



COMMAND PHILOSOPHY VT-3 RED KNIGHTS

Our mission is to TRAIN THE WORLD'S BEST MILITARY AVIATORS. Being a Red Knight begins with the right attitude. To develop our future leaders we must set the example by laying a foundation of safety, training excellence and professionalism in everything we do.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Safety - Above all things, safety first! We have guidance in the form of procedures and instructions and have been given the tools of Operational Risk Management to safely accomplish the mission. Procedural compliance with a "by the book" mentality should guide you and sound judgment will lead you to the safe execution of the mission. If training cannot be conducted safely and in accordance with procedures, today is not your day to fly.

Professionalism and Training Excellence - Civilians, instructors and students all need to work as a team and set the highest standards of performance. Student Naval aviators must come prepared and have the desire to succeed. I expect the highest level of preparedness and professionalism from our winged aviators to meet that desire even before entering the brief space and long after the wheels hit the deck. As Red Knights, we all have the responsibility to hold one another and ourselves to the highest standard, both in the aircraft and on-deck. Instructors and students share the responsibility, but instructors will lead and set the example.

Attitude - ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING. A culture of safety, professionalism and training excellence is a by-product of positive attitudes. It is our mission to train the world's best military aviators, and the right attitude is essential to accomplish the mission.

As Red Knights, we strive to be the best at what we do, and no one does it better. Your pride is nothing short of remarkable. I am proud of our Red Knight Team!


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