



***Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion
Company D***

Command Philosophy

***Be a Marine!
Embrace the Team.
Live the dream.***



I am truly honored and humbled at the opportunity to command Company D at such a critical time in this unit's history. There are unique and complex challenges facing, not only the Marine Corps, but our nation and this company is positioned to confront those challenges head on. As the premier service on Fort Gordon we are known for consistently producing quality results and enabling success. To maintain and surpass this heightened level of performance, I charge the company with embodying what it means to Be a Marine; to Embrace the Team; and finally, Live the Dream.

Be a Marine! General Mundy said the daily actions of a Marine must embody the legacy of those who went before us. Their teaching, compassion, courage, sacrifices, optimism, humor, humility, commitment, perseverance, love, guts, and glory... this is the pattern for our daily lives. Being a Marine is not always easy, but none of us joined the Corps to take the easy way out. Know that we are held to a higher standard. You are different. Adherence to physical fitness, grooming, uniform, and civilian attire standards is critical. You represent the most physically fit and disciplined service on Fort Gordon. Uphold that standard. Master the basics, complete your PME and set a goal of achieving your highest level of job proficiency. Never forget that you exist to fight and win whether it is from your work spaces here in GA, on deployment, or in your next opportunity for combat when your national calls. It all starts right here, right now, with you being a Marine.

Embrace the Team. You are more than a company of disparate Marines, you are a team. If you don't know someone on the team, get to know them and what makes them tick. This will facilitate the achievement of our common goal of mission accomplishment and keep us synced with the MCSB motto, "Mission First, Marines Always." Beyond the Marine Team, embrace your Army, Navy, Air Force and civilian counterparts. Understand that there are rare, if any missions conducted unilaterally; we fight with our Joint and interagency partners by our side. Know your job, educate yourself, take advantage of training opportunities, and be the MVP on your team. As the smallest of the services on Fort Gordon remember, success in our national mission is not a function of how many of us shows up, but who shows up---Marines!

Live the Dream. The Marine Corps makes up less than .06% of the total U.S. population; only eight percent of the most lethal military on the planet. There are many that have tried, failed, are turned away, simply admire, and even impersonate Marines. You are The Few, The Proud. You succeeded where others did not. You are living the dream. Recognize what you've accomplished and enjoy yourself. Work hard, play hard. Spend time with family. Go to their events and be their biggest cheerleader. Take leave, go on vacation, develop your hobbies and stay connected with friends. This will facilitate focus, strength and ultimately mission accomplishment when duty calls.

We have a lot of hard work ahead of us, but I know you will continue to perform as professionals, and excel in enabling success.

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