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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer
CGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 624)

Reply to: CO
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To: Officers and Crew

Subj: COMMAND ALCOHOL POLICY

1. Below is our policy regarding the use of alcohol while attached to USCGC DAUNTLESS. The purpose of this policy is to make you aware of your responsibilities and ensure we execute the mission safely, through accountability, communications, and common sense.

A. Maintain situational awareness. Don't place yourself in a position where your credibility or integrity could be compromised--not even once! If in doubt...get out.

B. If you are underage according to local law – DO NOT CONSUME ANY ALCOHOL.

C. If it is lawful, and you choose to drink – drink responsibly. DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE--even after "just one." Always plan ahead for your exit, ride home, or last call. Don't wait until you've had a "couple" before you develop your egress plan.

D. It is unacceptable for us to perform our duties while under the influence of alcohol. Accordingly, the following limitations on consumption of alcohol are in effect for all personnel, enforceable by the OOD.

(a) Consumption of alcohol is prohibited for all crewmembers any time the ship is in ALPHA, BRAVO-2 or BRAVO-6 statuses.

(b) Responsible alcohol consumption by the crew is permitted when the ship is in BRAVO-12, BRAVO-24 or CHARLIE statuses; however the provisions of Chapter 20.B of the Personnel Manual remain in effect. In addition, no personnel shall consume alcohol less than six hours prior to a previously scheduled underway time or the assumption of watch or duty.

2. When out on liberty, use the buddy system. Never drink alone--and don't let shipmates wander off alone. If you see someone starting to lose control, step up and help them get home right away and safely. Particularly during mid-patrol breaks in foreign-ports, if you depart the ship in a group, the entire group must stay together while on liberty and return to the ship together. If your group is thinking about splitting up, you must return to the ship, and form a new group before departing. Never leave a shipmate from your group behind and assume he'll make it back safely alone.

3. The irresponsible use of alcohol is one of the main reasons for involuntary discharge from the Coast Guard. Irresponsible drinking creates negative impacts on unit discipline and morale. In order to meet this problem head-on, if you fall outside the boundaries established above, you will be held accountable for disrespecting yourself, your shipmates and the Coast Guard.

4. In short, if you are underage, do not drink. If you are old enough and choose to drink, do so responsibly, and so as not to degrade DAUNTLESS' readiness. Alcohol incidents result in mandated documentation and can lead to enrollment in abuse prevention training and treatment programs as well; other consequences may involve loss of rank, loss of training/school opportunities, loss of pay, restriction--and even separation from the service.

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