

Commanding Officer's Guidance to Advanced Infantry Training Battalion – East

AITB Mission: Develop infantry small unit leaders and provide advanced skills training through professional instructors in order to empower Marines for service throughout the Operating Forces.

-Mission accomplishment is our primary duty. The real measure of our value is the contribution we make toward training Marines for combat.

-Training must be standards based, challenging, realistic, and safe. Train Marines to prevail under the demands of combat and accomplish the mission with honor and professionalism. Master the basics. Achieve tactical and technical proficiency. Systematically assess training effectiveness.

-Physical and mental readiness will receive equal emphasis.

-Integrity is paramount. A man of honor during peace is a man of courage during war. Act with moral courage and always do what is right.

-Be a team player: Marines fight for their fellow warriors and never leave their own. Loyalty, trust, and comradeship are the bedrock of our unit.

-Know your Marines and look out for their welfare. Resource and reinforce your Marines for success. Recognize and reward meritorious service.

-Set the example, lead from the front, and share hardship with the Marines. Be firm, fair, and formal. Treat all personnel with dignity and respect.

-Issue mission type orders, provide necessary guidance, and encourage initiative. Inspect what you expect and enforce continuing actions. Focus on solutions.

-Always safeguard: life, limb, hearing, and eyesight. Weapons and explosives safe handling and proficiency are critical. Always follow the four firearm safety rules. Guard against environmental overexposure and injuries.

-Discipline is fundamental for unit cohesion and its strict adherence benefits all. Enforce Marine Corps standards. Evaluate on merit.

-Marines uphold Corps values. Do not: lie, cheat, steal, use banned substances, drink & drive, or allow hazing, bigotry, fraternization or sexual harassment.

-Master your time, focus on unit priorities, course execution, and continuously seek personal and professional self-improvement. Study the profession of arms.

-Communication must flow up and down the chain of command. Keep Marines and HHQ informed. Personally deliver important communications (CCIRs).

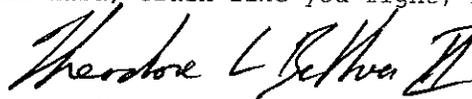
-Family readiness is vital. Maintain a personal and professional balance.

-Personnel, weapons, and equipment accountability and maintenance are critical for readiness. We are good stewards of Government Property.

-Our greatest danger as a unit is complacency. Complacency kills. Stay focused.

-Maintain a higher standard. Be steadfast and always strive for excellence.

-We shape the Corps' infantry. Train hard, train like you fight, have fun.



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