



Team 7 Command Philosophy



State Department Mission: *To protect and promote U.S. security, prosperity, and democratic values and shape an international environment in which all Americans can thrive.*

Marine Security Guard Mission: *To provide protection to mission personnel and prevent compromise of national security information and equipment at designated diplomatic and consular facilities.*

Team 7 accomplishes our mission in two ways:

- 1) **Guard our Gates:** Zealously protect your diplomats, post and classified information. They are our incredible responsibility! Teamwork is necessary to do our job, none can do it alone. Teamwork extends beyond the Corps to our essential supported State Department co-workers and other critical mission partners. "The streets are guarded by United States Marines," so eagerly live up to our legendary status!
- 2) **Guard our Honor:** Jealously safeguard the Corps' and your reputation. A three-fold cord is not easily broken – so be accountable to our own selves & each other. Iron sharpens Iron – Marines sharpen and encourage each other daily. Set guardrails to maintain high individual and detachment character.

Team 7 operates on 7 foundational principles:

Credibility: We start with trust. Marines do the right thing - unwatched, unrecognized, unwavering.

Commitment: It is an act, not just a word. Doggedly pursue four parts of Corps TOTAL fitness: Physical, Mental, Social & Spiritual. Remember those who gave all: Iwo Jima, Chosin, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kenya.

Competence: Intimately learn our job and the orders & policies that govern it. Be skilled master practitioners with elite standards. Know our job, the job to our left and right, and our boss's job.

Coherence: Build great teams, operationally with the RSO and post officials, and administratively up and down USMC channels. Ensure all actions or inactions synchronize and synergize with our partners.

Communication: Keep comms open. We can never overcommunicate, especially in our line of work. Use this axiom frequently: What do I know, Who needs to Know, Have I told them? Then act with purpose!

Confidence: Continually project respect, resolve and excellence in accomplishing our mission regardless of circumstances. Relentlessly present intense deterrence to foes, and readiness to help friends.

Compassion: Perhaps the most essential element – Team 7 makes a positive impact on our post, in our community, in our family, with every interaction. Be a compassionate warfighter every day!

Team 7 and Region 7 matter:

Region 7 is the best region on the planet. We have the most remote, austere, and unique places in the world, the highest tier ratings, and the tightest, strongest detachments. Any detachment may respond at a moment's notice and everything we do may have immediate life & death consequences. We may be in the region with the most risk, but we also have the most opportunity. My job and the Region 7 staff's job is to fully support you, the watchstander and DetCmdr. Team 7 makes a difference together!

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"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in this world. The Marines don't have that problem." – 40th U.S. President Ronald Reagan