

# Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167

## Command Philosophy



***Our command philosophy is spoken in two words, "Semper Fidelis."***

*"Always faithful"* simply sums up the way we think and operate. We live these words every day as Marines. These words equate to all we are as Marines, what made us become Marines, and despite endless hardships, frequent sacrifices, and overwhelming odds, why Marines refuse to allow anything to defeat us.

We still embody our heritage and remember that our nation needs citizens like us now more than ever. We remain faithful to our values, our morals, our families, our Corps, and our Constitution. Marines expect no less from each other; **I expect no less from all of us.**

*Always faithful* whether in combat or CONUS; act like Marines and the rest will take care of itself. In a modern Corps with many programs, procedures, rules, checklists, and leadership requirements (substance abuse, mentorship, sexual harassment and assault, equal opportunity, fraternization, safety, etc.), by looking out for the Marine next to us, we accomplish the spirit of anything that our leadership and our great nation could possibly ask.

*Always faithful* in that we will be trained and ready in combat; this squadron not only will seek out and kill the enemy, but also will protect our fellow Marines on the ground so they will prevail in battle. This squadron will take the aircraft that we labor to maintain with the personnel we endeavor to train into harm's way, making sure our Marines on the ground never ask, *"Where are the skids?"* Marines are the reason we will know how to fight, fly, and win.

*Always faithful* as leaders, whether commissioned or non-commissioned officers; we will uphold our standards of honor, courage, and commitment. We are leaders who view Marine endeavors as a calling, a way of life. We will train those beneath us to win and survive, mentor and cultivate, embody values and morals, and expertly advise superiors, while executing intent to the letter. Our nation expects no less of its Marines Corps. While our expectations may seem without limit to other citizens or military services, they are routine and ordinary for our Corps. **We will expect no less for ourselves as Marines in this squadron.**

*Always faithful* as a squadron; even today, our way of life is threatened by terrorism and evil men jealous of our liberty. Just like us, Marines will be ready, Marines will fight, and Marines will win to insure that, in the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

**If you remember only one thing, remember this: If you forget why being a Marine is a great thing, come to my office. There is no higher calling than that of a U.S. Marine!**

*"Have Guns, Will Travel"*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Meyer".

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