



**HEADQUARTERS BATTALION
COMMANDER'S
SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY**



Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority; or when a victim does not or cannot give consent. It is a crime that is not restricted to gender, race, or age. Marine Corps Order 1752.5A provides guidance and instructions for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault. Every member of Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division should be familiar with Marine Corps Order 1752.5A, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program and at a minimum, receive quarterly refresher training.

Sexual assault degrades mission and family readiness and will not be tolerated. Appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken against violators. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and social services and at the same time, care must be taken to ensure that victim's identity is released to only those who have a need to know. Victim safety is paramount at all times. Victims who choose to make a restricted report are to have that choice honored to the fullest extent.

3d Marine Division Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA), and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) stand ready to provide assistance to victims of sexual assault.

Sexual assault is not only a total contradiction to the Corps Values we hold dear, it is a crime. Eliminating sexual assault takes a dedicated community effort and I challenge every leader to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors, family members and Corps deserve nothing less.

M. L. KUHN
Colonel
United States Marine Corps