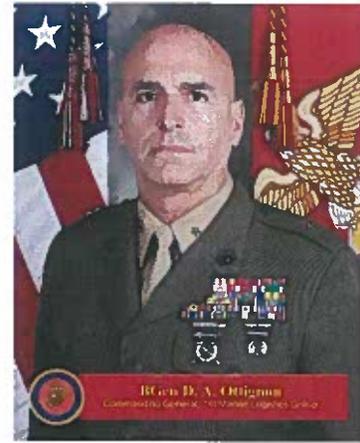




Commanding General's Sexual Assault Policy Statement



Sexual Assault is a crime which leaves an indelible blemish on our proud reputation as United States Marines. It goes against everything we claim to be, and undermines the brave sacrifices so many before us have made to defend this country. Let me be clear: sexual assault is a direct affront to our core values of honor, courage and commitment. It is paramount that every Marine and Sailor is aware of the detrimental effects of sexual assault on individuals and units; accordingly, I expect your full adherence to my guidance, and will accept nothing less than your total dedication to eliminating this abominable offense from within our ranks.

By definition, sexual assault is intentional contact of a sexual nature characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. While it is a predominantly male-on-female crime, incidents are not exclusive to gender, age, or rank; therefore, it can affect any one of us or our colleagues. Prevention is a team effort, and none of us should passively stand by and decide that it is “not our business.”

Engaged leadership is our greatest weapon in the fight against sexual assault. Leaders at all levels are charged to diligently study and embrace MCO 1752.5B and GruO 1750.1, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program. Commanders will appoint, at a minimum, one Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) per regiment, and two Uniform Victim Advocates (UVA) per battalion. When a sexual assault occurs, commanders shall utilize the resources available through the UVAs and SARCs to respond effectively.

Victim safety and privacy are paramount at all times. Victims are to receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services in a timely, professional manner. No one should ever be given cause to doubt the Corps' commitment to ensuring all are treated with the utmost dignity, sensitivity, and respect while receiving the appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual assistance. Victims who elect to make an **unrestricted report** of sexual assault will only have their identity released to those with a need-to-know. Victims who elect to file a **restricted report** will have their privacy honored to utmost extent possible while receiving the appropriate care requested.

I want every member of the 1st Marine Logistics Group to know my commitment to fostering an environment free from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexist behaviors which erode our institution and destroy faith and trust. Mission accomplishment is reliant upon your devotion to this issue. Only with your help can we keep our honor clean and continue to perform our duties as the nation's premier force in readiness.

To report a sexual assault or to speak with a Victim Advocate, call the 24/7 MCBCP Helpline at (760) 500-1707 or the DoD Safe HelpLine at (877) 995-5247.

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