



**COMMANDING OFFICER
COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION
STATEMENT ON SUICIDE PREVENTION**



Suicides are tragic deaths which often occur in association with problems that are largely preventable such as relationship problems, alcohol abuse, and depression. The suicide prevention and awareness program highlights the importance of early identification and intervention of problems that detract from personnel and unit readiness. Additionally, this program emphasizes the importance of data collection and analysis to inform, evaluate, and refine future prevention. Combat Assault Battalion's mission is to provide the battalion suicide prevention and awareness program in order to maximize a high regard for life.

The health and well-being of CAB personnel are of vital importance to this command and to the Marine Corps as a whole. It is my goal to foster a safe, professional, and vigilant environment where leaders and individuals are aware of the issues affecting our personnel and are equipped with the tools to provide for the well-being of our CAB Marines, Sailors, and families.

Leaders at all levels have information and skills to enhance risk identification and early intervention with at-risk personnel. Losing one Marine or Sailor to suicide is one too many, so let's ensure that we do our part.

Semper Fidelis

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