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**Safety  
Policy Statement**

Ensuring the safety and well-being of every Marine and civilian Marine working or residing on this installation are the keys to the success of the crossroads of the Marine Corps. Leaders will aggressively execute our Command Safety and Risk Management programs to safeguard our most precious resources, the Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines, and families who make up the Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ) team.



While mission is paramount, it cannot be achieved at the expense of injuries to our personnel or damage to equipment. Leaders will apply sound risk management principles at all levels. Detecting, eliminating, and controlling risk is fundamental in the prevention of mishaps.

Safety is a shared responsibility between individuals and their leaders. Creating an appropriate command climate is our obligation and requires the involvement of all Quantico personnel. To achieve a safe command climate, leaders will implement the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) by:

- Fostering honor, courage, and commitment to do the right thing.
- Creating a culture which motivates workers to watch out for their fellow Marines and co-workers in identifying unsafe conditions and near misses, as well as by using personal protective equipment.
- Encouraging total commitment to VPP by striving to sustain an exemplary occupational and safe health environment.
- Integrating personnel safety and regulatory compliance into all work evolutions.
- Training each other in the ideals and concepts promoted through VPP to maintain a safe and healthful work environment for co-workers and the entire work community.
- Getting involved, and being part of the solution!

I challenge all to apply the above guidelines in pursuit of OSHA's VPP Star status. VPP is an employee protection program that requires partnership between management, employees, and the local American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) 1786 union. Success begins with changing the safety culture, continuous process improvement, and change management. By working together we can achieve an exemplary occupational safe and health atmosphere aboard MCBQ and improve base operating support to our tenant activities.

Finally, everyone is a Safety Officer. You are officially appointed as the Safety Officer for those around you and for those events you come in contact with during your day. You are authorized to challenge, stop, or raise a safety issue to your supervisor or union representative whenever you believe an unsafe action is about to occur. We take care of the team!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Bentley III".

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