

## Combat Logistics Battalion 4

### Safety and Force Preservation Policy Statement

CLB-4 Marines and Sailors will be personally committed to ensuring the safety of every Marine, Sailor, and family member. We cannot afford to lose a single Marine or Sailor to death or serious injury due to unsafe practices or reckless behavior. *I trust you and your teams* to embrace this commitment to each other – we will preserve this trust and promise of Semper Fidelis through our disciplined approach to safety.

I want everyone assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 4 to adopt a “safety habit” mentality. This means we approach our missions, work, and the environment with the same disciplined and rigor during both garrison and combat preparations in order to create autonomous habits of actions that keep us alive and able to continue the mission. Leaders at all levels must ensure that safety and force protection are not overlooked in the rush to complete the task and teams are using the Deliberate Risk Management (DRM) process and actions. We must foster an environment conducive to operating safely, learning from mistakes, and making safety actions as common as saluting the colors or engaging an adversary. Marines and Sailors have an obligation to one another to take proactive steps and mitigate risk at appropriate levels, while not assuming risks outside of the comfort level or authorized level – liberty briefs and safety stand downs are good if only part of a larger complimentary safety program. *Safety and mission accomplishment are complementary.*

#### BUSHIDO SAFETY HABITS

**Every Marine is a Safety Representative.** If you see potential or actual hazards, take the action to intervene, report, communicate, and ask for help. Remember, help is only a phone call away – *Seize the Initiative and follow-up.*

**Plan Ahead.** Identify, Assess, Implement, and Supervise. Every Marine contributes the team’s success. No plan ever survives first contact, but failing to plan is planning to fail - *Be prepared.*

**Report It.** There will be no punitive action for reporting unsafe practices, acceptance to unnecessary risk, incidents, near misses, or mishaps. Our duty and integrity to take the right action extends to our fellow Marines and Sailors *and* to their families and friends - *Protect Marines, Sailors, and family members.*

**Own It.** The Marines and Sailors of our battalion deserve a serious, thoughtful, high-standard approach to address and eliminate unsafe practices, incidents, near misses, or mishaps. Success looks like...Safety-minded Marines and Sailors executing tough, realistic training to improve and sustain operational readiness while identifying and eliminating unnecessary hazards and risks, then following up by training others to do the same. I expect every leader to own their success and safety – do not leave this to chance - *Ownership.*

My direct representatives and Safety Officers are 1stLt Nam and Staff Sergeant Pedraza. I have tasked them to be intrusively supportive to enable leaders’ safety evaluations and risk mitigation.

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