



COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON HAZING

"Our 31st Commandant, General Krulak, established the crucible as the sole rite of passage to earn the title "Marine." There is no other! When he published our hazing policy in 1997, he closed the door on other "rites of passage." I want to be clear to all Marines that hazing has no place in a disciplined and professional military force."

*James F. Amos, General, U.S. Marine Corps
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Hazing is inconsistent with our core values, does irreparable damage to unit cohesion, degrades combat readiness and takes the dignity away from Marines and Sailors. Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one military member, without proper authority, causes another military member to suffer or be exposed to an activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. Regardless of the form it takes, hazing is always unacceptable.



As your Commander, It is my responsibility to ensure the equality of treatment for all personnel and to ensure we will never take the dignity away from any Marine or Sailor. I will thoroughly review all reported cases where hazing is suspected or alleged, hold the individuals accountable and swiftly apply corrective action.

All Leaders: Shall personally become involved in the prevention, detection and shall foster and demand an environment free of hazing. Commanders will ensure all Marines and Sailors in their units are fully aware of the behaviors that constitute hazing and that all incidents are reported via the chain of command to the Commanding Officer, MCAS Cherry Point.

All Hands: Maintain a high standard of professionalism and respect for every member within this command. Our success is dependent upon each and every Marine, Sailor and civilian contributing their part. To that end, it is the responsibility of each member of this command to address, correct, and report, **without fear of reprisal**, any instance of hazing. There are three ways to accomplish this: (1) **through your chain of command;** (2) **Request Mast;** and (3) **contacting the MCAS Cherry Point Inspector.** Assistance and additional information is available through your chain of command.


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