



COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 13 COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE



Our Priorities:

1. Mission Accomplishment
2. Readiness
3. Marines and Sailors

Sexual Assault is a crime. It is a dehumanizing act that is inconsistent with the Marine Corps values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. My expectation is that Marines and Sailors at all levels take action to prevent this violation of our values, properly report known incidents of sexual assault and unwanted sexual contact, and provide necessary support to all victims. All Marines and Sailors, with the exception of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs) and Chaplains are mandatory reporters and have an obligation to act.

All leaders will become familiar with the MCO 1752.5C SAPR Program. All Officers will ensure their Marines and Sailors are educated on and understand the contents of this order and that they receive meaningful training on sexual assault prevention and response annually.

Sexual assault can occur without regard to sex, gender identity, relationship status, or age of victim. Many sexual assaults involve alcohol intoxication, which is no excuse for such acts. Victims of sexual assault will be protected, immediately supported with resources both within and outside the command, and will be consistently treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity. In an unrestricted report, care will be taken to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know (i.e., the unit commander, PMO, or NCIS). Victim safety is paramount at all times. If victims prefer a restricted reporting option with access to resources, **incidents should be reported directly to one of the command's SAPR Victim Advocates**. Reporting to SAPR VAs can be kept confidential.

Preventing sexual assault is a team effort and requires education, and when necessary, action of all Marines and Sailors. Together, we will create an environment where the entire CLB-13 family actively protects one another from this dehumanizing act.

Should you or someone you know become a victim of sexual assault, please trust and contact the support we have available for you. The Battalion's SAPR VAs are available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to provide guidance and support. The Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line is: (760) 500-1707 and the DoD Safe Helpline can be reached at: (877) 995-5247 or <https://safehelpline.org>.

Together, we will ensure the welfare of our Marines and Sailors while upholding the honorable legacy of the organization that we love. **Remember, what you do matters and together we succeed.** The CLB-13 SAPR Victim Advocates are First Lieutenant Samantha Donatelli who can be reached at (410) 913-5385 and Staff Sergeant Joel Garingo who can be reached at (808) 600-8907.


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