

POLICY OR PRECEDENT
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1. SUBJECT Abuse, Harassment, or Hazing of Paratroopers		2. MASTER POLICY NO. CS-95-07
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6. SYNOPSIS: (if more space is needed, use reverse side.)

1. General. The abuse, harassment, or hazing of 82d Airborne Division soldiers is prohibited. Newly assigned paratroopers will not be subjected to any unauthorized "rites of passage" as a precondition to full acceptance into the Division or any of its subordinate units.

a. Soldiers become paratroopers in the 82d Airborne Division through their assignment orders and successful completion of airborne training. They do not become paratroopers through "cherry parties", "smoke sessions", or other unsanctioned rituals. Soldiers retain the privilege of calling themselves paratroopers by maintaining the high standards expected of them and by meeting the rigorous physical and mental challenges set for them by their leaders.

b. Some traditions serve important roles in military life. But mere repetition of a practice does not necessarily constitute a tradition or validate the practice. Army traditions should reflect the core values and ideals of the institution. They should instill pride in the unit and foster esprit-de-corps. They should contribute to the socialization of new members into the organization and enhance their bonds with those who preceded them. I challenge you to instill positive traditions; do not merely repeat abuses of the past.

2. Prohibited Conduct Defined. Hazing can take many forms. The following are examples of hazing:

a. Hazing may take the form of a physical assault - the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, treating with violence, or offering to do bodily harm to another soldier, normally (but not necessarily) a subordinate. Hitting or grabbing a soldier for the purpose of intimidation would constitute hazing.

b. Hazing also occurs when a soldier is subjected to, or compelled to participate in, abusive activities which are designed to embarrass, humiliate, harass, ridicule, or punish the soldier. This form of hazing may be mental or physical. Examples include forcing soldiers to wear unauthorized uniform modifications (e.g., "cherry" painted kevlar), requiring soldiers to participate in lewd or obscene behavior, not allowing soldiers to perform basic personal hygiene, forcing soldiers to drink alcohol, conducting counseling of soldiers while they are in the front-leaning-rest position, or forcing individual soldiers to do unauthorized physical exercises to the point of exhaustion.

3. General Order. This prohibition on hazing constitutes a general order and applies to all soldiers assigned or attached to the 82d Airborne Division. Any Division soldier who conducts, assists, encourages, advises, counsels, directs, or commands hazing

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activities may be punished under Article 92 (failure to obey order or regulation) of the UCMJ for violation of this order. Moreover, hazing may also constitute a violation of Article 128 (assault), Article 93 (cruelty or maltreatment of subordinates), or other Articles of the UCMJ.

4. Extra Training. This policy does not preclude the authorized use of extra training. Extra training is neither a punishment nor hazing. It is remedial instruction or training designed to correct certain performance deficiencies. Corrective training should be closely supervised to ensure it directly relates to remedying the particular deficiency and improving performance.

5. Prop Blasts. Only Regimental Commanders or officers in the grade of O-6 may authorize prop blasts. They will personally supervise the prop blast to ensure that all participants are true volunteers and that no abusive, harassing, or hazing activities are conducted at the ceremony.

6. Practices which involve the abuse of authority erode morale, detract from the mission, and discredit the command. I expect leaders and paratroopers at all levels to enforce this policy, establish a positive leadership climate, and integrate new personnel into their units in a friendly, courteous, helpful, and professional manner.

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