



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



MCO 5300.17A (Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program) prohibits the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction of a controlled substance, designer drug, natural substance, chemicals, propellants, prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction.

The conditions outlined above are contrary to good order and discipline. They severely inhibit the effective performance of our Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and Contractors and disrupt our ability to ensure mission accomplishment. As such, we must focus on prevention and maintain a proactive posture to prohibit the emergence of an incident. All personnel must remain observant of the indicators of a potential problem and direct individuals to support services as soon as possible.

Individuals involved in drug or alcohol related incidents will be immediately referred to the Security Battalion Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO). Screening, counseling, and referral to the Consolidated Substance Abuse Counseling Center (CSACC) will be completed to ensure the timely application of assistance. Individuals are encouraged to self-refer for education, counseling, therapy, or other personal or familial substance abuse support services before an incident occurs.

All leaders are responsible for the well-being of their personnel. We must ensure subordinates are informed of the resources and support services available to assist them with addiction and/or appropriate coping mechanisms. Incidents involving the abuse of legal or illegal substances must be immediately reported to ensure individuals are able to be directed to applicable services in a timely manner. Taking care of our subordinates and each other is of the utmost importance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Rainey".

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