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From: Commanding General  
To: All Hands

Subj: SAFETY AND WARRIOR PRESERVATION

Personnel and equipment are the fundamental components of mission accomplishment. It is everyone's responsibility to value and preserve these critical resources. By conducting on and off-duty activities in a professional and safe manner, and by taking care of each other, we sustain high morale, reduce costs, and further the reliability and surety of getting the job done!

I task Commanders, Supervisors, Marines, Sailors, and civilians to:

- Incorporate risk management as a habitual tool while planning and conducting day-to-day operations, training, and off-duty recreation.
- Engage your subordinates, co-workers, and fellow Marines and Sailors. Know the indicators and warning signs of distress. Get immediate help for those who need it and never second guess your gut instincts to offer or seek-out help.
- Maintain and support an aggressive safety program to preserve and protect personnel and equipment.
- Use leadership tools, in conjunction with our Core Values and Warrior Ethos, to positively influence off-duty conduct. Focus on motor vehicle and motorcycle operations and the hazards of high-risk recreational activities.

Leaders at all echelons, I charge each of you with improving or sustaining the safety of all activities in your respective work areas. Injuries and deaths are needless and preventable. We must continuously encourage a culture of safety, both on and off-duty.

R. B. TURNER, JR.

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