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Sexual Assault Prevention Policy

Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated.
As Marines, our Core Values - Honor, Courage, and Commitment - are the foundation for all that we stand for and guide how we conduct ourselves at all times. Sexual assault is directly counter to our values and serves to erode the good order and discipline that are the hallmarks of our Corps.

Every member of MAGTFTC and everyone aboard the Combat Center is responsible for creating an environment in which all Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines are treated with honor and dignity at all times, in all settings. Statistics indicate that the majority of sexual assaults within our Corps do not involve outsiders. Rather, it is often times Marines attacking other Marines. Equally disturbing is the fact that bystanders - in many cases a fellow Marine or group of Marines - witnessed this life-changing crime and did nothing to prevent the assault.

Sexual assault prevention takes many forms, beginning with the continued education of all hands and the steadfast attention of commanders and leaders at every level. As importantly, Marines must demonstrate the moral courage to intervene when their instincts tell them that a situation is deteriorating and the potential for a sexual assault emerges. Far too often, alcohol is the common denominator that fuels the rise of such dangerous and potentially criminal situations. Alcohol is not an excuse for violating our clear standards of behavior, or for committing a crime.

All victims of sexual assault must have absolute confidence in our unwavering commitment to ensure that he or she is treated with dignity, sensitivity, and respect and that they receive the appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual assistance. Victims who choose to report an assault as an unrestricted report must have confidence that their identity will be released only to those with a need to know. Those victims who make a restricted report will have their privacy honored to the fullest extent possible while being provided the appropriate requested care.

Commanders will be familiar with the contents of MCO 1752.5A, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response" and ensure that all commands throughout MAGTFTC and the Combat Center are focusing their fullest energies on preventing sexual assault through fundamental leadership. When sexual assaults occur, commanders must utilize the full resources available - from Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA) and the Combat Center Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) to our command chaplains, counselors, and appropriate medical personnel - to respond to the needs of both military and civilian victims.

I want every member of MAGTFTC and everyone aboard the Combat Center to know of my personal resolve to eliminate sexual assault. Leaders at all levels will cover and align on sexual assault prevention to eliminate the environment permissive of this affront to our Corps Values.

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A Message from your Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

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As the Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) aboard the Combat Center, it is our responsibility to provide confidential support and services to victims of sexual assault. If you or someone you know needs assistance regarding a sexual assault, we are here to help you. Another resource at your disposal is your unit's Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVAs). Every battalion/squadron has at least two trained and assigned UVAs who are ready to assist a sexual assault victim through the ordeal. Rest assured that your discussion with a UVA is confidential.

What are your reporting options?

Restricted reporting allows victims of sexual assault to receive appropriate medical treatment, victim advocacy, and counseling services without triggering a formal report to PMO, NCIS, and the chain of command. Restricted reporting protects the victim's identity and, except in rare instances, assures absolute confidentiality.

Unrestricted reporting allows victims of sexual assault to receive appropriate medical treatment, victim advocacy, and counseling services. Unrestricted reporting informs the victim's chain of command, affords maximum protection of the victim from the offender, and ensures a thorough investigation of the circumstances of the assault in order to hold offender(s) accountable for the criminal conduct.

In order to make a fully informed choice, restricted reporting versus unrestricted reporting, be sure to speak to a SARC, your UVA, a chaplain, or any of the civilian victim advocates at the MCAGCC Family Advocacy Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (760)799-0273. You also have the option of calling the DoD SafeHelpline for confidential, live one-on-one help at (877)995-5247 or visit their website at www.SafeHelpline.org. Once you inform law enforcement officials, restricted reporting is no longer an option. Your UVAs are the only individuals in your command who can receive and help you submit a restricted sexual assault report.

Protect your right to privacy by understanding your reporting options before you discuss your personal situation with anyone else, since all military members are mandated by the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other governing regulations to report a crime.