



COMMANDING GENERAL'S SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION POLICY STATEMENT

Sexual Assault is a crime that impacts not only the United States Marine Corps but our society. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. This crime is not restricted by gender, age, or rank.

I expect every Marine, Sailor, and Civilian in 1st Marine Logistics Group to actively combat sexual assault through:

- Creating a climate where mutual respect is expected and enforced every day.
- Actively participating in sexual assault prevention and response education and training.
- Demonstrating the moral courage to intervene when a fellow Marine, Sailor, or Civilian needs assistance.
- Supporting victims of sexual assault to receive appropriate care and preserving their privacy and dignity.

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

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 the utmost extent possible while receiving the appropriate care required.

Last, we expect each of you to continue to strengthen our program. We must ensure that all who desire to serve may do so in an environment of trust, dignity, and respect. While we have made progress on preventing and responding to sexual assault, the job is far from complete. Eliminating sexual assault will take a coordinated community effort, and I challenge everyone to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines, and family members deserve nothing less.

To report a sexual assault or speak with a Victim Advocate, call: Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support line at (760) 500-1707 or the DoD Safe Helpline at (877) 995-5247.

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