



**I MEF SUPPORT BATTALION  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**



Protect what you've earned. Do not succumb to the temporary satisfaction of drugs and/or alcohol for the high price of your honor as a United States Marine or Sailor.

Per Marine Corps Order 5300.17, the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the Armed Forces by any person subject to this order, of a controlled substance analogue or a designer drug is prohibited. Alcohol abuse and the distribution, possession, use trafficking, or distribution or illegal drugs paraphernalia is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and Sailors and the naval mission. I Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion ( I MSB) will not tolerate violations of this Order.

Substance abuse violates the trust and confidence that we place in each other and is contrary to our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Not only does it impact the individual, gut it also impacts fellow Marines and Sailors, family, and the overall unit cohesion of I MSB.

I charge all leaders to know your Marines and Sailors in order to better prevent instances of substance abuse from occurring through competent leadership and education. Anyone having a drug or alcohol related incident is referred to the Substance Abuse Coordination Officer (SACO) to be screened, counseled, referred to appropriate treatment. Specifically, for alcohol:

- No Marine or Sailor under the age of 21 consumes alcoholic beverages.
- No Marine or Sailor provides or encourages the consumption of alcohol to underage Marines or Sailors.
- All Marines and Sailors of legal age that choose to consume alcohol shall do so in a responsible manner.
- All alcohol related incidents are investigated and reported to the Officer-in-Charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William V. Gorsuch".

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