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Subj: SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR)

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1. Purpose. To publish updated policy guidance for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault within 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.
2. Cancellation. CG Policy Letter 05-08.
3. Background. 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.

4. Policy

a. Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Sexual assault is a serious crime that can damage your unit and the lives of your Marines. We will stay to the left of an incident by establishing a command climate that emphasizes prevention and zero tolerance. Commands will remain engaged in the SAPR process to ensure Marines receives the best care possible. Where causes exist, Commanding Officers of offenders will take appropriate disciplinary and/or administrative action against violators.

b. Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency, fairness, and respect. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure that the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know (i.e., the unit commander, Provost Marshal's Office, or Naval Criminal Investigative Service). Victims

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safety is paramount at all times. Victims who choose to make a restricted report in accordance with the Reference, will have that choice honored to the fullest extent. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Marines/Sailors who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally and emotionally traumatized and wounded. They must be treated with sensitivity and caring.

c. Alcohol use is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents. Irresponsible consumption of alcohol can place a Marine at increased risk. It is imperative that Marines take care of each other and not allow a fellow Marine to be victimized due to intoxication.

d. Leaders at all levels will take immediate action to become familiar with the contents of the Reference. Commanders will ensure that all members of their command are briefed on the contents of the Reference and receive annual refresher training.

e. Commanders are to appoint a minimum of two Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA). Ensure UVA's receive training from the Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps Marine and Family Services Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Commanders will utilize UVA's to conduct annual sexual assault training and pre-deployment sexual assault briefs. Marine Corps Community Services (Marine and Family Services) is identified as the agency for providing assistance, when available, in training units, as well as assistance to victims of sexual assault.

f. Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction to the core values that we hold so dear. Eliminating sexual assault will take a dedicated community effort. I challenge each leader and individual to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors and family members deserve nothing less than our complete dedication to this cause.

5. Filing instructions. A copy of this policy shall be prominently displayed on command information boards and incorporated into unit directives and orders.

  
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