



  
**Commanding General**  
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*Hazing Policy*  
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The Marine Corps Order on Hazing, MCO 1700.28A, defines hazing as “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.”

Additionally, the Order states, “Hazing does not include command-authorized or operational activities; the requisite training to prepare for such missions or operations; administrative corrective measures; extra military instruction; athletic events; command authorized physical training; and other similar activities authorized by the chain of command.”

**Simply stated, HAZING IS PROHIBITED and will not be tolerated in 1st MAW.** No Marine or Sailor may engage in hazing or consent to acts of hazing being committed upon him or her. No one may, by act, word, or omission, condone, or ignore hazing if he or she knows or reasonably should have known that hazing would or may have occurred. Consent to hazing is not a defense to violating this policy. More specifically, no Marine or Sailor will direct – verbally or by implication – any other Marine or Sailor to perform any form of incentive PT, or undergo any type of initiation or “rite of passage” to any unit or organization. Hazing can also include, “threatening or offering violence or bodily harm, striking, branding, taping, tattooing, shaving, greasing, painting, ‘pinning,’ tacking on, ‘blood winging,’ or forced consumption of food, alcohol, drugs, or any other substance.” We have already proven ourselves as warriors fit to be called Marines, and it is contrary to our Corps Values to engage or subject our Marines or Sailors to such practices. Accordingly, I charge all 1st MAW personnel to exercise the “Golden Rule,” and treat others at all times as you would want to be treated.

Any Marine or Sailor involved directly or indirectly with hazing will be subject to disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or other applicable UCMJ Articles. **Furthermore, it is every Marine and Sailor’s absolute duty to immediately report any allegations or indications of hazing and there should be no fear of reprisal for doing so. Bottom-line, I have a zero tolerance policy for hazing, and violators will be prosecuted.**

The Marines and Sailors of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing are our most precious asset and we will protect them through fair, scrupulous and unbiased treatment. We are brothers and sisters – comrades-in-arms – and it is our duty to ensure every Marine and Sailor is treated with dignity and respect.

Semper Fidelis



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