

COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 13
COMMANDING OFFICER'S
HAZING PREVENTION STATEMENT



Dignity and Respect
"Humans are more important than hardware"



Traditions, Legacy, "Can Do", Esprit de Corps, Semper Fidelis...these are all powerful words and phrases that describe the spirit that we as Marines honor and the success and accomplishments of this unit since its formation.

As we drawdown from Major Combat Operations and focus on our expeditionary roots, it is imperative that we as leaders take the lessons learned over the past 15 years and teach the young Marines and Sailors the skills that we have developed through blood, sweat and tears. I demand and challenge you to take those skills and teach and train the new generation of Marines and Sailors; prepare them and invest the time to ensure they succeed. What I don't expect and will not allow or tolerate is training or initiation that is unlawful and against the good order and discipline of this unit. The appearance or belief that you are better than others who have not had the same experience in life exhibits poor character and demonstrates your unworthiness as a Marine/Sailor.

We have all earned the right to wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, and we expect to be treated accordingly. Marines and Sailors will be treated with dignity and respect.

Hazing is a crime that strikes at the fabric of our Core Values, individual and unit readiness, and the very foundation of the bonds between Marines and Sailors. Crimes such as this dishonor us all, and will not be tolerated in the Battalion. I will use every means available to prevent, and to prosecute to the fullest extent, any and all acts of this kind.

Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby a military member, without proper authority, causes another military member to suffer or be exposed to any activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, or demeaning. Coercing another to perform hazing is hazing. Simply, hazing is purposely demeaning another for sport and perverse pleasure.

Hazing will not be tolerated.

Hazing violates our Corps Values, impairs the Battalion's ability to deploy as a force in readiness, and breaks the trust and integrity of individual and unit. Preserve your honor by never allowing this type of behavior to occur anywhere in our ranks. I charge every Marine and Sailor in this Battalion with actively preventing any and all acts of hazing. Look out for one another, protect one another, and should you become aware of anything that even remotely meets the definition above, act to prevent, then immediately inform the chain of command.

Incidents suspected or otherwise will be submitted through the chain of command in order to properly investigate and substantiate any misconduct. All allegations of hazing will be investigated and violators will ultimately be subjected to appropriate action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. C. Hatfield".

B. C. HATFIELD
Commanding Officer
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