



Commanding Officer's Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) Policy



"Sexual assault is a criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and contradicts Marine Corps core values. Every Marine shall be aware of what constitutes sexual assault and the consequences of such behavior. Marines shall possess the tools to safely intervene when witnessing high-risk behaviors that may result in a sexual assault. Through training and education, the SAPR Program provides comprehensive prevention and response services to individuals impacted by this crime and addresses behaviors that can lead to sexual assault."

- MCO 1752.5C, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program

There will be zero tolerance for the crime of sexual assault in CLB-11. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent; it is not restricted to any gender, race, or age. All members of CLB-11 will become familiar with their obligations under MCO 1752.5C "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response" (SAPR).

All leaders of the Battalion have a vital responsibility to ensure the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of our Marines and Sailors, especially from the predatory behavior of those who would commit sexual assault. This crime completely erodes the dignity and self-esteem of its victims, and leaves devastating psychological and physical scars that affect individuals, families, and units for years, or even a lifetime. I expect all Marines and Sailors of the Battalion to take care of and protect their fellow members from sexual assault, just as they would for their own brothers and sisters.

If one of our Command members is the victim of a sexual assault, it will be treated with the highest seriousness and the victim will be treated with the utmost sensitivity, decency, and respect. There are two reporting options: Unrestricted or Restricted. An Unrestricted Report allows a victim of sexual assault to have command involvement and support, an official law enforcement investigation, and receive support services through the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and SAPR Victim Advocate (SAPR VA). The identity of the victim is released only to those who have an official need-to-know, such as the Commanding Officer, SARC, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). A Restricted Report allows a victim of sexual assault to receive confidential support services through the SARC and SAPR VA without an official law enforcement investigation or command involvement. A Restricted Report can be converted to an Unrestricted Report at any time; please contact the SARC or SAPR VA for more information.

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and Victim Advocates (VA) stand ready to provide intervention support and support services to victims of sexual assault. **The 1st MLG SARC, Mrs. Christina Gonzales, can be reached at 760-716-0669.**

Do your part to take care of each other and stop this predatory crime. Semper Fidelis.

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