

Commanding Officer's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy

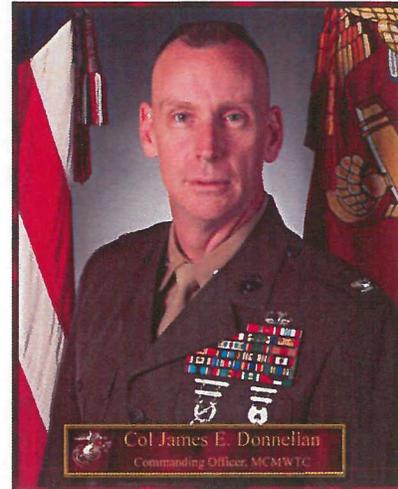
Sexual assault is a crime that is not unique to any gender, race, or age. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority; or when the victim does not consent or cannot give consent. Since alcohol use is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents, it is imperative that Marines understand that an intoxicated person *cannot* give consent.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will have damaging consequences for both victims and the unit. Where cause exists, appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken against violators.

Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect, and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological and social services. An Unrestricted Report ensures the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know (i.e., the unit commander, PMO and NCIS). A Restricted Report allows the victim to report confidentially and receive help without an investigation or command involvement. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Marines and Sailors who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally and emotionally traumatized. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care. Coming forward as a victim is a sign of strength.

All members of this command will be briefed on the contents of MCO 1752.5B and receive annual refresher training. Appendix C of the Order is the standard operating procedure within the MCMWTC for responding to allegations of sexual assault. All members of this command must be part of the solution in eliminating sexual assault in our Corps. Respect and take care of each other as your Marine family. Just as in training, "Mountain Buddies" should always look out for their fellow Marines and Sailors—on and off duty.

Marine Corps Community Services (Marine and Family Programs), as well as the Installation Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), will be utilized to assist the command in fulfilling SAPR training responsibilities and in providing assistance to victims. Your UVAs are Master Sergeant Vega and Staff Sergeant Loomis. They can be reached 24/7 at (760) 590-2919. If you would prefer to talk to non-uniform personnel, contact the 29 Palms Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, Ivan Norman and Abby Gustafson, 24/7 at 760-799-0273.



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