

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY



Dragons shall treat others with the same respect, dignity, and professional courtesy they wish to receive themselves. We shall always be vigilant to ensure the safety and protection of our brother and sister Marines, Sailors and civilians.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency, dignity, and respect. Victims have full access to appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure that the identity of a victim of a sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know. There are two methods of reporting incidents of sexual assault; unrestricted and restricted reporting. Regardless of the method chosen, I encourage victims of sexual assault to make a report in order to eliminate this type of behavior from our Corps.

Irresponsible consumption of alcohol is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents. Irresponsible consumption of alcohol needlessly puts Marines, Sailors, and civilians at increased risk and each and every one of us has an obligation to each other to prevent incidents of sexual assault from occurring. Simply put, sexual assault is a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and will be investigated as such. Any substantiated incident will be met with appropriate punitive measures.

If you know of a sexual assault, it is your duty to report it immediately. Contact the 24 hour Sexual Assault Prevention and Response hotline at 252-665-4713 or the DOD Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247. Information is also available on the DoD Safe Helpline website: SafeHelpline.org. Sexual assault is counter to our culture as Marines and Sailors and is incompatible with our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. It will not be tolerated. We shall always look out for, and protect each other as brothers and sisters. Together we can eliminate sexual assault.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Petersen". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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