



COMMANDER'S POLICY ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



Per MCO 5300.17A, alcohol abuse and the possession, use, trafficking or distribution of illegal drugs/drug paraphernalia is contrary to the effective performance of marines and sailors and will not be tolerated.

Alcohol and drug offenses will be dealt with swiftly and effectively. The wrongful use possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction of drugs onto a military installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft is prohibited.

Our substance abuse policy is proactive in nature and will focus on prevention and education. The goal is to assist marines and sailors in making good life decisions. Everyone in 3d Reconnaissance Battalion needs to be aware of the warning signs of substance abuse. We will hold individuals accountable.

Even when our people have done wrong, we will support their recovery and make every attempt to make them well again. We will provide referral services to those in need. The use of illegal drugs has an immediate detrimental effect on unit discipline and performance; all individuals that violate MCO 5300.17A will be processed for administrative separation. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion will continue to support our personnel through referral services, transition assistance, and concerned and engaged leadership.

Leaders, ensure that you know your marines and sailors and prevent instances of substance abuse from occurring. Use of illicit drugs, misuse of prescribed pharmaceutical drugs, and excessive use of alcohol rob us of our strength. These habits take our marine and sailors from our ranks and reduce our combat power.

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