



# Commanding Officer Financial Management School Statement of Hazing

*In all your actions honor the Marine Corps and yourself.*

The Marine Corps is a family. A family joined together by core values, training, shared sacrifice, a proud history, and our warfighting spirit. Becoming a Marine is a recognized rite of passage – always earned, never given. We will treat every Marine as a professional and valuable member of the team, just as we expect to be treated ourselves. Hazing is often justified as an effort to build teamwork, morale and esprit de corps, but in fact it is little more than abusive, degrading treatment. Rather than enhancing morale in the unit, it has the complete opposite effect. Over the years extreme hazing cases have resulted in Marines suffering serious injuries and even death, and many careers have been destroyed. Every Marine at Financial Management School will be treated with respect and dignity.

*Hazing* is any conduct where 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.

All leaders will be familiar with the reference and are charged with reporting all allegations of hazing, both substantiated and unsubstantiated, to me or the First Sergeant personally, using the most expeditious means possible.

We cannot fulfill our goal to train the best Financial Managers in the Department of Defense if we fail to treat all Marines with the dignity and respect they deserve.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.D. Brewster".

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