



COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY

Marines and Sailors go in harm's way. Our job puts us at greater risk than our neighbors, friends and family. It's what we do. Just as we face our nation's enemies on the battlefield, we also face dangers at home. I charge each of you to recognize these risks, develop plans to minimize them, and make decisions that prevent the negative consequences poor decisions bring.

Accidents happen due to many reasons. Some are unavoidable and some are easily avoided. Call it Operational Risk Management or call it common sense; our decisions must be made with the intent of preserving our resources for the execution of our mission. Leaders must guide, through example and through mentorship, our younger Marines. Engaged leadership is the best type of ORM we have. We have to focus our Marines, Sailors, and families on how to avoid putting ourselves in situations where the risks outweigh the benefits.

The obvious risks such as distracted driving (fatigue, texting), drinking and driving, and various recreational activities are easily identified and we can mitigate the risks by having a solid plan and using proper PPE where applicable. Other situations we put ourselves in are not so obvious and I ask each of you to stop and think before putting yourself or your family at risk.

As the Commander of Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2, I care for all of you, and will take care of you to the best of my ability, but I need your help. Whether on duty or on liberty, making sound decisions will require leadership, the courage to ask hard questions, and when necessary, break the chain of events that might otherwise lead to tragedy. **As Marines and Sailors, we all look out for each other.** Semper Fidelis!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Alan W. Solter". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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