



## Commanding Officer's Intent



Warriors of MATSG-21, let me begin with how honored and humbled I am to be your Commanding Officer and a part of this organization and its exceptional Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines that are assigned to it. This unit has a rich history dating back to World War II, and though the scope of the command has changed over time; at its core remains the basic mission to help the Marine Corps fight and win our nation's battles.

The mission of MATSG-21 is to oversee, facilitate, and enable the training of the next generation of Marines in a variety of military occupational specialties. All of you play a role in this mission. For the instructor cadre and staff at the various locations, your task is to **provide the best instruction and training possible** to the Marines in attendance. **Become the subject matter expert** in your tradecraft and convey that knowledge on to the students. **Set the example** in all that you do when interacting with the students. Remember that you are not only training Marines, you are **mentoring** Marines. **Pass along the skill sets and lessons learned** you have come by during your career to better prepare them as they head out to the operational forces.

If you are a student attached to MATSG-21 or a subordinate detachment, your mission is singular: strive to the best of your ability to **complete the training**. Excellence in all tasks should be your goal. Realize that the training you are receiving is preparing you for combat, **take it seriously**. When you reach the operational forces, the next time you are operating your equipment might literally be in combat. You should also **set the example** in all you do. We are Marines 24 hours a day, and our behavior and actions should always reflect that. Lastly, **help your fellow Marines** as they train alongside you. The Marine Corps is a team sport and you will rely on your fellow Marines to the left and right of you on the battlefield.

All of us should remain focused on the **endstate** of our mission and roles here at MATSG-21: **to provide a trained Marine to the operating forces that is versed in a specific skill set which can be applied to fight and win in combat**. Whether you are a tank mechanic, a satellite systems operator, signals analyst, diver, explosive ordnance technician, or an F-35 pilot, keep in mind that this training is preparing you for combat, and the next battle is just over the ridgeline. Keep up the amazing work, stay focused, and above all, remain Semper Fidelis.

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