



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**TRAINING SQUADRON EIGHT SIX**  
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**VT-86 COMMAND PHILOSOPHY**

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The mission of Training Squadron EIGHT SIX is to train the next generation of Navy, Marine Corps, and International Flight Officers to take the fight to the enemy and achieve success in all endeavors. By dedicating ourselves to excellence in all that we do, while maintaining the highest possible standards tactically and professionally, we will ensure that every Sabrehawk achieves their absolute best. At VT-86, we are not simply training Naval Flight Officers, but the next generation of leaders for the Navy and Marine Corps.

Three main principles are the foundation for mission success:

1. Safety
  - Risk is inherent to Naval Aviation, but must be mitigated by effective ORM at the right levels. Everyone has a voice and a responsibility to speak up if there is ever any doubt.
  - No event or “X” is worth a mishap.
2. Professionalism
  - Set and maintain the highest standards of conduct and training. Maintain technical and tactical proficiency.
  - Adhere to all published instructions, policies and operating procedures.
3. People
  - Our greatest asset is people. Take care of yourself and your families above all else.
  - Always treat everyone with dignity and respect. Strive to be your best and seek to motivate and mentor our peers and future leaders alike.

Commanding Officer’s Expectations:

- Emulate the Navy’s Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.
- Be a professional at all times, both as an officer and an aviator.
- Be a leader. Set the example, know your people and go the “extra mile” to help others.
- Do everything right the first time, every time without shortcuts or “cutting corners”.
- Be a problem solver, not a problem identifier.
- Have fun! We are privileged every day to do what others only dream of.

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