6TH AIR NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON COMPANY

HAZING PREVENTION STATEMENT

Per Marine Corps Order 1700.28B, ***hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, without proper authority causes another military member, regardless of Service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to an activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive***. 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 (such as "pinning, "tacking on", or "blood wing(ing)'), involves physical contact among or between military members; playing abusive or ridiculous tricks; or it can be verbal or psychological in nature. Hazing is not limited to superior-subordinate relationships but also peer to peer and even actions by junior personnel toward senior military members.

Hazing is prohibited. No matter how "hard" one may feel "they had it," how "soft" one perceives a new Marine, or how "cool" it seems to be part of a particular group; **NO Marine or Sailor may engage in hazing or consent to acts of hazing being committed upon them.** No one in a supervisory position may, by act, word, or omission, condone, or ignore hazing if he or she knows or reasonably should have known that hazing may occur. The victim's consent to hazing is not a defense. **The Marines and Sailors of 6th ANGLICO will treat one another with dignity and respect.**

As an ANGLICO, we must operate in small teams dispersed with partnered forces. Any activity which detracts from good order and discipline or degrades an individual's self-worth impacts unit cohesion and trust and erodes our ability to accomplish our wartime mission. In other words, this is a leadership issue and falls squarely within our mandate to "take care of our own."

I expect every member of this Company who witnesses a hazing incident to take appropriate action to stop the activity, protect the victim(s), and to immediately report it to your chain of command. This is our obligation to our fellow Marines and Sailors.

Additional information and assistance is available through the chain of command and Marine Corps Order 1700.28B.

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