



MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12

1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING



## Policy on Hazing

*"Hazing, is any conduct whereby a military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, without proper authority causes another military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to any activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. Soliciting or coercing another to perpetrate 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. Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not eliminate culpability of the perpetrator."*

-MCO 1700.28B

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 has a critical mission: provide aviation ground support to Marine Aircraft Group 12. Hazing degrades our ability to support the MAG and has NO purpose here. I will not tolerate hazing in any form – all of our Marines and Sailors have earned the right to be here.

As Marines and Sailors, it is our duty and obligation to prevent hazing of any form. As your Commander, it is my intent to foster a command climate that is intolerant of hazing and proactive about reporting hazing incidents. We need to strive to maintain and sustain trust in one another and to continue to build on the bond we have as Marines. We must treat each other with fairness, dignity, and respect.

Setting the conditions for preventing hazing is everybody's responsibility. Ignoring, condoning, or failing to report hazing incidents may have damaging implications for the victims and the command. Appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken and violators of this policy will be held accountable. All members of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 need to understand that hazing or any other form of physical, verbal, or emotional maltreatment is illegal and must be reported immediately. We need to work together to attain this goal. Bottom line, hazing is unlawful and prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Semper Fidelis,

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