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1. The strength of our Corps has always centered on the individual Marine. That is why the loss of one Marine, in a combat zone, in training, or on liberty has a significant impact on our Corps' warfighting ability. Preserving our force has always been a top priority.
2. By our nature, every Marine is a leader and we have the inherent responsibility as leaders to take care of one another. Being constantly vigilant by practicing operational risk management is how lives are saved. Consistently ask yourself: What are the risks? Are the risks necessary? What can I do to mitigate those risks? How can I save a life today?
3. It is every Marines responsibility to report and/or correct any situation which may be hazardous or potentially life threatening. The loss of life due to negligence or poor planning is intolerable. I fully support every Marines efforts to stop potentially deadly activities. It is up to you to have the moral courage to act.
4. Every Marine assigned to the detachment has a critical future role within our operating forces. It is unfortunate that Marine's lives are lost in combat. Let us not add to those numbers through incompetence or inaction. I charge every Marine to embrace safety and the preservation of our fellow Marines as a guiding principle in all we do in the detachment.

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