



CAMP MUJUK COMMANDING OFFICER'S HAZING POLICY



Hazing is a demoralizing act that has no place in this institution. Every Marine and Sailor has already gone through their "Rite of Passage". Whether it was on the yellow footprints aboard the recruit depots of Parris Island or San Diego, we have all earned our titles. There are no further initiations or rites of passage required within our institution.

Hazing is defined 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. Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not eliminate the culpability of the perpetrator. Hazing can happen to anyone by anyone and is not limited to the superior-subordinate relationship. It can be among peers or even higher ranks being victimized by lower ranks. Simply put, hazing is purposely demeaning another for sport and perverse pleasure.

Common instances of hazing can include: physically striking another with the intent to cause pain, playing abusive pranks, forced alcohol food or drug consumption, tattooing, branding, and excessive exercise beyond what is required to meet standards. Some rituals that were once seen as time honored traditions such as "blood striping," "pinning," or "blood wings" also fall into the category of hazing and therefore will not be tolerated.

Hazing is a very dangerous and destructive activity that is in no way conducive to good order and discipline or mission accomplishment. Hazing breaks down that trust and camaraderie that many of us sought when we joined. We hold ourselves to a higher standard and should not have to subject ourselves or others to harsh and cruel treatment for the sake of belonging. Everyone here has earned their place and deserves to feel welcomed into a command climate that appreciates and encourages their contributions to mission accomplishment.

The Marine Corps must continually adapt in order to keep winning its nations battles and maintaining its reputation as the world elite fighting force. In order to ensure continued success we must take care of our most important asset, Marines. Hazing is not how we take care of our own and will not be tolerated. Anyone found violating this policy will be held accountable. If you feel like you have been a victim of Hazing or any form of maltreatment or reprisal, or have knowledge of an incident, notify your chain of command via Request Mast or contact you Equal Opportunity Representative for immediate assistance.


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