



**Commanding Officer
Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island**

HAZING POLICY STATEMENT

All Marines and Sailors had their "rites of passage" when they attended their respective boot camp or Officer Candidates School. They earned their right to be called Marines and Sailors in these venues. No other form of initiation is required.

Marines and Sailors will not be subject to hazing of any sort. Hazing creates an environment of fear and reprisal, destroying the teamwork, combat readiness, and the trust and confidence central to unit cohesion.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physically striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, taping, greasing, shaving, blood-winging, blood-stripping or pinning, requiring excessive physical exercise beyond what is necessary to meet accepted component-specific standards, verbally berating another, encouraging another to excessively consume alcohol or to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning or dangerous acts, or the forced consumption of alcohol, drugs, or any other substance. These behaviors are out of character with the tenets of our core values, military discipline, and standards of conduct. They will not be tolerated.

Anyone having knowledge of hazing or suspected hazing will report the incident immediately via the chain of command or to the Command Equal Opportunity Representative.

We will live by the warrior ethos to protect, defend, and treat all persons with dignity and respect!


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