



MCAS New River Command Philosophy

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***"For we serve in a Corps with no institutional confusion about our purpose:
To Fight! To Fight Well!"***

-Gen James Mattis



Don't dismiss this "Command Philosophy" as another platitude-filled document. General Mattis' quote clearly states our purpose and serves as the cornerstone of our command philosophy at MCAS New River. With that in mind, here's what the Sergeant Major and I want you to know.

First and foremost, **we need every single one of you, every single day, on duty -- regardless of what is you do.** We need you, your Corps needs you, your nation needs you...fulfilling your obligation as a Marine, Sailor, or Civilian! Your contribution, no matter how big or small as you may see it, is so very, very critical, every single day. **DON'T EVER FORGET THAT!**

We expect you to embody the ideals of a Marine, Sailor, or DoD Civilian at all times. Do your duty and make your family and country proud! **As an Air Station, our Number one priority is supporting II Marine Expeditionary Force Power Projection, Combat Capability, Capacity, and Readiness.**

One of my favorite quotes is President Theodore Roosevelt's "The Man (or Woman) in the Arena" from his Citizenship in a Republic speech. ***"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again..."*** Point is, mistakes mean you're trying, they aren't an evil thing or something to fear and the fact that you have the fortitude to attack the problem AGAIN is the true measure of success. It would be easy to do the same old, same old, day after day, but where would that get us? And just remember, moral and ethical errors DO NOT an honest mistake make, EVER...PERIOD!

Our nation's leadership is dealing with profound and epic threats; what you do every single day, regardless of what that is, gives them the maneuver space, and quite frankly the confidence, to deal with the challenges they face. What you do matters. What this Air Station does, matters. So, New River Marines, Sailors, and Civilians...do your duty to the absolute best of your ability. **Do the right thing, all the time...you know what this is -- you don't need me or anyone else to tell you.**

MCAS New River's top priority is support to II Marine Expeditionary Force and 2D Marine Aircraft Wing's combat capability, readiness, and warfighting capacity. We stand on the shoulders of giants who have gone before us... our solemn challenge going forward is to deserve it, EVERY DAY! As the Station Sergeant Major and Commanding Officer, we are your command team – laser focused on doing the right thing and supporting you.

Let's ensure the legacy of this great Air Station, our fabled Corps and our unstoppable democracy, of which you are a vital member!

Semper Fidelis,

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