

**Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics
Squadron One (MAWTS-1)
Command Philosophy**



**Mission First; Marines, Sailors, and
Families Always!**

MAWTS-1 Mission. The mission of MAWTS-1 is to provide standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications in order to support Marine Aviation training and readiness. MAWTS-1 also provides assistance in the development and employment of aviation weapons and tactics.

Our mission can be broken down into three prioritized components.

Our first priority will be to the Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course. During each hotwash we will critically evaluate the previous course to ensure that each subsequent course is better than the last. We will capitalize on the "freezes" to enact required changes. We will train to the full range of military operations, including peer threats. **Our goal is to ensure that all WTI graduates will be able to increase their units' readiness, relevance, survivability, and lethality.**

Our second priority will be Fleet Support. MAWTS-1 will, at all times, set and maintain the standard. The standard applies both to the objective requirements of the certifications, but also more subjective requirements of being an instructor. MAWTS-1 instructors should strive to be humble coaches and mentors who shape and mold the fleets' future instructors and flight leaders. The very nature of a MAWTS-1 "check ride" generates sufficient stress. The MAWTS-1 instructor should look to create a "low stress" environment to allow students to maximize their potential.

Our third priority is Development. Development is the least well defined component of our mission, but it entails the activities which are required to further the development of Marine Aviation. Within this category are those tasks that are essential to maintaining the relevance of Marine Aviation. These tasks include, but are not limited to, T&R conferences, course catalog reviews, doctrine revisions, Aviation Tactics, Techniques, and Procedure reviews, as well as Tactical Demonstrations during the WTI course.

Marines and Families. Though our mission comes first, we will not sacrifice our Marines, Sailors or families' wellbeing to achieve our mission. We have the depth and capacity to take care of both the mission and our people. Our attention to detail, professionalism, and compassion for our fellow Marines, Sailors, families and our squadron's mission will ensure **OUR** continued success.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric D. Purcell', written over a horizontal line.

Eric D. Purcell
Commanding Officer