



## 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER COMMAND PHILOSOPHY



I am honored and privileged to serve as the Commanding Officer of 2d Combat Engineer Battalion. Since the founding of our Corps we have represented the very best our nation has to offer in soldierly virtue, discipline, and moral character. This is our legacy. This is the standard we, as stewards of our Corps' and Battalion's legacy, are charged to uphold. It is the standard by which we will attack every endeavor.

My philosophy of command is simple and direct; as you will find me to be. It is built on three very basic pillars.

1. **Technical Excellence.** *Know Your Stuff.* We must be technically and tactically sound in everything we do. We will demonstrate individual responsibility and accountability in everything we undertake. We will do the right things, in the right ways, for the right reasons. We will lead by example. This is not the easiest way to conduct business; it will challenge your moral courage. But know we will always be better Marines and citizens for working harder to do things right. We will train hard, maintain our gear, and honestly assess ourselves and our training in order to continuously improve.

2. **Tenacity.** *Be a Marine.* Overcoming adversity, individually and as a unit, have long been hallmarks of 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, in garrison and combat. We must ensure every day our unit, our equipment, and our families are prepared to fight at a moment's notice, and win. We will foster the spirit to actively seek out and exploit every opportunity to become better. If we stumble, we will learn and grow from the experience. We will execute as ferociously, professionally, and safely as possible as we focus on providing effective combat engineer support to the 2d Marine Division. Learning from mistakes is why we train and how we will continuously improve.

3. **Esprit De Corps.** *Take Care of Your People.* We will work hard. We will be both over-tasked and understaffed. We will deploy. These are givens. It is much easier to face these challenges with esprit de corps, camaraderie, and good humor. Every Marine and Sailor plays a vital role in accomplishing our mission. We will promote a command climate of trust in letter and spirit. Dignity, respect, and teamwork will enable us to overcome any challenge. We will work, train, fight, and win as a team.

I look forward to the challenges, opportunities, and successes we will share as we forge our legacy in the history of our Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

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