



**COMMANDING OFFICER'S**  
**2D ASSAULT AMPHIBIAN BN**  
**STATEMENT ON**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**



The purpose of this letter is to communicate the vital importance of responsible alcohol use to the mission readiness of 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion. Every Marine and Sailor's physical and mental health plays a vital role to the readiness of the battalion. Substance abuse undermines our core values and directly affects our combat readiness. Significant risk is presented to a unit's discipline and morale and the decision one Marine/Sailor makes impacts us all. Upholding our high standards, our strong reputation, and our core beliefs is everyone's duty and responsibility. Substance abuse erodes our beliefs and degrades our unit readiness, it will not be tolerated.

Combating substance abuse requires the entire unit to be involved. Failure to take swift and steady action would fall short of the esprit de corps that we strive for and would taint the honor in the claim of 'Always Faithful'. Not only does substance abuse, to include excessive drinking, intervene with our core values but it presents significant hazards to our Marines/Sailors. Each of us must be aware of the warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse and take positive steps to ensure that our fellow Marines and Sailors do not use drugs and misuse alcohol. From our Commanders, Senior Enlisted, Non-Commission Officers, to all Marines/Sailors, I want all engaged and involved in helping any Marine/Sailor overcome substance abuse issues. Leadership is critical at all levels to preventing substance abuse. Our unit has an extremely effective substance abuse prevention program that enables those in need to take full opportunity of external resources that the Marine Corps will provide.

All Marines and Sailors in this 2d AA battalion are required to embrace exemplary ethical behavior on and off duty. Leaders at all levels must and will serve as positive examples ensuring our core values are adhered to at 2d AA BN. Contact our unit Substance Abuse Control Officer (910) 440-6542 for additional information, to receive help, or to get others help. Know your unit, know your Marines/Sailors, and take care of one another.

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