

MESSAGE TO ALL HANDS

TODAY MARKS THE DAY WE JOIN MULTIPLE BATTLE-TESTED UNITS OF PROUD LINEAGES INTO ONE COHESIVE TEAM: THE 11TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT. WE WILL DEPLOY CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING THE FULL RANGE OF OPERATIONS THAT OUR NATION MAY REQUIRE. THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, WE HAVE, AND CONTINUE TO BE, AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN READINESS CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO A MYRIAD OF THREATS ACROSS THE GLOBE. LET THERE BE NO DOUBT, OUR TRAINING WILL BE TOUGH AS WE PREPARE OUR TEAM TO FIGHT FROM THE SEA WHILE REMAINING EQUALLY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED RELIEF TO THOSE WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL MARINE AND SAILOR WHO WILL FORM THE BACKBONE BY WHICH ALL GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN.

YOU AND YOUR FELLOW MARINES ARE TRUE PATRIOTS WITH AN UNBREAKABLE FOCUS ON ENSURING OUR CORPS STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED. SMALL-UNIT LEADERSHIP WILL BE OUR STRENGTH, AS WILL OUR COMMITMENT TO SOLID PLANNING AND AN EXPEDITIONARY MINDSET. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AS WE BEGIN THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER AS A MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT, WE DO SO WITH A KEEN APPRECIATION TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. BOTH OUR CORPS AND COUNTRY DEPEND ON OUR MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT TO BE THE MOST PREPARED AS WE DEPART THE HARBOR. WE WILL ANTICIPATE THE REQUIREMENTS, PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED AND EMPOWER OUR LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS TO EXECUTE THEIR ASSIGNED MISSIONS TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

WE WILL DEMONSTRATE BY OUR ACTIONS AND DEEDS THAT THIS IS A WELL TRAINED, WELL LED, AND EXTREMELY CAPABLE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE WITH A LASER FOCUS ON OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CORPS AND EACH OTHER. KEEP FAITH WITH YOUR FELLOW MARINES AND SAILORS AND WATCH OVER EACH OTHER BOTH IN TRAINING AND WHEN DEPLOYED. REMAIN COMMITTED TO OUR VALUES AND STANDARDS, AND HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY SERVED UNDER OUR COLORS AND WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN WRITING THEIR OWN PORTION OF THE 11TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT HISTORY. TOGETHER WE WILL DEMONSTRATE TO ALL THAT WE ARE THE "PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC."



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