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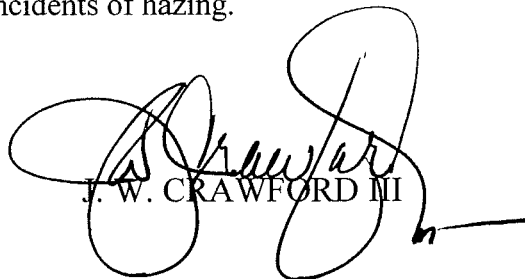
Subj: HAZING POLICY STATEMENT

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1610.2A
(b) NAVADMIN 034/13

1. Per reference (a), hazing is any conduct whereby a military member or members, regardless of service or rank, without proper authority causes another military member or members, regardless of service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to any activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning or harmful. Soliciting or coercing another to perpetrate any such activity is also considered hazing. Whether or not an individual consents or volunteers to participate is immaterial. Hazing of any type is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Anyone having knowledge of a hazing incident must immediately inform their chain of command. Threats, intimidation, or reprisal actions against a person who provides information on a hazing incident will not be tolerated.

2. We must work together to promote an environment of dignity and respect within the Office of the Judge Advocate General and Naval Legal Service Command in which all personnel can perform to their maximum ability. Hazing degrades people, destroys trust, undermines unit cohesion, and is contrary to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. These core values are our guiding principles for treating everyone with dignity and respect and optimizing mission accomplishment. All hands are expected to be familiar with the requirements of reference (b), the guidance for reporting incidents of hazing.


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