



HMLA-269 SAFETY PROGRAM

The #1 goal of the Gunrunner Safety Program is to eliminate preventable mishaps and preserve our most precious assets (ALL OF YOU – The Gunrunner Marines and Sailors) – this is paramount to remaining the most combat ready HMLA in the Fleet.



The Marine Corps policy for Safety is governed by MCO 5100.29C (Safety Program) and MCO 3500.27C (Risk Management Program).

Our sacred oath is to the Marine on point, who is waiting for the sound of Gunrunner aircraft. A Marine's calling is inherently dangerous, and our commitment to that Marine requires exceptional support in the face of known danger requiring the precise management of risk. If the goal was 100% safety, we would never turn a wrench or a fly an aircraft, and the aircraft would remain tied up on the line; leaving that Marine most vulnerable when they need us most. Bottom line, our commitment to that Marine requires us to accept inherent risk, but it is imperative that the risk is managed correctly at all levels so that we are always ready for the horn.

The Director of the Department of Safety and Standardization (DSS), the Aviation Safety Officer (ASO), and Ground Safety Officer (GSO) are responsible for the execution of the Unit's Safety Program. However, safety shall be a Team Gunrunner mentality, and each Gunrunner is challenged to support the Team by constantly assessing risks and hazards along with appropriate and timely mitigation measures **(have the courage to standup and stop an unsafe practice!)**.

As the "First and Finest," each and every Gunrunner fills a unique role and is a critical component to our readiness. As part of Force Preservation, we must consistently strive to prevent death, serious injury, and loss of material assets due to mishaps. Our warfighting capability is incumbent upon the precision of both our Marines and Sailors and the aircraft they maintain. In order to be on station when it matters most, we must embody a safety culture of risk mitigation that preserves our most valuable resources **(YOU!)**. Risk mitigation shall be part of our daily battle rhythm on and off duty. Fight to be ready and on time when the Marine calls!

"Our Best on the Worst Day"



MCO 5100.29C MCO 3500.27C

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