



COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST SUPPLY BATTALION  
STATEMENT ON

## Sexual Assault Prevention Policy Statement



Marines and Sailors,

Every Marine and Sailor, regardless of rank, deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Our warfighting readiness depends on the establishment of trust and confidence among all members of the battalion. Any type of discriminatory or degrading activity has an immediate and negative impact on individual and unit discipline, morale, and readiness, and must be addressed immediately.

Sexual assault is defined as any intentional sexual contact through the use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Any form of sexual assault is reprehensible and will not be tolerated.

I highly encourage any victim of sexual assault to seek assistance. I will take every measure to safeguard the privacy and welfare of the victim while ensuring that justice is served for any individual that breaks faith with our core values. To alleviate the barriers normally associated with victims of sexual assault (fear, embarrassment, shame), victims may notify the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), a Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), or the Battalion Chaplain with the promise of confidentiality. Additionally, they can also utilize the 24/7 help lines listed at the bottom of the page.

I also charge leaders at every level to become familiar with the contents of MCO 1752.5C (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response). To reinforce this material, Company Commanders and Section Leaders will periodically address their Marines and Sailors on the contents of the Order. All Marines and Sailors will receive annual refresher training from one of the Battalion UVAs or the SARC.

Sexual assault undermines the special trust and confidence that exists between members of 1st Supply Battalion; it takes a destructive personal toll on the individuals involved and creates a toxic environment that will have lasting negative effects on our most precious assets – our Marines and Sailors – and on mission accomplishment and morale. All Marines and Sailors are obligated to remain alert for indicators of a potential sexual assault and to intervene before these acts cause irreparable damage to our Marines, Sailors, and our Corps.

1st Supply Battalion SARC:

Captain Nnamdi Uzoma at (760) 725-3348 and (919) 704-6607 or at [nnamdi.uzoma@usmc.mil](mailto:nnamdi.uzoma@usmc.mil).

24/7 Support Line- Camp Pendleton

(760) 500-1707

DOD Safe Helpline

(877) 995-5247

Semper Fidelis,

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