



ALCOHOL ABUSE

ALCOHOL ABUSE IS DEFINED AS THE USE OF ALCOHOL TO AN EXTENT THAT IT HAS AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON PERFORMANCE, CONDUCT, DISCIPLINE, OR MISSION EFFECTIVENESS AND THE USER'S HEALTH, BEHAVIOR, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OR LEADS TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AS EVIDENCED BY ONE OR MORE ACTS OF ALCOHOL RELATED MISCONDUCT.

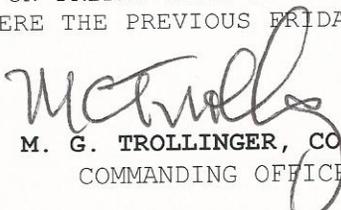
ALCOHOL ABUSE DEGRADES OUR COMBAT READINESS, UNDERMINES OUR CORE VALUES, HURTS OUR MARINE CORPS FAMILY, AND CAN POTENTIALLY CAUSE UNNECESSARY LOSS OF LIFE. THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. ALL INCIDENTS WILL BE DEALT WITH THROUGH APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES. THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE SCREENED BY THE COMMAND SACO TO DETERMINE IF TREATMENT IS WARRANTED.

I EXPECT EVERY MARINE TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CONDUCT IN ALL SITUATIONS. I DEMAND THAT LEADERS BE ENGAGED TO ENSURE EXPECTATIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD; EDUCATION AND AWARENESS TRAINING IS CONDUCTED; AND MARINES AND SAILORS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS MUST BE ATTENTIVE TO THE SIGNS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE - FROM THE OBVIOUS SUCH AS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR ALCOHOL RELATED INCIDENTS, TO THOSE LESS SO SUCH AS POOR PERFORMANCE, LEGAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, OR OTHER INDICATORS. ADDITIONALLY, I EXPECT EVERY MARINE - AT EVERY LEVEL - TO INTERVENE AND TAKE IMMEDIATE AND APPROPRIATE ACTION WHEN THEY SEE A FELLOW MARINE WHO MAY HAVE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK OR APPEARS TO HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM. MARINES AND SAILORS OF THE 11TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

CHOOSING TO DRINK RESPONSIBLY MEANS DEVELOPING A PLAN - COLLABORATIVELY IF YOU WILL ACCOMPANY OTHERS - PRIOR TO DRINKING, AND THEN EXECUTING IT. THIS PLAN MUST CONSIDER TRANSPORTATION, TO INCLUDE THE USE OF A DESIGNATED DRIVER OR SETTING ASIDE FUNDS FOR A TAXI. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR OPERATING A MOTORIZED VEHICLE AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL. IF YOUR PLANS REQUIRE MODIFICATION, YOU WILL CALL A FRIEND, SOMEONE IN YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND, OR UTILIZE YOUR MCCS UNIT 'ARRIVE ALIVE' CARD.

WE IN THE 11TH MEU WILL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS LEGAL, MORAL OR ETHICAL.
- WE WILL BE BRILLIANT IN THE BASICS, AND WE WILL BE EXCEPTIONAL.
- WE WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, AND NEVER PART OF THE PROBLEM.
- WE WILL BE BETTER ON FRIDAY THAN WE WERE ON MONDAY, AND BETTER ON MONDAY THAN WE WERE THE PREVIOUS FRIDAY.


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