

**COMMANDING OFFICER
1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment**

SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT



Sexual assault is one of the most egregious and reprehensible crimes. It is perpetrated by predatory criminals whose actions directly contradict our institutional core values. It is an act without honor, and one that this battalion as a whole will educate itself about and guard against.

Sexual Assault is defined as:

"Intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent...Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy, and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive or wrongful (including unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts." (DODD 6495.01)

All personnel within the battalion are expected to conduct themselves with honor and actively seek to protect others from this heinous crime. It is incumbent upon leaders of this battalion to educate their Marines and Sailors on sexual assault prevention steps, the definition of consent, and the difference between restricted and unrestricted reporting and the response support available to victims. Supporting victims of sexual assault is the most important function of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program.

This command will handle any reported incident of sexual assault with the utmost urgency, discretion, and professionalism. Unit Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victims' Advocates (SAPR-VA) are available 24/7 to respond to either restricted or unrestricted reports of sexual assault. This command will immediately refer all unrestricted reports of sexual assault to NCIS for investigation.

Educating and protecting our fellow Marines and Sailors on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is imperative. Reprehensible actions such as sexual assault have no place in this unit or the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line can be reached at (808)216-0126.

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