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POLICY LETTER 18-10

From: Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing
To: Distribution List

Subj: 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING POLICY ON DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE AND
DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Ref: (a) MCO 5100.19E
(b) MCO 5110.1D

1. Purpose. To publish policy guidance concerning the temporary revocation of driving privileges for all 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (2d MAW) Marines involved in drug use, underage drinking and/or driving under the influence of alcohol.
2. Cancellation. Policy Letter 16-10.
3. Background. Our nation remains at war. As the Aviation Combat Element of II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF), 2d MAW has Marines and equipment deployed in the war against terror. Those of us in the rear must remain ever vigilant in our support of those forward deployed and ready to join the fight ourselves. This requires that our Marines and aircraft maintain an extremely high state of readiness. Drug and alcohol abuse are not only inconsistent with our Core Values, they also present a significant hazard to our Marines, Sailors, families, aircraft, and equipment, adversely impacting the operational readiness of 2d MAW. As leaders, we must do all we can to discourage drug and alcohol abuse in our Corps.
4. Policy
 - a. Effective immediately commanders are, in accordance with the references, hereby directed to request local Station Commanders suspend the driving privileges and remove the Department of Defense decal from the vehicles of any 2d MAW Marine or Sailor who:

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(1) Is the subject of a lawful, positive urinalysis test reflecting the presumptive wrongful use of illegal drugs/controlled substances.

(2) Is found in possession of illegal drugs/controlled substances and/or paraphernalia.

(3) Is suspected of involvement in the distribution of illegal drugs/controlled substances and/or drug related paraphernalia.

(4) Is suspected of using, distributing, or possessing any man-made synthetic compound commonly used for purposes of intoxication or stupefaction, such as "Spice."

(5) Is found in possession of any paraphernalia related to the use or distribution of any man-made synthetic compound commonly used for purposes of intoxication or stupefaction, such as "Spice."

(6) Is arrested in any jurisdiction for underage consumption of alcohol, reckless operation of a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol, or driving under the influence of alcohol.

b. These measures are administrative in nature and are not intended to reflect a presumption of guilt. All Marines and/or Sailors accused or suspected of any offense are innocent until proven guilty by competent evidence, and nothing in this policy letter should be interpreted otherwise. Commanders are required, by myself and the law, to maintain a flexible attitude towards all offenses and to remember that those accused of crimes are presumed innocent. They will exercise the full range of their discretion in dealing with military justice/administrative matters and to ensure all of their Marines/Sailors are treated fairly and with respect. Each Marine and/or Sailor suspected of involvement in any of the above mentioned activities will be afforded every administrative and/or legal remedy known to the law, and shall have their driving privileges restored when appropriate. Marines and/or Sailors with dependents may request "Male Only" or "Female Only" decals, as appropriate, should one or the other have their privileges revoked.

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5. Filing Instructions. A copy of this policy shall be
maintained on file.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Davis".

J. M. DAVIS