



**COMMANDING GENERAL'S**  
**SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT**

**Sexual assault is a crime** that is not restricted to any gender, race, or age. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority; or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

**Sexual assault will not be tolerated.** Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents may have damaging consequences for victims and 2d MAW. Where cause exists, appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken against violators.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to victims that choose to report an assault as an **unrestricted report** to ensure that the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know. Victims that choose to make a **restricted report** will have that choice honored, and they will receive the appropriate requested care. 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.

Leaders at all levels (E-1 to O-8) will take immediate action to become familiar with the contents of MCO 1752.5A, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response". Commanders will appoint at a minimum two Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVAs), at each Group and Squadron/Battalion. Ensure UVAs receive training and forward required UVA documentation to the 2D MAW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). Commanders will utilize UVAs to conduct required annual sexual assault training and pre-deployment sexual assault briefs. Commanders will post in common areas the Commander's policy letter on sexual assault awareness and prevention. Commanders will publish a command SOP on implementing the "Commander's Protocol" for responding to allegations of sexual assaults.

I view each and every member of the 2d Marine Air Wing team, Marines, sailors and civilians as members of my family. I will not tolerate an attack on any one of you - like I would not tolerate an attack on my wife or my children. If someone harms a member of my team, my family, I will take it personally. Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction to the core values that we hold so dear. Eliminating sexual assaults will take a dedicated team effort. From what I've seen many sexual assaults are committed by Marines and sailors that were considered "good" people. What turned these good people into criminals was too much alcohol. Many times they were with friends while they were getting inebriated. These same friends (fellows Marines and sailors) watched this drunk Marine acting stupid, and let that Marine continue on to destroy his life and that of a fellow team-mate by sexually assaulting a fellow Marine, sailor or civilian. In the case of a sexual assault - everyone loses -- the victim loses and the perpetrator loses. Both of their lives are changed forever, and one will probably end up in jail. Two Marines will be out of the fight, a loss we cannot sustain in this time of war. What I need is for our Marines and sailors, regardless of rank, to step up and be good leaders and better friends. When you see one of your fellow Marines acting like an idiot because of too much drink, take care of that Marine, make sure they stay safe and sound while they sleep it off. Make sure they don't harm any of my Marines... I challenge each leader and individual of 2D MAW to accept responsibility for achieving this goal.

Prevent Sexual Assaults: **Ask!** ...if friends need help  
**Act!** ...when they do  
**Intervene!** ...when you see trouble

To report a Sexual Assault or speak to a Victim Advocate, call **911** or the **24/7 Response Line**.  
Cherry Point: (252) 655-4713    New River: (910) 238-6384    Beaufort: (843) 592-0646

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