



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON HAZING



To succeed in today's complex environment, professionalism is our standard, and operating at a high level of trust both internally within our organization, and externally with our partners, enables our mission success. Hazing defies professionalism, and tears at the fabric of trust between fellow Marines and between the Marine Corps and the citizens we exist to serve.

Hazing is contrary to our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and is prejudicial to good order and discipline. It is contrary to our ethos of "taking care of our own." **It is also unlawful and it will not be tolerated.**

Hazing is defined as any conduct which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. Participating in such activity, allowing it to occur through action or inaction, or willfully consenting to being the subject of hazing is contrary to who we are as Marines.

As your commander, I assure you that Hazing has no place in Cherry Point, and I will hold accountable individuals guilty of violating Marine Corps Policy.

All personnel will be treated with dignity and respect, and together we will foster and demand an environment free from hazing. Our success is incumbent upon each Marine, Sailor and civilian to contribute their part to the overall mission. It is the responsibility of everyone to address, correct and report any instance of hazing without fear of reprisal. If you believe you have been, or are a witness to an incident of hazing, you must report it through your chain of command, by Request Mast, or by contacting the MCAS Cherry Point Inspector's Office.

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