



**HEADQUARTERS REGIMENT
COMMANDING OFFICER'S
HAZING PREVENTION STATEMENT**



“Hazing, is any conduct whereby a military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, without proper authority causes another military member or members, regardless of Service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to any activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. Soliciting or coercing another to perpetrate any such activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve physical contact among or between military members; it can be verbal or psychological in nature. Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not eliminate culpability of the perpetrator.”

“Hazing does not include command-authorized or operational activities; the requisite training to prepare for such missions or operations; verbal counseling addressing performance or correct deficiencies; administrative corrective measures; properly administered Extra Military Instruction (EMI) athletic events; command authorized physical training.”

I do strictly charge each one of you to put a stop to hazing and bullying wherever you witness it. You are not allowed to let hazing occur to you, nor will you tolerate it done to others in our unit or any other unit. Stand up for those who will not or cannot stand up for themselves. Stop it. Report it. I will investigate all allegations of hazing and if substantiated, I will take the appropriate disciplinary and/or administrative action.

Phillip N. Fietze
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding