



## **ADVANCED INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION SCHOOL OF INFANTRY – EAST COMMAND PHILOSOPHY**



**It is my personal and professional honor to join the ranks of this Battalion. I want to sincerely thank each Marine and Sailor for your service to our great nation and commitment to our Corps.**

**Everything we do is Warfighting focused and to prepare for combat. We prepare our students for first contact with the enemy in any climb and place along with the demanding training cycles experienced by our Division units. I expect all members of this Battalion to keep a high state of personal and professional readiness. You must be ready to return to the OPFOR and to a deployable unit. My intent is when you leave AITB you are the most ready and able to elevate the capacity of the gaining Infantry Battalion or OPFOR unit.**

**My expectation for ALL Marines of this Battalion is to maintain high standards required of US Marines. Discipline and bearing are hallmarks of Marine behavior. I expect all of us to do the right thing when no one is looking as a true test of one's moral compass.**

**The strength of this team comes from our Combat Instructors and Staff. Our purpose is to train infantry leaders and we do that by the following:**

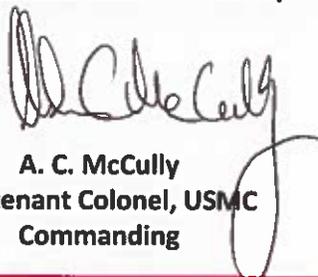
**-Being Partnered: We demonstrate each day that we are here to effectively train the Marines attending our courses. Therefore, we make ourselves available during the POI and whenever assistance is needed. Our aim point is to make the next generation better than we are. Be the Coach that inspires our Marines to achieve more than they thought possible.**

**-Proficient: The mastery of your trade is the end state. This requires us to seek additional training, education, and instruction techniques to make the most effective Combat Instructor. Improvements in our teaching ability and capacity means a more effectively trained Infantry Leader.**

**-Professional: I view this as the foundation for credibility. You must look, act, talk, and embrace the total Marine concept. You should strive to give your best and provide the leadership for those we instruct. Show them the right way by doing it right, always.**

**My vision for the execution of our Programs of Instruction is the Right people, at the Right place, at the Right time, with the Right gear, and Ready to train. I call this R5.**

**We must also take care of ourselves; physically, mentally, and spiritually. Set goals in your personal and professional lives, establish an aim point and work towards accomplishing those objectives.**



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