

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S HAZING POLICY



There is only one rite of passage in the Marine Corps, and it culminated at your recruit training graduation or commissioning day... the day you earned the title United States Marine or Sailor!

Hazing can include, but is not limited to, physical acts inflicting pain, verbal abuse, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, dangerous, or demeaning acts. These acts serve no purpose or function. They damage unit cohesion and morale. Hazing violates the dignity of Marines and Sailors and besmirches the Dragon reputation and image as well as that of the Marine Corps and Navy. If you are found guilty of committing an act of hazing, I will hold you accountable with administrative or disciplinary action.

If you are subjected to hazing, witness an act of hazing, or become aware of an act of hazing, you have an obligation to report it.

Have the moral fortitude to immediately intervene and stop the offensive conduct without trepidation. Report it through your chain-of-command, or through other avenues such as the Squadron Equal Opportunity Representatives or Chaplain. Victims and witnesses can receive advocacy services such as legal assistance, medical assistance, and counseling as necessary. It must be addressed and reported promptly so I can take appropriate action.

Marines and Sailors are brothers and sisters in arms, reliant upon one another to accomplish our mission. Mutual respect and trust are absolute requirements and actions that diminish or destroy that trust runs counter to our culture as Marines and Sailors and will not be tolerated.

I expect you to conduct yourselves professionally, both in and out of uniform. At all times, you are Marines and Sailors. Conduct yourselves accordingly. You must treat others with the respect you have earned with the title of Marine or Sailor. Never waiver from doing the right thing and taking care of each other.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Petersen". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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