



Commanding Officer
Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Policy Statement

With the title of U.S. Marine comes a sacred obligation. We owe it to our families, our nation, our Corps, and the long legacy of our fellow Marines, to live by a code of honor, courage, and commitment that extends on and off duty, 24/7. Sexual assault is directly counter to our values and serves to erode the good order and discipline that are the hallmarks of our Corps. Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated.



Today's complex operating environment demands that we promote a climate of trust, integrity, humility, diversity of thought, and ownership. Every member of this unit is responsible for creating an environment in which all Marines and civilians are treated with honor and dignity at all times, in all settings, to include social media platforms.

Effective sexual assault prevention begins with the continued education of all hands and the steadfast attention of leaders at every level. As importantly, Marines must demonstrate the moral courage to intervene when their instincts alert them to a situation that may be deteriorating and the potential for a sexual assault emerges. The goal of the SAPR policy is to eliminate unprofessional behavior that wrongly sets the conditions which enable sexual assault, to provide appropriate and sensitive care for victims, to provide due process for offenders, and to reduce the negative effect sexual assault has on our mission readiness.

Every leader in this unit will be familiar with the contents of MCO 1752.5C, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response" and will remain focused on preventing sexual assault through engaged leadership. When sexual assaults occur, we will utilize the full resources available from the Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA) and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) to our chaplains and appropriate medical personnel – to respond to the needs of both military and civilian victims. If a member of this command is the victim of sexual assault they will be treated with dignity, sensitivity, and respect and will receive the appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual assistance. Victims who choose to report an assault as an Unrestricted Report should have confidence that their identity will be released only to those with a need to know. Those victims who make a Restricted Report know that your privacy will be honored to the fullest extent possible while being provided the appropriate requested care.

I want every member of this unit to know of my personal resolve to eliminate sexual assault. If you have questions, please reach out to the MCSB Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, GySgt Emerald Trias at etrias@nsa.gov, (443) 634-1268 or after hours at (619) 209-9836.

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