

TF-51/5 CG HAZING POLICY



Commander's Intent:

Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade provides the finest Crisis Response Force at sea, from the sea, and ashore in support of U.S. Central Command, Fifth Fleet and Marine Forces Central Command theater objectives; always prepared to fight and win in any clime and place.

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. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physically striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, verbally berating another, encouraging another to excessively consume alcohol, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning, or dangerous acts. Soliciting or coercing another to participate in 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.

As we operate in a high-tempo, dynamic environment, our mission to counter adversaries and support our allies demands that every Marine, Sailor, and Civilian performs their role effectively. To achieve our goals, we must maintain an environment where everyone can focus on our critical objectives.

Marine Corps and Navy policies mandate a safe and professional environment for all personnel. Acts of violence, intimidation, harassment, or any disruptive behavior that compromises personal safety undermine our mission and will not be tolerated.

Preventing violence requires vigilance and proactive leadership. It starts with recognizing and reporting warning signs of potential violence, whether from unit members or others. Each of us has a responsibility to report such behavior immediately to unit leaders, Base Security Forces, or the Violence Prevention Officer. Through awareness and timely reporting, we can foster a culture that prevents violence and protects our unit and its members.



Brigadier General Stephen J. Lightfoot

Commanding General

Task Force 51 / 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

"Mission First, People Always"

