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**COMMANDING OFFICER  
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II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE**

**HAZING POLICY STATEMENT**

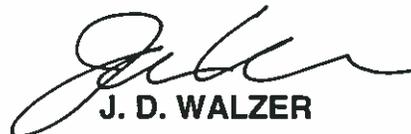


Hazing is any conduct whereby a military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, without proper authority causes another military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, to suffer or exposes them to any activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. Hazing degrades victims and witnesses' abilities to function effectively within their units. Hazing is contrary to our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and is prejudicial to good order and discipline.

At its core, hazing creates an environment of fear and reprisal, destroying the teamwork, combat readiness, and the trust and confidence central to unit cohesion. Hazing contradicts our ethos of "taking care of our own" and tarnishes the virtuous conduct and soldierly repute earned by those who served honorably since our Corps' inception. Those who commit acts of hazing violate our institutional character and damage our Marines and Sailors. Hazing will not be tolerated. Marines and Sailors who are found guilty of hazing will be held accountable.

To combat hazing, leaders will foster a command climate intolerant of hazing and proactively report hazing incidents. Leaders will also periodically review Marine Corps Order 1700.28B with their Marines and Sailors. It is every Marine's, Sailor's, Soldier's, and civilian's responsibility to ensure hazing does not occur in any form, at any level. Any violation, attempted violation, or solicitation of another to violate this policy, may subject involved members to adverse administrative or disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

I challenge every member of the Group to completely eradicate hazing from our ranks. A dedicated focus on sustaining the transformation and protecting what we have earned will set the conditions for success.

  
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