LEADERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. I’m a big believer that leaders - fire team to battalion commander - are the catalyst to the accomplishment of great things. I want this thought to guide the actions of all Marines in this outfit regardless of rank. If you are in charge, accomplish things! If no one is leading, SOMEONE better take charge and MAKE things HAPPEN! Normally, when things go wrong, it is the failure of a leader executing this philosophy at some level in the chain.

EVERYTHING IS PREP FOR COMBAT & LIFE. Every opportunity, both in garrison and in the field, will be focused on preparing for future combat operations. All decisions will be made with this in mind.

ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO HAVE FUN. Outstanding training coupled with a professional working environment and a genuine personal commitment to our Marines is what brings us all in every day. What we do is a serious and deadly business; if we can’t laugh at ourselves along the way we will burn out. Everyone can’t be a MARINE…enjoy the privilege.

DO WHAT IS RIGHT. All of us have some form of values that should guide our thinking in uncertain situations. Bottom line: If it doesn’t feel right, or seem right, it probably isn’t. FIX IT! Everyone in this command has a responsibility to do what is right. If we get it right once…we won’t do it twice.

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