



3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING COMMANDING GENERAL'S GUIDANCE

ALCOHOL RELATED INCIDENTS ***"A Leadership Issue"***



Over the last four years, an alarming number of alcohol related incidents have occurred within the Wing. Alcohol related incidents absorb valuable resources at every level. The fact that each of these incidents is preventable emphasizes the need for improvement in the culture of how we address alcohol and more importantly how we as engaged leaders at all levels understand and execute our responsibilities. Driving under the influence (DUI) and other alcohol related incidents adversely impact our warfighting capabilities.

Alcohol abuse brings discredit upon the Marine Corps, undermines our core values, degrades combat readiness, and often results in needless loss of life. With a trend of over one hundred fifty DUIs per year, numerous cases of alcohol related spousal abuse, sexual assaults, and many serious injuries of 3d MAW personnel, we must take every opportunity to eliminate this threat. Although we have enjoyed numerous operational successes overseas, once we return home we too often fall short of the Marine Corps values of honor, courage and commitment.

Alcohol related incidents directly impact mission readiness. Leaders at every level shall ensure that our Marines and Sailors understand the importance of making the correct choice on or off duty. Knowing what our people are doing and being involved in the planning of off duty events is not intrusive leadership, but rather a basic principle of Marine Corps Leadership – to know our Marines and Sailors and look out for their welfare. Every Marine and Sailor in the Wing is responsible for their actions and shall display professionalism whether on or off duty.

An alcohol-Related Incident occurs when a Marine or Sailor commits an offense punishable under the UCMJ or civilian authority, and where, in the judgment of the Commanding Officer, the consumption of alcohol was a contributing factor. This includes Marines and Sailors who allow the illegal consumption/possession of alcohol by underage Marines/Sailors and/or dependents. (WgO 1700.24)

I expect every Marine, Sailor and civilian in 3d MAW to help reduce the number of alcohol related incidents occurring in our Wing. Leaders at every level have the responsibility and empowerment to be involved in the planning of both on and off duty activities for personnel in their charge. The greatest risk to our force in garrison is poor decision making while on leave and liberty. We can get at this insidious problem through our commitment to operational excellence in all we do – both on and off duty. As leaders we must “catch our fellow Marine before they fall”, get to the foundation of these incidents by taking action!

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