

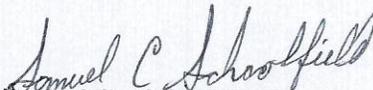
VMM-263 Commanding Officer's Philosophy of Command

The mission of VMM-263 is to support the MAGTF Commander by providing assault support transport of combat troops, supplies and equipment, day or night, under all weather conditions, during expeditionary, joint, or combined operations.



The Thunder Eagles will accomplish our mission by:

- Being technically and tactically proficient. Always strive for brilliance at the basics.
- Maintaining the highest standard of professionalism, which promotes good discipline, best practices for mission accomplishment, and safety.
- Communicating effectively up the chain, down the chain, between shops, upstairs to downstairs and vice versa. Timely and accurate communication is vital to the effective operation of any organization. We are a team and all need to be running the same play/playing from the same sheet of music in order to get the job done.
- Conducting continuous training. Get better at your job every day. Ask questions. Leaders should encourage questions from subordinates and take every possible opportunity to teach something.
- Maintaining Personal and Family readiness. You as an individual Marine are a vital part of the foundation of the squadron, and your own and your family's well-being are your personal core. The squadron will not be strong if its component parts are not sound.
- Always acting on our core values. Honor, Courage, Commitment—everything is built on these. Act according to our core values and all of the above will come naturally.


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