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AIR STATION ORDER 1700.4A

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
To: Distribution List

Subj: HAZING

Ref: (a) MCO 1700.28

1. Situation. To publish Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point policy which prohibits the hazing or maltreatment of Marines and Sailors.

2. Cancellation. ASO 1700.4.

3. Summary of Revision. This Order has been completely revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

4. Mission. The reference has outlined the Commandant's policy that every Marine will treat every other Marine with dignity and respect. There is no place for hazing and maltreatment within any organization of our Marine Corps. These actions violate the special trust and confidence between all of those who so proudly serve our nation and will not be tolerated.

5. Execution

a. Commanding Officers and Officers-In-Charge will:

(1) Ensure that an appropriate command climate exists for the prevention of such incidents and one that allows for timely and sensitive reporting if required.

(2) Provide training for all Marines and units to ensure that all personnel are aware of the Hazing policy at MCAS, Cherry Point as stated within this Order.

b. Hazing is prohibited.

6. Administration and Logistics

a. Definitions

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(1) Hazing

(a) To harass by exacting unnecessary or disagreeable work.

(b) To persecute or harass with meaningless, difficult, or humiliating tasks.

(c) To harass by banter, ridicule, or criticism.

(d) Initiation rites requiring rough physical play or other activities that may be construed as humiliating in nature by participants.

(2) Maltreatment. To treat roughly or unkindly; to abuse.

b. Commandant's test for inappropriate conduct: Conduct which is contrary to the fundamentals of respect and care for each other inherent in our core values of being Marines, degrades the Marines, may result in physical injury, or result in adverse public opinion.

c. Hazing and maltreatment can take many forms, both mental and physical. These types of activities will not be tolerated at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

d. Prohibited Conduct:

(1) Words, gestures, and/or actions which haze or maltreat a specific individual or a specific group of Marines and/or Sailors for any reason.

(2) Examples: but not limited to, "Nailing on of Blood Stripes," "pinning on chevrons or jump/scuba badges," "tea bagging," "chimping," "E-tool qual," "drinking for wing," "rigger or duct-taping," "flapping," "thrashing," "pushing," "restraining and hosing," "Beretta bite," "Rifle reveille," and "do you trust me."

(3) These so called "rites of passage" or any other such examples of ill conceived "traditions" that entail striking, hitting, punching, other form of physical contact, or any form of hazing are expressly prohibited - these are all grounds for appropriate adverse administrative or disciplinary action.

(4) Incentive Physical Training (IPT) is authorized at the Recruit Depots and some basic MOS-producing schools as an aid to instilling discipline and motivation. IPT is strictly prohibited

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within MCAS Cherry Point. All Marines and Sailors will be treated with firmness, fairness, and dignity.

7. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

ROBERT D. CLINTON
Executive Officer

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