



### Commanding General's Guidance

I am honored to assume command of Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, and look forward to continuing the Command's proud legacy of excellence in support of our Operating Forces. To that end, I want to share with you my guidance to ensure MCIWEST remains focused on our core mission - ensuring the combat readiness of our Operating Forces and taking care of our Marines, Sailors, and their families. Commanders at every level will promote a command climate focused on balancing the following imperatives:

**Support the Operating Forces.** This is central to everything we do. Our installations serve as the key force projection platforms for our Operating Forces where we will provide the best training for our Marines and support for their families. Recognize that maintaining the support of our local citizens and communities enables our installations to meet this objective.

**Take care of our people.** Our people – our Marines, Sailors, and civilian work force - are our greatest asset and deserve our best efforts. Provide our people with the best resources available to accomplish the mission, remaining mindful of fiscal constraints and stewardship obligations. Treat everyone with the mutual respect, courtesy, and dignity befitting a Marine. Take care of our families – those who love, support, and sustain us deserve nothing less in return.

**Prepare for tomorrow.** Our bases and stations are enduring platforms that must not only support today's requirements, but also tomorrow's. We must posture ourselves to meet future requirements- inherent in this is preserving our training areas and natural resources, maintaining close and mutually supporting ties with our civilian leadership and local communities, and ensuring our installations evolve in concert with future requirements, operating concepts, and statutory or policy imperatives. To accomplish this, we must be responsible stewards of all resources – particularly in today's austere fiscal environment where every dollar counts.

**Respect our Corps and keep our honor clean.** We share a rich heritage born from the service and sacrifice of countless Marines, Sailors, and civilians who have served our nation over the past 238 years. By living our core values of honor, courage and commitment, we will uphold the legacy passed down to us, preserve the institution of our Corps, and ensure our Corps is ready when the nation calls. Never forget that every Marine, Sailor and civilian is an ambassador to our local communities, and as such is the face of our Marine Corps. Our individual actions matter.

I look forward to serving with all of our Marines, Sailors, civilians and families at Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. Together we will meet the challenges ahead and ensure our Operating Forces are ready, our Marines and families cared for, our installations postured to support both current and future requirements, and our heritage preserved for the next generation of Marines.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Banta".

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