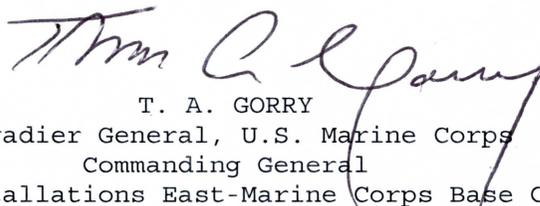




COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY ON HAZING

Any acts of hazing will not be tolerated within Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ) and its subordinate commands. Aside from serving no useful purpose, the demeaning and abusive activities associated with hazing inhibit performance, debase personal dignity, and can result in serious injury. To prevent it, we must promote an awareness of what constitutes hazing and understand the negative impact of such activities. Hazing typically occurs in connection with various impromptu and unsupervised "initiations" and is the result of the erroneous perception that the event gives license to subject an individual to personal abuse. Examples include: "pinning" on of rank, awarding the blood stripe through a gauntlet, application of grease, oil, or other noxious substances on a member's body, forcing consumption or encouragement to consume excessive quantities of alcohol, offensive hitting, slapping, or touching another individual, and any other action which subjects an individual to ridicule or embarrassment. Some incidents of hazing have been condoned as unit initiations or innocent jest without intent to harm. Although the actions or verbal harassment may be considered humorous by some observers, they often create a sense of separation in the minds of the victims. Further, they undermine the very morale and esprit de corps they purport to advance. Hazing constitutes military misconduct, and its prevention is an all-hands responsibility. Victims and anyone observing such activity shall report violations of this policy. There is no place in the Marine Corps for dehumanizing treatment. Every incident of hazing shall be investigated with appropriate disciplinary action initiated against the perpetrators and those in the chain of command who condone such practices by inaction or neglecting to investigate suspected incidents. Our success as an organization very much depends on our people. A healthy, positive, and professional work and duty environment is essential to enable each of us to contribute.

I direct the leadership throughout MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ to ensure every member of this Command is educated with regard to this Policy. All Marines, Sailors, and Civilians are required to review MCO 1700.28A on hazing. Anyone who witnesses, or believes, any event crosses the line has a moral obligation to put a stop to it immediately and report it via the chain of command. Strong application of this policy will help us support an environment that maintains our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.


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