



Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 Hazing Policy

All members of Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 have earned the title of either Marine or Sailor. There are no additional initiations or rites of passage to be a member of this organization.

Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one military member, regardless of Service or rank, causes another military member, regardless of Service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physically striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, verbally berating another, encouraging another to excessively consume alcohol, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning or dangerous acts. Soliciting or coercing another to participate in any such activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve physical contact among or between military members; it can be verbal or psychological in nature.



Hazing neither cultivates a shared pride nor brings units together. Instead, it degrades, embarrasses and often physically harms Marines and Sailors. In some cases, hazing incidents have killed service members.

It is unacceptable to allow, condone, observe or willingly participate in hazing or any rite of passage. Furthermore, it is each individual's responsibility to immediately stop and report any action that degrades or otherwise places a Marine or Sailor at odds with what we come to expect regarding our core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Any incident involving suspected hazing will get my immediate attention. Substantiated incidents will lead to administrative or punitive proceedings under the UCMJ.

Actual or implied consent to hazing is still a violation of the UCMJ.

Your duty is to stop and report hazing.


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