

COMMANDER, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP SEVEN
SAILING DIRECTIONS

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

Ships

We will be ready to fight and win at sea! Assigned missions will be our focus. A steady strain, agility, and innovative spirit are the key to ESG 7's success. We are Amphibious Force SEVENTH Fleet, partnered with our fellow SEVENTH Fleet Task Forces, United States Marines, allies, and partners. We must be successful.

Our ships and units are our homes. Ship, aviation, and amphibious operations are our life. Warfighting readiness is the air we breathe. We will take care of the ships and during combat they will take care of us. Your actions affect the warfighting readiness of our team. Act accordingly.

Going to sea is dangerous. Victory is not assured. We must embrace risk, manage risk, and employ risk. Risk is not a program or policy, it is a way of life. All levels, from Seaman to Admiral, accept, manage, and employ risk. Your experience, qualifications, and assignment, will determine how much risk you are willing to take. When in doubt, pass risk up the chain of command.

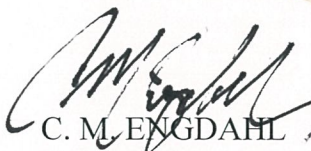
Shipmates


The diverse Amphibious Force SEVENTH Fleet Navy and Marine Corps team is our core strength. We will take care of each other like a family while treating all with professional respect. Working together, positively engaging our different backgrounds and viewpoints, makes us stronger than any force the enemy can put to sea. Grow personally and professionally as a team today, and every day, so we can fight and win as one when called. Value diversity of thought, but seek unity of effort.


Involve your shipmates in your decision making. Your actions or lack thereof will impact them. We are active leaders and there is no such thing as an innocent bystander. Mental, moral, and physical strength and resiliency will keep us all in a high state of readiness.

Self

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


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