



COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

As the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, it is my responsibility to provide supervision of the command's Sexual Assault Prevention and response (SAPR) Program. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority; or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault is a crime that is not restricted to any gender, race, or age. Marine Corps Order 1752.5B provides specific guidance and instructions for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. We have a specific responsibility to eliminate sexual assault within Marine Corps Installations Pacific, to assist those Marines, Sailors, and civilians affected by sexual assault, and to ensure that sexual assault victims are treated fairly, with dignity and without prejudice. It is vital that sexual assaults be reported. Ignoring or failing to report sexual assault incidents will have damaging consequences for the victim and the command. Where cause exists, appropriate legal and administrative action will be taken against violators.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect. All commands are to ensure a victim receives appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Victim's safety is paramount at all time. In the event of a sexual assault, a victim has the option of a Restricted Report, which means they can receive services and medical care anonymously. Military personnel are mandatory reporters of sexual assault, except where policy has made certain members exempt through confidentiality. Members with confidentiality are Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA), Victim Advocates (VA) with Marine & Family Services' Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC), and Healthcare providers. These individuals are available 24 hours a day and are trained to assist victims in dealing with the command, law enforcement, and medical personnel and can advise you of your reporting options.

Once a victim informs law enforcement officials or a representative from this command, a restricted report is no longer an option. The alternative, an unrestricted report, is initiated and the command is notified that you are a victim of sexual assault. Unrestricted reports allow the commander to provide a full range of protection and start an official criminal investigation in addition to receiving services and medical assistance arranged by the UVA or VA. Although unrestricted reports are not confidential, your privacy is a foremost consideration. Victims who have the courage to report sexual assault incidents must feel confident that their personal safety and privacy will be protected and justice will be served.

I charge every Marine, sailor, and civilian, within Marine Corps Installations Pacific, to understand his or her duty to safely intervene and prevent sexual assault by identifying and stopping behaviors that may lead to sexual assault. Doing nothing is NOT an option. Bystanders to potential sexual assaults must take decisive action to prevent incidents before they occur. To do otherwise is a complete contradiction to our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

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