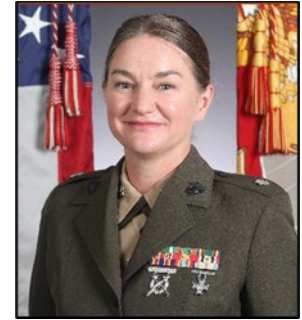




Commanding Officer
Marine Air Support Squadron Six



SAFETY POLICY

Marine Air Support Squadron Six will maintain the highest standards of professionalism, in garrison or in the field, peacetime or combat, on duty or on liberty. A vital part of that professional standard is keeping each Marine safe, in every task that we undertake. MCO 5100.29C established the Marine Corps Safety Management System to focus our Corps on Operational Excellence. **All MASS-6 personnel are required to actively engage in the Marine Corps Safety Management System.**

I expect every member of this command to maintain the highest standards of conduct and accountability. A competent professional does the job correctly, the first time, every time, and a job done correctly is a job done safely. If we do not have time to complete a task correctly the first time, we certainly will not have time to do it again the correct way, especially after someone is injured or equipment is damaged. If you do not understand the task or feel like something is wrong, it is your responsibility to stop and ask questions. Every Marine and Sailor is empowered to stop an unsafe action or situation. Never let the perceived pressure of a garrison deadline or field exercise outweigh proper, safe, procedures. Physical danger is a part of combat, and our business can put us in dangerous situations, but we need not place ourselves in unnecessary danger to prepare for combat. Losing people or equipment to mishaps, even if temporarily, degrades our ability to fight and win battles, which is the primary purpose for which we exist.

Often our most hazardous area of operations is away from the workplace, while on liberty. Use the same principles at home or traveling that you use while conducting operations in garrison and in the field. You and your families are part of the team; you each have a role to play, and we need every one of you. Take care of your families, your fellow Marines, and yourselves.

A culture of professionalism inherently includes safety, but safe and effective unit operations and individual actions do not just happen, they are only achieved through continual commitment at all levels to mitigate risk and preserve our most valuable and irreplaceable asset, our people. Report and safety concerns via the ANYMOUSE box, the chain of command, or to the MASS-6 Safety Officer Staff Sergeant Hutchinson at ross.hutchinson@usmc.mil or 413-557-7651.

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