

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMITMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM (VPP)



Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany began its VPP journey in July 2009 and the results have been dramatic, real, and measurable. In CY19 we reduced Civilian Marine OSHA recordable cases 69% compared to FY10 and lost-time injuries have become very rare events. We have not experienced a Marine related Class A or B mishap over the past 13 years; we will not rest on our achievements and actively seek better ways and means to pursue our safety goals. Our workforce is fully engaged and contributes by inspecting their work areas, reporting near miss conditions, suggesting program improvements, and watching out for the health and safety of coworkers. We continue to implement best practices brought back by our Special Government Employees during their visits to other organizations as part of OSHA's VPP evaluation teams. As one of only a handful of VPP Star worksites in the Marine Corps, we are justifiably proud of our record low mishap rates, continuous improvement initiatives, and our powerful safety culture.

As participants in VPP, we continue a commitment to excellence in safety. We continue to improve by applying sound risk management, analyzing work processes, exceeding workplace safety compliance standards in order to maintain a strong safety culture.

We will continue to use VPP as the command's safety and occupational health management system and I expect everyone to continue to do their part. We owe it to each other, our families, our tenant organizations, and the Marine warfighter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael J. Fitzgerald". The signature is stylized and written over a light grey rectangular background.

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