



Marine Wing Support Squadron 274
COMMANDING OFFICER'S
Philosophy of Command



"...to generate the tempo of operations we desire and to best cope with the uncertainty, disorder, and fluidity of combat, command and control must be decentralized.

...we cannot rightly expect our subordinates to exercise boldness and initiative in the field when they are accustomed to being over-supervised in garrison."

- Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication 1, Warfighting

We exist as a team to enable Marine Aviation to operate in austere, expeditionary environments, as close to the Ground Combat Element as possible. We are a critical piece of the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF), supporting aviation from the ground, enabling the Aviation Combat Element to serve our fellow ground Marines. We must be experts in the MAGTF - able to plan with aviators, support with logisticians and fight with infantry. We are one of the most diverse commands in the Corps, with amazing capabilities, but limited capacity. Everything we do, we must do as a team.

1. Start with Why. In order to train as we will fight, we must employ mission tactics every day. Mission tactics is the art of providing task and purpose to our Marines when assigning missions. Task and purpose captures the mission and the intent...the why.

2. Team. Everyone in MWSS-274 is a part of our team. All Marines and Sailors will understand the mission and the organization of our unit. They will all understand their role in accomplishing our core mission, and understand the roles and responsibilities of the team around them. We will work, train and fight as a team.

3. Ownership. This is your Squadron, take pride in it. Its reputation and readiness for combat is a direct reflection of your individual readiness and your personal and professional competence. It is each Marine's responsibility to be an expert in their MOS and to be an expert in the profession of arms. Each of us must take ownership of our mission and our training, we must find areas where our team can improve and apply dedicated energy to correcting deficiencies and achieving superior results.

4. Accountability. I promise to each and every member of our team that I will do my best each and every day to earn and maintain your trust. I also promise to hold every member of our team accountable to our Marine Corps Values and to my Command Philosophy.


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