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POLICY LETTER 10-16

From: Commanding General
To: All Hands
Subj: HAZING

History has shown that hazing can happen in any unit, and the keys to prevention are training, leadership, supervision, and accountability. 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 culpability of the perpetrator.

Hazing is contrary to our Corps Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and is prejudicial to good order and discipline. Hazing exploits and creates an environment of fear and reprisal, destroying the confidence and trust that is central to unit cohesion, teamwork, and combat readiness. Hazing is contrary to our ethos of "taking care of our own," violates our institutional character, and disrespects our most precious asset - our Marines and Sailors. Hazing will not be tolerated and violators are to be held accountable.

Leaders at all levels are charged to become familiar with the contents of Marine Corps Order (MCO) 1700.28B. No Marine or Sailor within Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center may engage in hazing. No one in a supervisory position may, by act, word, or omission, condone or ignore hazing if they know, or reasonably should have known, that hazing may or did occur. Any violation, attempted violation, or solicitation of another to violate the contents of MCO 1700.28B, subjects involved members to administrative or disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform code of Military Justice.

The following avenues, in order of precedence, are available to report instances of hazing:

- a. Inform your Chain of Command.
- b. Request Mast.
- c. Call the Command Inspector General at (760) 830-4872/6978.
- d. Call the DSTRESS Line at 1-877-476-7734.

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