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MEMORADUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Flying Dragon 6 Safety Philosophy

1. The goal of risk management is to save lives and preserve U.S. Government property while still safely completing demanding missions under austere conditions. The potential for casualties resulting from a preventable accident is greater than the potential of casualties resulting from enemy action.
2. To guard against this risk, engaged leaders and disciplined Soldiers will be aware of the five deadly situations that lead to failure - ***untrained, unsupervised, undisciplined, overconfident, and complacent Soldiers***. Our objective is to prevent these five deadly situations from occurring in our unit as we plan, coordinate, and execute training and operations. Follow the basic steps of risk management to mitigate risk and prevent failure. Always be willing to voice your thoughts and solutions to ensure the accomplishment of the mission and the welfare of our Soldiers. **Share your knowledge and experiences in order to make others better!**
3. A second objective of risk management is to make informed decisions at the appropriate level of authority. All hazards, whether combat/enemy or accidental must be identified and assessed, have appropriate control measures put into place and supervised. Our goal is to continually assess "how far we are from shore" and work to mitigate risk at all levels.
4. We must also apply safety and risk management procedures to our personal lives. For example, privately owned vehicle accidents are the leading killer of Soldiers. The four primary factors to POV accidents and fatalities are excessive speed, fatigue, failure to use seat belts, and alcohol. Your objective is to figure out what can kill or hurt you, your family or your buddy, and put measures into place to reduce that risk ahead of time.
5. We must value and maintain a healthy tension between mission accomplishment and safety in order to balance the climate of our unit, preventing a bias towards risk aversion or towards becoming cavalier/negligent.
6. Every Soldier and leader is responsible for reducing risk both on and off duty. Collectively, we are smarter and wiser than we are individually. When we fully value and leverage the risk management system, we are better able to safely accomplish demanding missions!

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