



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE



1. Substance abuse undermines our core values, degrades combat readiness, and brings discredit upon the Marine Corps. As such, substance abuse is unacceptable, and all Marines and Sailors are expected to step up to the plate and exercise the required leadership to curtail it whenever and wherever. To counter such abuse, we will engage in a progressive and aggressive command education program as well as an embedded effort to prevent and eliminate all forms of substance abuse.
2. As the critical "Fight Tonight" enabler, we will focus on prevention, education, detection, and appropriate repercussions for offenders. Substance abuse, including the excessive consumption of alcohol, is incompatible with our core values and presents a significant hazard to our Marines, Sailors, families, aircraft, equipment, and good order and discipline. Not only does it go against the ethical standards expected of us, but it undermines family readiness and jeopardizes opportunities for success on the battlefield or in crisis response.
3. Combating substance abuse requires the efforts and moral courage of every Marine and Sailor in 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW). Alcohol abuse, the illegal distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs and the wrongful use of legal but controlled substances is contrary to the mission of 1st MAW and violates the law. Abuse of these substances destroys our operational effectiveness. Each of us must be aware of the warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse and take positive steps to ensure that our fellow Marines and Sailors do not use drugs or misuse alcohol. This includes intervening before excessive drinking occurs, stopping a Marine or Sailor from driving under the influence of alcohol, and immediately challenging inappropriate behavior resulting from alcohol misuse. Additionally, if a Marine or Sailor needs help overcoming substance abuse issues, he or she must have the courage to seek help from the Substance Abuse Control Officer.
4. Leadership is critical to preventing substance abuse. Leaders at all levels must serve as positive examples, ensuring their attitudes are consistent with Marine Corps values and their behavior is above reproach.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell A. C. Sanborn".

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