



**Marine Wing Support Squadron 373
Marine Aircraft Group 11**



Command Philosophy

MWSS-373: Our mission is to provide ground logistics support to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing. We are an organization designed solely to support and will do so in an expedient and proficient manner.

Everything we do is accomplished through our own readiness. We will hold ourselves to standard in performance, conduct, appearance, customs, courtesies and traditions. As Marines we are expected to always be mentally and physically ready for our Nation's call. The readiness of individuals, the unit, and family is vital to the success of MWSS-373.

Individual Readiness. Readiness begins at the individual level with self-discipline and a commitment to excellence and the profession of arms. Every Marine and Sailor must be mentally and physically tough. We will focus on MOS proficiency and continue to seek self-improvement through professional development. The strength of this unit starts with the strength of the individual.

Unit Readiness. We will train in accordance with our mission essential tasks. This is accomplished through challenging, realistic, and standards-based training. Leaders at every level will be held accountable for the discipline and proficiency of this unit. Leaders at every level will remain engaged with their Marines and Sailors and resolve issues swiftly and completely. Firm, fair, and compassionate leadership will be the hallmark of this unit.

Family Readiness. The Corps' most valuable asset is Marines and their families. We will prepare our families so that they are ready to meet the challenges of our lifestyle. Prepared families can function effectively in the absence of their Marine/Sailor, but their preparedness depends upon leadership and the quality of our family programs.

Hallmarks of a U.S. Marine

Honorable - U.S. Marines are bound by a tradition that spans more than 239 years. The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor we wear represents many things. For the people of this great country it is a reminder that their freedom rests with a few good Marines prepared to sacrifice everything for a way of life. To those that are opposed to this country's political, religious, and moral beliefs, it represents that which stands between them and destruction. The legacy of our Corps is rich; our honor on and off the battlefield continues to preserve that legacy. The world-over judges us individually by the uniform that we wear - we must conduct ourselves accordingly.

Selfless - The mission and our brothers in arms will always come before our personal interests. I am not concerned with personal agendas. The decisions we make as U.S. Marines and Sailors are based solely on the good of our Country, Corps, and unit. Selfish behavior is contrary to all that we represent and has no place in this outfit.

Professional - Mission tasks will vary but the manner in which it is performed will not. The past decade has demonstrated the flexibility and professionalism that must be resident in individual Marines and units. Regardless of the environment: combat, training, or liberty, our responsibility to each other is to conduct ourselves professionally. In combat and training our professionalism is evident through our technical and tactical abilities. Through training, education, and mentorship, we will master our respective functions as members of MWSS-373. The mission and our lives depend upon it. Liberty is no different. Professional conduct during hours not spent in uniform is vitally important. Mature, responsible behavior is expected and nothing less will be tolerated.

Courage - Courage means behavior that exemplifies extraordinary conduct. We understand instinctively what courageous behavior is on the battlefield. Some believe courage off of the battlefield is harder to quantify. I do not. Every day we are faced with countless personal and professional decisions. We are all only one decision away from chaos and confusion...but the difference between the two can be life altering. Let's be very clear about decisions and mistakes. A mistake is an unconscious act. A decision is a deliberate act. A courageous person approaches decision points and chooses noble behavior over the alternative. You expect me to make the noble choice - and I will - I expect the same of you. There are no short cuts to courage. There are no excuses. All that we have are choices and consequences. Act courageously and fear nothing.

Semper Fidelis,

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