



MARINE CRYPTOLOGIC SUPPORT BATTALION
COMPANY I
COMMAND PHILOSOPHY



It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve alongside each of you. You chose to serve our country during a time of international instability, and your daily efforts are indispensable to the security of our nation. Your commitment to mission success, personal and professional development, and readiness are essential to the continued success of this unit and the critical role we play in national security.

Mission Success. The Marine Corps is focused on winning battles. Do not underestimate your contribution to this effort. Daily, you directly support decision-makers at every level of war by fulfilling National Security Agency/Central Security Service, Marine Air-Ground Task Force, Joint Force Commander, and tactical commander intelligence requirements. I am professionally humbled by the contributions you make and the work you do.

Personal and Professional Development. We have a responsibility as leaders to mentor, guide, and lead our Marines. We all have room to grow and Marines are hungry to improve their occupational proficiency and to become better people. At every rank, Marines will receive regular positive and negative counseling to aid in that growth. Individual personal and professional growth is essential to unit success. More importantly, it is the commitment we made to each other the day we raised our right hand.

Readiness. Preparation goes beyond occupational proficiency and demands we are ready for every contingency. Prepare yourself for contingencies at work; know your colleague's job and your supervisor's job. Prepare yourselves to lead; allow yourself to be mentored by a leader you respect. Prepare for the demands of service; maintain the Marine Corps' standards in physical fitness, personal appearance, medical readiness, language proficiency, and spend your time off with those you love. Prepare for your next promotion, your career, and life beyond the Marine Corps; complete Professional Military Education, read books on the Director of Intelligence and Commandant's Reading Lists, and complete a college degree.

Commanders at every level of war and our national leaders are counting on you to prepare yourself mentally and physically, and to grow in knowledge, proficiency, and judgment, to best enable them to win our nation's battles.

Marines, I am honored to be your Commanding Officer. I will give you my best every day and I demand the same from you.

- *Semper Fidelis* -

Handwritten signature of G.A. Keefer in black ink.
G.A. Keefer
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United States Marine Corps
Commanding