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POLICY LETTER 02-20

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: HAZING

Ref: MCO 5354.1E w/Admin Change

1. Hazing is defined as any act that causes another Marine to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. These acts do not need to involve physical contact; it can be verbal or psychological in nature. It can also be actual or implied. Examples of hazing can include initiations, congratulatory strikes, or encouraging excessive alcohol consumption.

2. Hazing destroys trust and confidence, hinders personal and professional development, and is contrary to good order and discipline. These actions erode the integrity of our team and not only threatens mission accomplishment, but also violates our responsibility to take care of one another.

3. No Marine in this command (or attached), will engage in hazing or consent to acts of hazing being committed upon them. No one in a supervisory position will, by acts, word, commission or omission, condone or ignore hazing if he or she knows or reasonably should have known that hazing has or might occur. Consent to hazing is not a defense to violating this policy.

4. All personnel have a responsibility to immediately stop and report any incidents of hazing. These reported cases will be swiftly investigated and resolved by your detachment leadership. Those found to have participated in or failed to report acts of hazing will be subject to punishment under the UCMJ.

C. W. THOMAS

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