



**COMMANDING OFFICER
COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION
STATEMENT ON HAZING**



Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one military member, regardless of service or rank, causes another military member regardless of service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to an activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. Everyone earned the title of “Marine” or “Sailor” upon completion of their entry level training; no other initiation or rite of passage is required or permitted. Our nation expects and demands that Marines and Sailors uphold the highest standards of character, self-discipline, and personal conduct. To engage in the immature and dehumanizing behavior serves only to tarnish our proud image and reduce our overall combat readiness.

Members of Combat Assault Battalion do not go into harm’s way, support their fellow Marine or Sailor on their left and right, or give up their lives because they have been initiated into some self-defined sub-culture. They perform because they are United States Marines or United States Sailors and a member of this fine battalion who will never let fellow warriors down.

Hazing in Combat Assault Battalion will not be tolerated. **LEADERS** will not condone or ignore hazing in any capacity. No Marine or Sailor may engage in hazing or consent to acts of hazing being committed upon them. Additionally, consent to hazing is not a defense to violating this order.

Every Marine and Sailor in the battalion will review and comply with this policy as well as the Marine Corps Order and all other applicable policies and directives on hazing. By preventing hazing before it occurs, we will ensure that Marines and Sailors of Combat Assault Battalion remain “Ready to Fight” now!

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