

SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY

Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC) Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) suicide prevention policy is rooted in the Marine Corps' mission to protect its most valuable resource — Marines and Sailors — and to make suicide prevention a continuous, leadership-driven responsibility.

Core Principles

- **Leadership Accountability:** Commanding officers and leaders are responsible for recognizing warning signs, intervening immediately, and ensuring every Marine/Sailor has access to prevention tools and resources.
- **Early Recognition:** Marines and Sailors must be trained to identify life-altering events, signs of distress, and potential suicidal ideation in peers, and to act promptly.
- **No Stigma:** The policy actively works to remove the stigma of seeking help, encouraging open dialogue and support.
- **Unit Training:** All Marines/Sailors complete Unit Marine Awareness and Prevention Integrated Training and Operational Stress Control training.
- **Operational Stress Control Teams:** These teams are operationalized to detect and respond to stress and crisis situations.
- **Safe Storage:** Promotion of voluntary use of gun locks and other safe storage methods for privately owned firearms and medications.
- **Postvention & Referral:** Service members returning after a suicide-related event are referred to the Marine Intercept Program and provided required care.
- **Coordination:** Integration with programs such as the Marine Intervention Program, Behavioral Health, Psychological Health Outreach, Military OneSource, and Chaplain services for early intervention.
- **Family Involvement:** Families are invited to participate in suicide prevention training and activities, including during welcome-aboard events.

Leadership Commitment

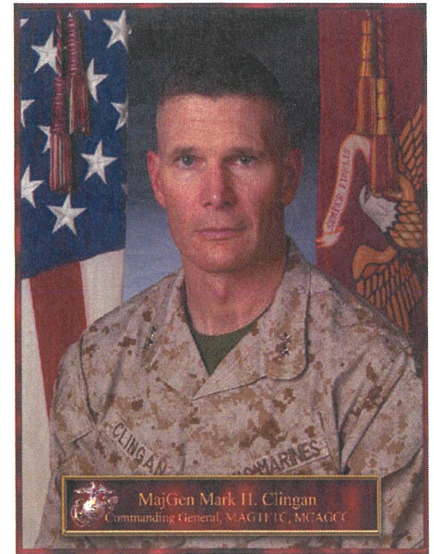
The policy emphasizes that no Marine is left behind — leaders and peers must take immediate control of any situation involving suicidal thoughts, connect the person to help, and ensure they are not left alone.

- **Strengthen:** Build resilience in individuals, commands, and families.
- **Mitigate:** Remove unnecessary stressors and prevent negative effects of stress.
- **Identify:** Recognize when someone needs help by monitoring their functioning and performance.
- **Treat:** Provide treatment for stress injuries and illnesses.
- **Reintegrate:** Reintegrate stress casualties.

If you suspect one of our own needs help, asking them if they need assistance and alerting the chain of command is your responsibility. We use the "A.C.T." (Ask; Care; Take) method to Ask: how are you feeling right now, are you thinking of giving up, are you thinking of killing yourself? Care: Actively listen with respect. Take action: secure lethal means and connect the individual with leaders, mentors, and resources to help encourage engagement with one another.

All Marines, Sailors, and civilians will be familiar with the below resources available to assist with battling distress, depression, or thoughts of suicide.

- Veterans Crisis Line – Call 988 then press 1 or text 838255
- The Chain of Command
- The Suicide Prevention Program Officer
- The Chaplain
- Community Counseling Programs



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