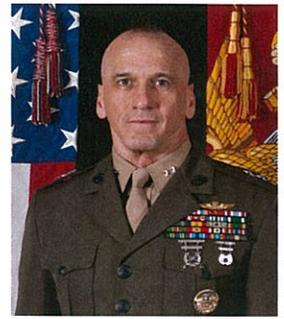




## COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SECURITY



The United States remains a nation at war. As a forward deployed Marine division, we must continue to stand the watch and remain ever vigilant against threats of terrorist attack, sabotage, and theft. Security is a force multiplier critical to the accomplishment of the 3d Marine Division mission. At the most basic level, the division's commitment to security will meet the obligation of protecting our most valuable resources -- Marines and Sailors. Our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment require that we ensure our work and living environments are protected and safe from harm.

Commanders are always responsible for the security of their unit. Even if external units are tasked to provide security for division elements, internal security for division units cannot be outsourced. Security measures such as Guardian Angels, interior guard, and varying routines should be implemented whenever possible. Whether security personnel are armed or unarmed, all division units will ensure adequate security exists to safeguard personnel, facilities, and unit areas in garrison or deployed environments. In general, a mobile security force conducting routine inspections of facilities and their surrounding areas is preferred over security forces, which are strictly stationary.

Physical and information security are most effective when they complement each other. Deliberate and careless leaks of information can jeopardize the safety and security of division forces. Operational security is a priority for every Marine and Sailor, even with unclassified information. A single piece of paper not properly disposed of can put Marines and Sailors at risk. Remember to shred every document. Marines and Sailors constantly use the numerous social media options on the internet, which increases the potential for inadvertent disclosure of information. The forward deployed nature of the division further complicates information security with the ever-present collection efforts by foreign intelligence services. The nature of social network "friends," "followers," and sharing often enables Marines and Sailors to be aware of what is being posted online by peers and an opportunity to correct them if inappropriate or questionable information is released. Remember, operational security is a priority for every Marine and Sailor, even with unclassified information.

In the same manner in which every Marine is a safety officer on a live fire range, every Marine is responsible for security. All 3d Marine Division personnel contribute to mission success and have a responsibility of working to mitigate threats and vulnerabilities. We must continue to work towards fostering an environment in which all Marines and Sailors can feel safe in the barracks, at workspaces, and any other locations on base. Security is a leadership and readiness issue. I expect and challenge all to foster a culture throughout 3d Marine Division in which we are ever vigilant and security conscious.

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