

SAILING DIRECTIONS

Mission

Task Force 76/3 conducts amphibious and littoral operations in the SEVENTH Fleet area of responsibility, supports operations, activities, and investments in competition, provides contingency response options during crisis, and enables SEVENTH Fleet, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and the Joint Force as the Littoral Warfare Commander in conflict. We compete daily and must be prepared to fight and win if called to do so. I have three Strategic Pillars and four Commander's Priorities to guide the Task Force in accomplishing our mission.

Strategic Pillars

1. **Combat Readiness** – Material, personnel, and training readiness are all a part of Combat Readiness. We are in constant contact with strategic competitors across all domains and we must be able to rapidly transition throughout the competition continuum.
2. **Warfighters to Fight & Win** – We have a capable and lethal Navy-Marine Corps force that provides advantages in position, influence, and flexibility for both SEVENTH Fleet and III Marine Expeditionary Force. Our most important advantage is our professional Sailors and Marines.
3. **Allies & Partners** – Our friends in the region are absolutely critical to our success, and we will continue to operate, share, and learn from them to strengthen our warfighting capability.

Commander's Priorities

1. **Generate & Employ Lethal, Combat Ready Forces** – The high operating tempo in the Indo-Pacific is challenging. We have to be ready to meet these requirements and do so at an elite level. In warfare being merely good is not good enough. Keep it simple and be brilliant in the basics.
2. **Safe & Effective Operations** – We must be ready to do hard tasks, to go beyond what we thought was possible, or to rapidly change directions based on the operating environment. Safety will remain at the forefront of everything we do in competition.
3. **Assess & Manage Risk at Every Level** – Maritime operations are high risk. We must make smart decisions, empower Sailors and Marines to speak up if they see something unsafe, and make the best use of our resources. It takes teamwork across the Task Force.
4. **Build Great People, Leaders, & Teams** – CNO said it best that we need to build teams that are self-assessing, self-correcting, and always learning toward one goal – *Delivering Warfighting Advantage*. As we build our advantage, we will balance excellence across work, rest, and family while embracing Get Real, Get Better.

We are an elite Task Force with talented leaders across the ranks who enable our success. Our purpose is clear – to be prepared to **fight and win** using our unique Navy-Marine capabilities. Ensure our Sailors and Marines understand **who** we are, **what** we do, and **why** we do it. The contributions and continued resolve of every Sailor and Marine will continue to make Task Force 76/3 an elite warfighting force.



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