



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

Sexual assault is a crime that is not tolerated in the Marine Corps. Sexual assault violates the ethos and core values of “Honor, Courage and Commitment” while causing irreparable harm to our prestige and lifeblood: our people. Every service-member, civilian and staff shall be aware of what actions constitute sexual assault, the consequences of such behavior, and have the necessary tools to prevent, report and safely intervene when witnessing high-risk behaviors.

The Department of Defense definition of sexual assault is very clear, describing sexual assault as “intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.” Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, race, spousal relations, or age of the victim. All service-members, civilians, and staff have an obligation to step forward and speak out against sexual assault in order to eliminate a crime that opposes everything that we stand for.

Victim safety and privacy are paramount. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs), Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), and Chaplains are valuable resources for support, as they provide confidentiality, and help victims in the reporting process (unrestricted or restricted). All victims will have full access to counseling and medical services, regardless of the reporting option they choose. Victims will be empowered to determine their own support and needs, however it is recommended to report the incident to ensure the best possible advocacy and care. All victims of sexual assault will be protected and treated impartially, with dignity, and without prejudice.

Sexual assault not only affects the victim, but it also affects the work environment, friends, and family members. Our greatest asset in combating sexual assault is decisive and engaged leadership at every level, vigilance against behaviors that can lead to sexual assault, and prevention and response training and education. It is essential that everyone look out for each other to facilitate cohesion, trust, respect and confidence in one another. In order to sustain a climate of dignity and mutual respect, everyone within MCIPAC-MCBB must challenge and eliminate unprofessional behavior and conditions, innuendo or action, which wrongly enable sexual assault and degrade our Marine Corps.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Liszewski".

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