



**Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz
Environmental Policy Statement**



As the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Blaz, I am personally committed to ensuring that all our Marines, Sailors, and other military and civilian teammates are good stewards of the environment. As we strive to improve the readiness of our installation, remember that environmental compliance is key to sustaining and enhancing our mission readiness and access to our training areas.

Accordingly, I direct all personnel aboard MCB Camp Blaz to take every reasonable action to protect the environment. This includes preventing pollution of land, water, and air; safeguarding the health of base personnel and our surrounding communities; and preserving natural and cultural landscapes that support protected species and Guam's unique heritage—all while maintaining mission capability.

MCB Camp Blaz will continually improve environmental performance through the implementation of an effective and efficient Environmental Management System (EMS). Our EMS will ensure full compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, standards, and policies. To achieve this, we will take the following actions:

- **Foster partnerships** with federal and local organizations to support the environmental goals of the Department of the Navy.
- **Honor existing agreements** between Joint Region Marianas, MCB Camp Blaz, and the Government of Guam, including commitments outlined in the Four Pillars policy statement, the 2015 Record of Decision for the Marine Corps Relocation, the 2011 Programmatic Agreement, and the 2017 Biological Opinion.
- **Empower leaders and departments** across MCB Camp Blaz and tenant commands to fulfill mission requirements while protecting, preserving, and enhancing environmental conditions in a professional and cost-effective manner.

Leaders at all levels must be thoroughly familiar with applicable environmental regulations, standards, and policies. Developing a culture of environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility and a team effort. All personnel must review existing and new activities for potential environmental impacts and fully integrate these considerations into mission planning and execution.

Sustained EMS performance requires ongoing oversight, scheduled assessments of environmental measures, and timely leadership engagement on regulatory or policy risks that may result in environmental issues. Our aim is to embed environmental compliance and sound natural and cultural resource management into all aspects of base operations.

The two tenets of my command philosophy are **service** and **professionalism**. These principles will guide our environmental programs, reflecting our commitment to regulatory compliance, our care for the environment beyond our fence line, and our respect for local governance and community partnerships.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard D. Marshall Jr.".

Richard D. Marshall Jr.
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Commanding Officer
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