

HMLA-167 HAZING POLICY STATEMENT

The Marine Corps policy for hazing is governed by MCO 1700.28B

Mission: Ensure hazing, in any form, does not occur in the Marine Corps.

There will be ZERO tolerance for hazing in this command.

Hazing is contrary to our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and is prejudicial to good order and discipline. It is a willful and demeaning act that degrades victims' and witnesses' abilities to function effectively within their units. At its core, hazing creates an environment of fear and reprisal, destroying the teamwork, combat readiness, and the trust and confidence central to unit cohesion. Hazing is contrary to our ethos of "taking care of our own" and stains the virtuous conduct and soldierly repute earned by those who have served honorably since our Corps' inception. Those who commit acts of hazing violate our institutional character and damage our most precious asset -Marines and Sailors.



All allegations of hazing will be carefully investigated and appropriate action will be taken against any substantiated allegation.

Hazing is 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.

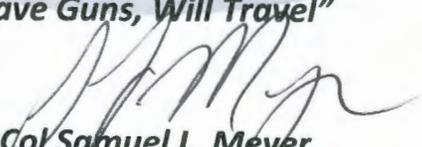
Examples of hazing:

- Pressured or forced head shaving (with exception of recruit and officer training)
- "Pinning on" or "Blood wing(ing)"
- Pressuring or encouraging consumption of excessive amounts of alcohol

There will be no "Rites of Passage" in this command. We all completed our Rite of Passage as Marines the day we completed Recruit and/or Officer training.

Treat others how you want to be treated and look out for the well-being of your fellow Marines and Warriors at all times.

"Have Guns, Will Travel"


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