



## **HMLA-269 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PREVENTION POLICY**

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**Sexual assault is a crime. It is not unique 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.**

As Gunrunners, we will train to thrive in any clime and place. When our nation calls, the Gunrunners will be **LETHAL, READY, and PROFESSIONAL. Sexual assault is incompatible with our core values and goes against our ethos.**

### **PREVENTION:**

- This is my highest priority when it comes to this program. We will not tolerate sexual assault in our ranks. It is a violent, predatory behavior and there is no place for it in HMLA-269.
- Every Gunrunner must foster and support a command climate where sexual assault is not tolerated and where Marines and Sailors are trained on preventative measures and bystander intervention. Look after one another.

### **RESPONSE:**

- This is secondary to prevention. When required, it must be done correctly. HMLA-269 will ensure all victims are afforded all resources at our disposal including appropriate medical, psychological, and social services. Victim safety and protection is a priority, and the Command will always look after the victim. Leaders at all levels must ensure the physical, emotional, and mental safety and welfare of our fellow Marines.

### **RESTRICTED REPORT:**

- If a member of this command is sexually assaulted, their right to report will always be protected. A restricted report allows the victim to disclose sexual assault to a SARC for support services while maintaining confidentiality. They are not reported to law enforcement or the chain of command for investigative purposes. Victims will receive medical, informational, and emotional support and advocacy.

### **UNRESTRICTED REPORT:**

- If a member of this command is sexually assaulted, their right to report will always be protected. An unrestricted report allows the victim to receive medical, informational and emotional support and advocacy. An unrestricted report allows the victim to request a military protective order and an expedited transfer, if desired. The Command Team and law enforcement will be notified, and the report may lead to an official law enforcement investigation. Information is shared on a need-to-know basis.

If you witness a sexual assault, you must report it immediately to POM of the appropriate civilian authority. If you are a victim or have questions, reach out to the SAPR or SARC.

DOD Safe Helpline: (877) 995-5247

Lejeune-New River 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line: (910) 750-5852

**Bottom line, protect and safeguard each and every member of the  
Gunrunner Posse.**

**I'm humbled and honored to be a part of this team. Together we comprise the First and the Finest.**

**PROTECT THE INNOCENT – PUNISH THE GUILTY**

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