



COMMANDER'S POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, PREVENTION, AND RESPONSE



The purpose of this policy is to eliminate the occurrence of sexual assault, ensure due process for accused offenders, and provide appropriate care to victims.

Per Marine Corps Order 1752.5C, sexual assault is defined as the 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 the acts.

3d Reconnaissance Battalion's purpose is to win in combat. The shared trust that builds a team and fosters teamwork is critical in both combat readiness and combat effectiveness. Make no mistake, sexual assault is a crime and destroys lives. Sexual assault is contradictory to our core values and its occurrence undermines the sacred trust that we will always take care of each other.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken against violators. Marines and sailors who are sexually assaulted will be treated with dignity and respect and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and social service support. Victims may submit either an unrestricted or restricted report, but are encouraged to submit an unrestricted report without the fear of intimidation or reprisal.

3d Reconnaissance Battalion's two Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA) are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond, assist, and represent victims of sexual assault with advocacy, support, and referral services. All hands must understand the intent of this letter, be aware of the process, and be educated on the criminal nature of the problem.

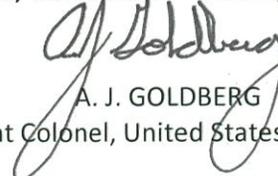
We must be able to identify signs and symptoms within our command and culture that can lead to an unwanted sexual situation before it happens. We know that alcohol is involved in the majority of sexual assault cases and that it impairs judgment. It is essential that all marines and sailors understand their environment, remove themselves from risky situations, and be assertive. As a bystander you have the moral obligation to stand up for what is right and actively prevent a potential sexual assault. Prevention is everyone's responsibility!

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