

# Sexual Assault Prevention and Response



## SAPR Mission Statement

*Leaders at all levels of the command will create an environment where sexual assault is not tolerated and encourages reporting of sexual assault incidents, so that the victims may receive the appropriate services and offenders can be held accountable for their actions.*

**Sexual assault** - intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault is a **crime** - one that has lasting negative consequences for our Marines, Sailors and Federal Civilians. An attack as vile as sexual assault erodes **Camaraderie** and **Unit Cohesion** and contradicts our Core Values of honor, courage, and commitment. We must aggressively seek to prevent any such assault, respond timely to allegations, and ensure victims receive the appropriate services. Any member found in violation of sexual assault will be subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, criminal law, or administrative separation.

Unrestricted reporting of sexual assault will be thoroughly investigated. Victims who choose to file an unrestricted report must have 100% confidence in the battalion's unwavering commitment to ensure that they are treated with dignity and confidentiality. We must ensure the integrity of the process by protecting victims from reprisal or re-victimization. All reports and follow-on services will be coordinated between the HQBN Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs), the MCAGCC Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS), Battalion Sergeant Major, and Battalion Commander.

For those victims who choose to make a restricted report, privacy will be honored to the fullest extent. Resources available to victims include the MCAGCC SARC, SAPR VAs, Victim Legal Counsel (VLC), Chaplains, and Marine and Family Program counselors.

Treat everyone with sensitivity, dignity, decency, and respect, and live up to the battalion motto: **Mission First, People Always**. Victim safety is my paramount concern, and eliminating sexual assault takes a focused effort. Our Marines, Sailors, Federal Civilians and family members deserve nothing less.

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