

# 2D AA BN COMMANDER'S PRIORITIES

## 1. MISSION FIRST...ARE WE READY TO GO TOMORROW?

### DEMONSTRATE A MASTERY OF INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT SKILLS.

- We will deploy the best trained Platoons, Detachments, and Augments.
  - Meet/exceed occupational training and readiness standards (day and night) and the Division Commander's "Basics."
  - Formed/Trained Crew + AAV = our primary weapon system...don't break this team, it is the foundation on which effective sections and platoons are built.
  - The AAV makes our Service unique - maintain and employ it properly...learn to leverage its' every advantage.
- Our Companies and Battalion Staff sustain our capabilities (Personnel, Equipment, and Training Management).
  - Coach, teach, inspect, and supervise Marines and Sailors.
  - Uphold a culture of equipment readiness founded on accountability and maintenance.
  - Seek opportunities to train and learn from other units/organizations.
- Our Leaders will understand and prepare for Expeditionary Brigade and Division-Level Warfighting.
  - Sharpen planning expertise, know and exercise regional plans, and build habitual relationships.

### MAINTAIN AND REGULARLY REHEARSE OUR ABILITY TO RAPIDLY DEPLOY.

- We will maintain individual and family readiness:
  - Functional physical fitness is a daily priority.
  - Ensure annual training, qualifications, and medical/dental requirements are met.
  - Your family must be ready to function in your absence (Administration, Finances, Support Networks/Resources).
- We will organize/operate the Battalion from an embarked posture - can we deploy in 96 hours? (We will train to this...)

## 2. WE OPERATE IN AN UNFORGIVING ENVIRONMENT...NEVER COMPROMISE SAFETY

- WE WILL NOT BE RISK AVERSE. WE WILL TRAIN HARD AND ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION...BUT WE MUST - AND WILL - IDENTIFY AND MITIGATE THE HAZARDS THAT SURROUND US...BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY.

## 3. ALL MEMBERS OF 2D AA BN ARE FAMILY...PROTECT OUR FAMILY AND UPHOLD STANDARDS

### PROTECT AND ENSURE THE WELFARE OF OUR MARINES, SAILORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

- Find your younger brothers/sisters - guide them and watch out for them...who will take your spot in the Corps?
- Find a big brother/sister who will mentor you, provide a second opinion, or just a reality check.
- Ensure your subordinates maintain a healthy work-life balance...families need to be informed and taken care of.

### UPHOLD STANDARDS...MARINE CORPS STANDARDS ARE OUR STANDARDS.

- Strive to exceed standards - don't just accept the minimum...remember "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence" (V. Lombardi)

### BE MEN AND WOMEN OF CHARACTER - KEEP YOUR HONOR CLEAN AND DO NOT VIOLATE UNIT TRUST.

- Be quiet professionals...excellence without arrogance - our actions will speak for us.
- Our Command Climate starts with the Commander, but is supported (or destroyed) at all levels - primarily with NCOs.
  - This extends to social media and elsewhere...how are you supporting and protecting the "First Wave" Family?
- We can live with "falling forward" mistakes that happen within the Commander's Intent and from trying to do the right thing.
- We cannot accept misconduct that comes from inaction or knowingly making malicious decisions.
  - "Protect what you have earned" in terms of reputation and character through exercising responsibility and sound judgment for yourself and other Marines and Sailors.
- In the Corps - as in life - once compromised, Character and Honor are difficult to restore.

### KNOW AND CELEBRATE OUR UNIT AND SERVICE CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND TRADITIONS...YAT YAS!

FIRST WAVE... KEEP MOVING!  
