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Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy

Sexual Assault is a crime: it is not restricted to sex, race, or age. It is disrespectful, demeaning, and completely contradictory to our Corps values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Sexual Assault victimizes innocent people physically and emotionally. . .and for life. It also creates significant negative impacts on the unit such as:

- Readiness Suffers
- Unit cohesion and teamwork erode
- Good order and discipline are disrupted

DoDI 6495.02 defines Sexual Assault as an intentional sexual act, characterized by the use of:

- Force
- Threats
- Intimidation
- Abuse of authority
- When the victim does not/cannot consent

Within 1st Network Battalion, sexual assault will not be tolerated. In the event of a sexual assault, we will respond immediately and appropriately. As members of the command, learn and understand the definitions of sexual assault and consent, familiarize yourself with the reporting options available to victims, exceptions, and limitations of each option, and understand the resources available to assist victims of sexual assault. Victims will have access to appropriate assistance and will be treated with decency, fairness and respect. When appropriate, legal and/or administrative actions will be taken against those who commit sexual assault.

As Marines, we have the obligation to look out for one another INTERVENE before a sexual assault occurs if you see signs that just don't seem right to you — trust your gut.

Bottom line, sexual assault is PREVENTABLE — DO THE RIGHT THING! Lead by example, take care of each other, have the moral courage to intervene if you witness an actual or attempted sexual assault targeting a fellow Marine or Civilian, and police your peers.

In the event of an emergency call 911. To receive immediate SAPR services call the DoD Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247 or the 24/7 Camp Pendleton Sexual Assault Support Line at 760-500-1707. To receive in person guidance on SAPR process or to report a sexual assault consult a command SAPR Victim Advocate.

Semper Fidelis

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