

**COMMANDING OFFICER'S GUIDANCE
JUNE 2010**



Belief:

We are men and women of character who will function as a team to achieve personal and professional excellence.

Intent:

All SPMAGTF Marines and Sailors have the unique opportunity to positively influence partner nation relationships, save lives, and reduce human suffering. We will:

- **Be Ready:** We have specifically been tasked as a force in readiness that must be prepared to respond to any crisis. I view this as a critical aspect of our mission where failure is not an option.
- **Be Professional:** During CONTINUING PROMISE 2010, we will focus on a return to our amphibious roots, while solidifying the conceptual framework of a Security Cooperation MAGTF. I expect and demand complete professionalism from every Marine and Sailor who is privileged to write this Chapter in our Marine Corps history.
- **Be Flexible:** We cannot see the future, but we can shape it by remaining flexible and quickly adapting to changing circumstances. We must be prepared to participate in community relations, to conduct training events, and to respond with a relevant capability to any crisis in the region.

Guidance:

All SPMAGTF Marines and Sailors will set the right example and embody our core values.

- **Honor:** We are a special breed. America expects us to be a model of integrity, professionalism and excellence; so do I.
- **Courage:** Physical courage is bred by our warrior ethos; moral courage comes from within. Always do the right thing, especially when no one is watching.
- **Commitment:** Not only to our Country, our Corps, and our Naval heritage, but most importantly, to one another. This includes holding yourself and others accountable for what we do or fail to do.

Leadership:

- We must:**
- Know our Marines and Sailors, take care of them and their families.
 - Be professionals and use common sense.
 - Be proficient at our jobs.
 - Be a family and function as a team that treats one another with dignity and respect.

For this deployment to be successful, we all must be above reproach as we represent our Marine Corps, Navy, and Country. Your character is everything. Never give in to temporary satisfaction that will permanently damage your character. You control your own destiny by the decisions you make and actions you take.

Eyes Forward