



Marine Attack Squadron 223

Policy Statement:

Safety

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The mission of Marine Attack Squadron 223 is to employ the AV-8B Harrier as a world class Attack platform in support of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. This mission requires us to train and prepare to be combat ready to deploy around the world at any moment, and as such is inherently dangerous and filled with risk. While we face danger and risk from the location, circumstances, and conditions in which we operate, from ourselves, and from the enemy, we must never willingly accept any unnecessary risk.

What makes us an effective warfighting force is our ability to operate safely and effectively within these challenging environments. We do this through constantly and deliberately being mindful of the risks before us, assessing that risk, and implementing mitigating control measures to reduce risk wherever possible. This is a requirement for every member of this unit: we must always remain vigilant if we are to remain effective, capable, and lethal.

Every Marine and Sailor in Marine Attack Squadron 223 is a safety officer. You are all required and expected to know all publications, orders, and SOPs. You are required to follow them. You are required to speak up when you see anyone failing to do so.

I trust each of you to do your part in accomplishing our mission safely and effectively.

Semper Fidelis,

Nathaniel D. Smith

Commanding Officer