

COMMANDER, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP SEVEN SAILING DIRECTIONS

The Navy follows a time honored tradition of Ships, Shipmates, and Self.

Ships

We must be ready to fight and win at sea! The missions assigned will be our focus. A steady strain approach, supported by our agility and innovative spirit, is the key to ESG 7 success. As the Amphibious Force within SEVENTH Fleet, and partnered with our fellow CTF teams, Marine counterparts, and allies and partners, we must be successful.

The ships and units are our home. Ship operations are our life and warfighting readiness is the air we breathe. We will take care of the ships and during combat they will take care of us. Always account for how your actions are going to affect the warfighting readiness of our crews, then act accordingly.

Going to sea is dangerous work and victory is not assured. We must relearn how to embrace risk, manage it, and not avoid it in its entirety. Risk is not a program or policy, it is a way of life in our profession. To be successful, we must make risk decisions at the right level. When in doubt, take it to the chain of command. A healthy questioning attitude will fix problems before they become significant.

Shipmates

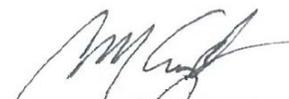
The diversity and the extended family nature of our Navy and Marine Corps team is our core strength. We will take care of each other like a family. Working together, positively engaging our different backgrounds and viewpoints, makes us stronger than any force the enemy can put to sea. However, learning from each other cannot start when missiles are in the air. Grow personally and professionally as a team today so we can fight as one when called. Seek consensus, but value diversity of thought.

We have a responsibility to each other. In meeting that responsibility, we contribute to the mission and make our Navy better. Respecting others will result in earning respect from others.

Involve your shipmates in your decision making. Your actions or lack thereof will impact them. We are active leaders. There is no such thing as an innocent bystander. Maintaining a mentally tough perspective will keep all in a high state of readiness.

Self

Honor, Courage, and Commitment begin with the individual. Our core values define us as Sailors. They are a focal point of our character, and they are an integral part of all of us. Do your personal best every day, and you will be forever proud of the legacy you leave behind.



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