



3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES COMMANDER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY

The Marine Corps maintains a "zero tolerance" policy on drug abuse. A drug free environment is essential to the operational readiness and mission-accomplishment of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Under no circumstances will we tolerate the possession, use, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs. Accordingly, any Marine or Sailor determined as having used or possessed illegal drugs will be expeditiously processed for administrative separation. Additionally, off-base establishments known to be sources of supply for illegal drugs are declared off-limits to all Marines and Sailors. It is my intent to use every available means to prevent the use of illegal drugs in this command, to include educational programs designed to demonstrate the negative physical and the mental impact of illegal drug use.

Alcohol abuse is also contrary to the effective performance of Marines and Sailors, and to our mission. We will not tolerate such irresponsible behavior from any Marine or Sailor, regardless of rank. It is my intent to impede and discourage all efforts to diminish the combat readiness and effectiveness of this unit, by over-indulging in alcohol, causing personnel to be rendered ineffective for training or combat. Activities that encourage personnel to abuse alcoholic beverages, or social functions where alcohol is the only beverage available, are prohibited. Proactive leadership and measures will prevent disciplinary or adverse administrative action.

Our nation relies on us to be ready to deploy on a moment's notice. We will not jeopardize any Marine or Sailor's life or health due to letting them abuse alcohol or drugs. Reluctance on the part of any leader to confront a Marine or Sailor with a substance abuse problem is not only detrimental to the objectives of this unit, but constitutes a disservice to the individual, his/her family, and the United States Naval Service. We need you and them on the team!

S. J. Eastin
S. J. EASTIN

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines