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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 55TH WING PERSONNEL

FROM: 55 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Commander's Safety Philosophy

1. Safety and risk management are integral components of mission execution. IAW AFI 90-802, ACCSUP Risk Management (23 Aug 2019), paragraph 2.14.2-3, everyone is responsible to, "Utilize sound RM principles, processes, tools and techniques to assess and mitigate risks" and to do so "in conjunction with effective 'Wingman' concepts and 'Personal RM' principles to promote proactive mishap prevention both on and off-duty." This continues to enable our Wing to deliver the world's premier intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, electronic attack, command & control, and agile combat support capabilities.
2. Safety is inherent to maintaining the constant readiness required to meet the demand of our Wing's operational commitments. We must apply sound risk management principles before, during, and after mission execution to prevent mishaps and preserve our capability. Exercising discipline in aviation, in our work spaces, and off-duty is the foundational element enabling risk management and risk intervention.
3. Although discipline is a descriptor of an individual's or organization's behavior, it is not a fixed trait. It can be improved through training, experience, and leadership. Discipline promotes a rules-based approach to conduct, self-control, and sound judgment through the risk management and risk mitigation decision making processes. Additionally, it promotes positive attitudes and a safety conscious culture necessary for safe operations. This is the area where I need each of you to stay focused. I strongly believe if you remain disciplined, your chances of staying safe are exponentially improved.
4. Finally, enforce safety and health standards in your work areas and during operations, and hold other Airmen accountable to those same standards. I need each of you to speak up if something doesn't look right. Our mission success depends on every Airman taking ownership of his or her personal safety—both on and off duty—and to preserve the assets under their charge. Be proud of our culture which promotes safety and look for ways to continually improve it. Remember, I am counting on each of you to remain disciplined and safety focused.

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Commander

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