



Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico

COMMANDING OFFICER'S

Safety and Voluntary Protection

Mission Statement & Program Policy

"As we move forward remember this, slow is smooth, smooth is fast. If you find your task getting ahead of you, slow down, regroup, then reengage."

The appreciation of the professional skills, trade craft, and personalities each of you bring to the workplace can never be overstated. The value of "YOU" as an individual, and "US" as a Command should provoke us to pursue operational, professional, and personal excellence in everything we set out to achieve. We must also recognize this value extends far beyond the fence line of MCAF or the borders of Virginia; we are valued by those we care for, and who care for us. Because of this, there is nothing that we do at MCAF Quantico that would warrant placing our people or resources at unnecessary risk either on-duty or off.

Since 2017 MCAF has been recognized as a Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Site; the highest recognition for safety program excellence awarded by the Department of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. I fully embrace the four elements of VPP and the four pillars of the Marine Corps Safety Management System (MCSMS) as the strategies we deploy to ensure the well-being of every Marine, Sailor, Civilian Marine, family member, contractor, and guest, that works aboard or visits this facility. To that end, I expect all hands, both uniformed and civilian alike to:

- Be actively engaged in the Command Safety Program utilizing policy, products, tools, and resources provided by the Safety Department.
- Have a clear understanding of your respective OICs safety policy, employee pledge, and the required content of the Annual Risk Mitigation Plan.
- Strictly adhere to published standards, SOPs, Risk Mitigation Plans, and JHAs.
- Continuously look for hazards, assess risk, and implement controls in a manner that reduces risk to the lowest possible level PRIOR to the operation of a motor vehicle or the execution of an event, job function, task, fitness or training activities, or recreation.
- Be engaged in the accomplishment of the published annual safety goals, and be willing to provide healthy suggestions in efforts to improve upon our world class safety program.
- Report all hazards, mishaps, near misses, and first aid cases.
- Correct unsafe behaviors and hazardous attitudes, and reward those who do the right thing.
- As directed by the MCSMS and VPP, utilize the Plan-Do-Check-Act methodology to ensure continuous improvement.

The bottom line is simple. You have value! For that reason we will not falter in our efforts to maintain and improve upon our robust and aggressive safety program. As we move forward remember this, slow is smooth, smooth is fast. If you find your task getting ahead of you, slow down, regroup, then reengage.



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