: Safe to exercise initiative, safe to suggest change, safe to take educated risks, and safe to confide in each other.

If we all clearly understand **WHY** we are here, commit to **WHO** we are, and **TRUST** in each other, then 1st Medical Battalion will excel through any challenge.

The Marines and Sailors of 1st Medical Battalion represent the very best of the men and women this country has to offer. It is an honor and a privilege to lead you.

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