



**COMMANDING OFFICER'S**  
**2D ASSAULT AMPHIBIAN BN**  
**STATEMENT ON**  
**SAFETY AND FORCE PRESERVATION**



Safety is central to the idea of readiness and must not be an afterthought of our actions in training, in combat, and while on liberty. It is a shared responsibility between the leader and those being led. A certain amount of risk is inherent in assault amphibian operations and day to day garrison routine. All leaders in this battalion must guard against reckless behavior; both at the unit and individual level. The Marine Corps' most precious asset is our people: Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines. We must include safety and risk management as part of every task, process, and operation - both on and off-duty. We cannot afford to lose a single person because of a preventable injury. Our goal is to prevent avoidable accidents from occurring and foster a safe environment for our Marines and Sailors.

Force Preservation is an essential element of our operational readiness. Taking care of our Marines and Sailors embodies our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Our collective readiness requires that every member of this battalion take those preventative actions necessary to protect the unit and its Marines and Sailors 24 hours a day. There is no single solution for force preservation. Over the years our battalion has grown to include external duty experts such as the Marine and Family Life Counselors to assist those Marines/Sailors in need. Leaders must employ the full range of tools to continue to educate your Marines and Sailor and to mitigate risk. Risk mitigation is one of the best means available as we fight to eliminate senseless and needless loss of life and injury, both on duty and on liberty.

I charge all Marines and Sailors in the battalion to ensure risk mitigation strategies are included in the planning and execution of all on-duty and liberty activities; it is executed in combat and needs to be executed in garrison. Mishaps are preventable and I need you thoroughly engaged in preserving the force so that we will be ready when called upon.

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