Commanding Officer's Safety and Force Preservation Statement

The safety policy at Combat Logistics Regiment 37 is simple and direct: because everything we do is inherently dangerous, safety must be an integral part of how we do business. Safety is part of the mission, and should be planned and executed with the same vigor as our other warfighting functions. This policy has three focus areas:

<u>Training</u>. We must teach our Marines and Sailors to make safe decisions. Training in basic safety guidelines and Risk Management (RM) will be conducted to ensure our Marines and Sailors understand how to make timely, sound, and safe decisions.

<u>Planning</u>. RM is a proven tool that, if used properly, allows leaders to develop plans that are both safe and tactically sound. At CLR-37, we will use RM in everything we do, ensuring our Marines and Sailors accomplish all missions while consciously identifying and mitigating risks.

<u>Supervision</u>. Our training and planning efforts will be worth nothing if leaders do not properly supervise their subordinates. Leaders at all levels will be empowered to halt and adjust training and operations when faced with unexpected risks. In the assessment of risks, and more importantly, in the supervision of training and operations, leaders will be guided by the following statement: **We are not risk adverse, we are risk aware.**

We should clearly understand that the acceptance of risk does not equate to the imprudent willingness to gamble. Take only risks that are necessary to accomplish the mission, deliberately and knowingly.

Simply put, we understand the risks inherent in our day to day operations, exercises and personal lives and put mitigation in place to eliminate or lower the hazards to prevent injury and/or loss of life.

At a minimum, leaders should always ask two questions: 1) "What are the risks associated with this mission/task?" and 2) "What have we done to reduce those risks?" Get the word out and be vigilant.

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