



Volunteer Driver Program



Overview



Situation

- Marines Work and play hard. Playing hard sometimes includes drinking alcohol.
- Marines use ORM. Whether on the battlefield or on liberty every Marine is charged to make plans that mitigate risk to an acceptable level.
- Plans change and Marines should be equipped to succeed as they do.

Mission

Provide Marines every the opportunity to raise a glass with friends and return home safely.



Concept of Operation



- HMLA-267 utilizes an overlapping three pronged approach to ensure Marines do not drive drunk.
 1. Immediate chain of command recall cards
 2. Arrive Alive Card Program
 3. Volunteer Driver Program
- Volunteer Driver Program (VDP) is just another way to get Marines home safely.
- Volunteering provides our Marines an opportunity to serve one another during a time of need.
- Rewarding volunteer drivers cultivates an atmosphere of DUI prevention.



Volunteer Driver Program



- Prior to liberty, the VDP Coordinator sends an email inviting Marines to volunteer.
- During liberty briefs, the number of volunteer drivers is noted to all hands as one of the ways to get home without driving drunk.
- During post liberty periods, the number of volunteers used since program inception is given to positively reinforce sound decision making as well as taking care of one another.



Specifics



■ **Volunteers**

- Eligible to volunteer as drivers for 24-hour periods.
- Drivers have valid driver's license, proper vehicle registration and insurance, and a safe vehicle.
- Volunteers refrain from drinking and are appropriately rested during period of volunteer service.
- Upon notice from duty office, volunteers contact the impaired Marine and arrange transportation.

■ **Impaired Marines**

- Impaired Marines contact the duty office to request a volunteer driver.
- Impaired Marines receive a call from volunteer driver to arrange transportation.



Reward System



■ **Commendatory Recognition**

- Volunteers accrue hours that can be redeemed for an extended liberty period or an award. Each volunteer day counts as 24 hours of volunteer service.

■ **Incentives**

- 15 days of service = 72-hour liberty period.
- 20 days of service = Meritorious Mast.
- 60 days of service = Certificate of Commendation.



Conclusion



- **It Works!**

- Since the program's inception in 2013, over 40 Marines have taken advantage of the process and asked for help with a ride when needed. That's potentially avoiding almost 2 DUIs per month.

- **Reaping the Benefits**

- 28 Marines have earned awards via volunteering to be drivers.
 - 13 Certificates of Commendation.
 - 12 Meritorious Masts.
 - Three 72-hour liberty periods.