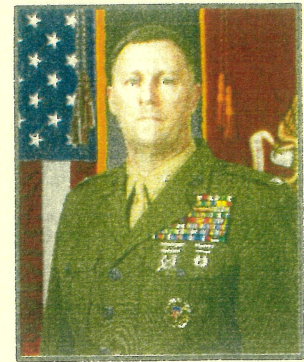
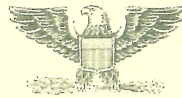




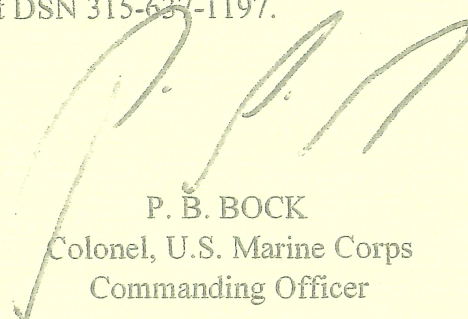
## Commanding Officer's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy Letter



Leaders must set the example and ensure every member of the unit is aware of the Marine Corps' commitment to prevent drug and alcohol abuse. Alcohol and substance abuse weaken the mission effectiveness of our unit and erode trust. I expect every leader to foster an environment where responsible alcohol consumption is acceptable for those of legal age and for those who make the personal decision to have an alcoholic beverage. Furthermore, I expect leaders to learn, and be alert, to the characteristics of substance abuse and the symptoms of alcohol dependency.

Alcohol and substance abuse, to include the distribution, possession, use, trafficking or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, and the misuse of prescription drugs, are contrary to the effective performance of Marines and to the Marine Corps' mission. Additionally, driving while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other illegal substances are chargeable offenses under the UCMJ. There is no tolerance for violations of this policy.

I encourage anyone that believes they may need assistance to speak with their chain of command or the Substance Assessment Coordinating Officer (SACO). My goal is to provide them the treatment they may need and get them back in the fight. Marines and Sailors who seek assistance for their alcohol dependency can do so with the utmost confidentiality and without fear of punishment or reprisal from the chain of command. Assistance is available through Combat Logistics Regiment 37, Substance Assessment Coordinating Office at DSN 315-637-1197.

  
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