



## HMLA-269 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RESPONSIBLE DRINKING POLICY STATEMENT



The Marine Corps policy for Substance Abuse is governed by MCO 5300.17A.

**As the Commander I am responsible for the implementation of the Substance Abuse Program, and more importantly assisting in the prevention and treatment of any Gunrunner that finds themselves in a challenging wellness condition, or appropriate administrative actions for those Marines and Sailors that fall short of the Gunrunner title.**

The purpose of the Substance Abuse program is to keep all Gunrunners healthy, safe, and physically resilient in order to be ready for combat. Substance misuse prevention promotes no risk alcohol use, advocates the proper use of prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and seeks to eliminate illicit drug use through outreach, training, and education.

The wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction of illegal drugs and controlled substances is prohibited and will be dealt with in accordance with the UCMJ. Bottom line, if you use illegal drugs or controlled substances, or abuse prescription drugs, you will be immediately pulled off the line, and will not touch aircraft (**we cannot afford to have anyone touch an aircraft that is not 100% physically and mentally fit**).

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.....PERIOD (THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY).** The use of illicit drugs or abuse of prescription drugs is a direct attack on our ethos, and undermines our commitment to the Gunrunner family. Not only does it damage the individual Marine or Sailor, but it puts every Gunrunner at risk due to that individual's inability to do their jobs safely and effectively.

**SEEK HELP EARLY!** If you have an alcohol problem or are at risk of wandering down the wrong path, please seek help and utilize resources such as the Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC), Flight Doctor, Chaplain, or other mental health resources to handle those stressors. We need you on the Gunrunner Flightline! Let us help keep you healthy so you remain a vital part of the Gunrunner Family.

Responsible Drinking: Per the law, if you are under the age of 21 -- that means no drinking (not legally allowed). For those of legal age, you will be treated as adults. All Gunrunners expect you to drink responsibly and keep your commitment to show up safe to work and ready to fight on Monday. **That ultimately means having a plan!** There is no excuse for not planning on a ride-sharing plan or Designated Driver if heading out to drink responsibly. If you have more than one drink, the Command cannot help if you get behind the wheel. Designated Drivers do not drink...period.

Guardian Angel: When it comes to responsible drinking, you must look after one another. Be the First and the Finest and have the maturity to call it early if someone has too much to drink. Take care of each other and make sure everyone hits the beach!

"Our Best on the Worst Day"



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