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RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION POLICY LETTER 007-08

From: Commanding Officer
To: Marines and Sailors of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
Subj: BATTALION SAFETY POLICY

1. Our Battalion Goal:

**TO CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE, GROUND RECONNAISSANCE,
SURVEILLANCE, BATTLESPACE SHAPING AND LIMITED SCALE RAIDS IN SUPPORT
OF THE MARINE DIVISION AND ITS SUBORDINATE ELEMENTS WHILE
SAFEGUARDING OUR RESOURCES**

- MARINES, SAILORS, AND EQUIPMENT -

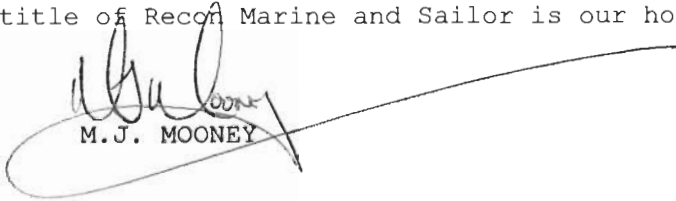
**SO OUR COMBAT POWER CAN BE APPLIED DECISIVELY
AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF OUR CHOOSING.**

2. My Policy: Our priority is neither Mission First, nor Safety First...but Safe Missions, always. Safety will be considered during every phase of planning and execution, but Safety is not paramount. Safe operations are a byproduct of professionalism, the result of "doing it right." Awareness is the basis of professionalism, and discipline is required for its practice. Discipline is a critical skill, resulting from a steadfast commitment to standards in training that translates directly into combat proficiency and success on the battlefield.

3. Your Responsibilities:

- Act professionally in every situation - Maintain your Standards.
- Know and comply with established rules and procedures - Awareness and Discipline.
- Pursue opportunities to Identify and Mitigate hazards - Keep your Head in the Game.
- Take Charge and Terminate the Operation if necessary - Trust your Instincts.
- Recognize and Respect your Own and Other's limitations - You are Your Brother's Keeper.

4. Remember always, the title of Recon Marine and Sailor is our honor.


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