



COMMANDER'S POLICY STATEMENT

SUBSTANCE ABUSE



The abuse of alcohol; the wrongful use, possession, and distribution of legal, controlled substances; and the illegal use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs reduces the battalion's readiness and ability to respond to contingency operations. These acts destroy the health and wellbeing of our Marines and Sailors, their careers, and families; brings discredit upon the Marine Corps and the United States Navy's legacy; and are inconsistent with our role as the nation's premier, **professional warfighters**.

We must eradicate the adverse effects of substance abuse and misuse through education and training. I challenge all leaders to be proactive – identify early signs of this behavior to provide care and treatment and in a decisive and comprehensive manner, administer appropriate corrective action to maintain good order and discipline. The primary focus areas are education, detection, appropriate treatment, and offender accountability. The Substance Abuse Control Officer will provide resources and answer questions; SSgt Sutton can be reached at (910) 451-2353. Proactive efforts by leaders at all levels will enable our Marines, Sailors, and families to be armed with the knowledge and skills necessary to attack and prevent substance abuse issues, before they turn into a serious problem. To support this effort:

- At least 22 percent of our battalion will participate in random urinalysis testing each month. In addition, we will conduct 100% urinalysis testing throughout the year.
- All personnel reporting aboard via permanent change of station orders, permanent change of assignment orders, or leave in excess of 5 days will be tested within 72 hours of arrival/return.
- All personnel who drive while intoxicated, or are involved in any other alcohol related incident, will be processed for administrative action, per applicable Marine Corps Orders.
- All personnel who use illegal drugs, misuse alcohol, prescription drugs, or other controlled substances will be adjudicated, be referred to the Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC) and may be processed for administrative separation, per applicable Marine Corps Orders.

We must ensure that all battalion Marines and Sailors are committed to eradicating substance abuse from our organization. If you are under the age of 21, you will NOT drink alcohol. If you are of legal drinking age, you will drink responsibly, and you will not drive while intoxicated or provide alcohol to minors; put simply: obey the law! We will take preemptive action through engaged leadership, training, counseling, appropriate treatment and constant vigilance to keep this illegal behavior from destroying our combat effectiveness and family readiness. Protect what you have earned; uphold our Marine Corps Core Values.

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