

**COMMANDING OFFICERS STATEMENT
ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**



“Sexual Assault is an intolerable crime.”

Eliminating incidents of sexual assault takes a dedicated community effort. I charge every Marine, Sailor, and civilian, to understand our duty to safely intervene and prevent sexual assault by identifying and stopping behaviors that may lead to sexual assault. **Doing nothing is NOT an option.** Bystanders to potential sexual assaults must take decisive action to prevent incidents before they occur.

Marine Corps Order 1752.5C provides specific guidance and instructions for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault. The Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany SAPR Program will address prevention of sexual assault through awareness, education, and training.

All members of this command are required to read, understand, and comply with the order referenced above—and to attend annual training to ensure complete understanding and reporting requirements.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program provides 24/7 support and advocacy to all Marines, Sailors, and military dependents over 18. We must ensure that all victims of sexual assault are treated with dignity, sensitivity, and without prejudice.

Victim Advocates to provide crisis intervention are available 24/7 and are trained to assist victims in dealing with the command, law enforcement, and medical personnel; and can advise you of your reporting options.

Once a victim informs law enforcement officials or a representative from their command, a restricted report is no longer an option. The alternative, an unrestricted report, if initiated and the command is notified that you are a victim of sexual assault. Unrestricted reports allow the commander to provide a full range of protection and start an official criminal investigation in addition to receiving services and medical assistance arranged by the UVA or VA. Although unrestricted reports are not confidential, victim privacy is a foremost consideration. Protection of victims, who have the courage to report sexual assault incidents, must feel confident that their personal safety and privacy.

The 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line is (229)881-3883.

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