



**COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 13
COMMANDING OFFICER'S
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION POLICY
STATEMENT**



Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated. Trust is a key component in the military. As Marines and Sailors we trust each other with our lives daily and it is what brings forth our success on the battlefield and in our workplace. Unfortunately there are times when this trust is violated. Whether by another service member or a civilian, there are men and women in our military today that have been sexually assaulted. As Commanding Officer, I will use every available means to prevent and should an event occur properly handle sexual assault cases for all military personnel assigned to this unit and prosecute to the fullest extent any acts of this kind.

Marine Corps Order 1752.B defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. "Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. **Consent is not given when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.** Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault, or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.

"Left is right, right is wrong"		
<u>CONSENT</u>	<u>COERSION</u>	<u>FORCE</u>
Mutual Welcome Desirable <US, WE>	Self-Centered Pressure Deceive <I, ME>	Intimidate Threaten Fear

If you are a victim of sexual assault, you are not to blame. As a victim, you have the right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological and social services. The SAPR Program is available to provide crisis intervention and support services 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help during this difficult time. If assaulted, report it immediately to the battalion Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), healthcare provider, chaplain, and/or Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). All have confidentiality and can help you with a restricted or unrestricted report. For more information on the rights of sexual assault victims and what you can do, go to <http://www.mccscp.com/sapr/>. Additionally, the Camp Pendleton 24/7 Confidential Sexual Assault Report Line is (760) 500-1707. As a victim of crime, you have the right to seek help - and I am committed to ensuring that you receive it.

All hands will be familiar with the principles of the SAPR Program. As a team, I expect the focus of all leaders will be on prevention – educate your people and do not tolerate inappropriate behavior. Have the courage to take a stand and do the right thing. Sexual assault is an affront to the core values that we hold so dear. Eliminating sexual assault will take a dedicated community effort. I challenge each leader and individual to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors and family members deserve our complete dedication to this cause.


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