

MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 273 ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT

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Alcohol abuse brings discredit upon the Marine Corps, undercuts our core values, degrades combat readiness, and often results in needless loss of life. As such, alcohol abuse is unacceptable, and Marines of all ranks have a responsibility to exercise leadership to curtail it whenever and wherever.

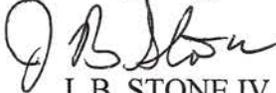
To counter such abuse, we will engage in an aggressive command education and effort to prevent and eliminate all forms of alcohol and substance abuse. The primary focus of this endeavor will be on prevention, education, detection, and appropriate discipline for offenders in order to enhance mission readiness and provide requisite knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drug abuse, to ultimately assist in making responsible decisions. This focused multi-method effort will enable our Marines, Sailors, and their families to be armed with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to attack and prevent substance abuse issues before they develop into serious problems.

To support this effort:

- At least 10 percent of our Squadron will participate in random urinalysis testing each month.
- All Marines reporting aboard via permanent change of station orders, permanent change of assignment orders, PTAD (≥ 5 days), TAD (≥ 5 days), or leave (≥ 5 days) will be tested within 72 hours of arrival.
- All personnel involved in the collection and shipment of urine samples will be tested at least once per month.
- The Command will conduct unannounced health and welfare inspections of billeting areas and work spaces.
- Every Marine and Sailor in Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, regardless of rank, will complete the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in regards to this Squadron's alcohol abuse policy letter.

Alcohol abuse, the illegal distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs, and the wrongful use of legal but controlled substances is contrary to the mission of MWSS-273 and cannot be tolerated. Abuse of these substances destroys our operational effectiveness. It will also destroy the health of our Marines and Sailors, their careers, and eventually their families. We must eradicate the adverse impacts of substance abuse and misuse by eliminating this behavior from our Squadron.

My POC of contact in these matters and the unit Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) is GySgt Allen Lipson at (843) 228 8506 (DSN 335-8506) or allen.lipson@usmc.mil.


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