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SUBJ: DISTRICT SEVENTEEN COMMANDERS INTENT 1. TODAY, I HAD THE DISTINCT PRIVILEGE TO RELIEVE RADM COLVIN AS DISTRICT SEVENTEEN COMMANDER. I AM TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND IT IS WITH GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THIS DISTRICT AND FOR ALL OF YOU THAT I ISSUE MY COMMANDER'S INTENT. THIS INTENT ACKNOWLEDGES, FOCUSES AND AMPLIFIES DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY HIGHER COAST GUARD AUTHORITY AND INCLUDES MY SPECIFIC AREAS OF EMPHASIS ACCOUNTING FOR THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF THE SEVENTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT. THIS GUIDANCE BUILDS ON THE COAST GUARD'S CORE VALUES OF HONOR, RESPECT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, OUR LEGACY STRENGTHS OUTLINED IN CG PUB ONE, THE 2011 COMMANDANT'S DIRECTION AND COMPACAREA COMMANDER'S INTENT. ALL DISTRICT SEVENTEEN COMMANDS WILL USE MY COMMANDER'S INTENT AS A CARDINAL HEADING FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

A. OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE: THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, THE NATION HAS DEPENDED ON THE COAST GUARD TO ACCOMPLISH OUR DANGEROUS AND DEMANDING MISSIONS. NOWHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS MORE EVIDENT THAN ALASKA, WHERE THE WEATHER IS UNRELENTING, THE ENVIRONMENT IS UNFORGIVING, AND RAPID RESPONSE IS CRITICAL IN AN AREA OF OPERATION THAT IS INCONCEIVABLY LARGE. THEREFORE, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL MEMBERS OF THIS DISTRICT TO BE OPERATIONAL EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD. I REQUIRE EVERY COAST GUARD MAN AND WOMAN TO BE PHYSICALLY FIT, MENTALLY PREPARED AND OPERATIONALLY PROFICIENT IN THEIR DUTIES. I EXPECT THAT TOGETHER WE WILL DO OUR DUTY, ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION AND ALWAYS RETURN TO BASE SAFELY. THIS IS JOB ONE.

B. RESPECT AND SUPPORT: THE COAST GUARD IS MORE THAN A TEAM, WE ARE A FAMILY AND I EXPECT EACH MEMBER OF DISTRICT SEVENTEEN TO RESPECT, CARE FOR, LOOK OUT AFTER, AND PROTECT ONE ANOTHER. THE REMOTE AND SPARTAN CONDITIONS FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL CHALLENGES TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AND OUR FAMILIES. AT WORK AND ON LIBERTY, WE ARE NEVER FAR FROM DANGER. I NEED ALL OF YOU TO WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACK, BE ALERT FOR OPERATIONAL HAZARDS, SIGNS OF STRESS AND LONELINESS, AND BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF NEED AND, AS NECESSARY, INTERVENE.

C. PROFESSIONALISM: ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY AND THAT YOU ARE PUBLIC SERVANTS, 24/7/365. AS SUCH, WE ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT OURSELVES HONORABLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY. NOT ONLY ARE YOU VALUABLE TO YOUR UNIT, YOUR ACTIONS ARE ALWAYS NOTICED IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE NEVER OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE. OUR BEHAVIOR IS NOT ONLY A REFLECTION OF OURSELVES, BUT ON THE COAST GUARD AS A WHOLE. ACT ACCORDINGLY.

2. SERVICE IN THE COAST GUARD IS A PRIVILEGE AND A CALLING. SERVICE IN DISTRICT SEVENTEEN IS THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME AND ONE OF THE GREATEST ADVENTURES ANYONE CAN HAVE IN THEIR CAREER. AS YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER, I AM PROUD AND HUMBLED TO WORK ALONG SIDE ALL OF YOU. YOU ALL HAVE MY RESPECT AS A PROFESSIONAL, MY TRUST AS A LEADER AND MY CONFIDENCE AS AN OPERATOR. I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SELFLESS SERVICE, TEAMWORK AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE. SEMPER PARATUS.

3. RADM THOMAS P. OSTEB0, DISTRICT SEVENTEEN COMMANDER, SENDS.

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