



MALS-12 COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT



The most valuable assets in the Marine Corps are our Marines and Sailors. Sexual assault goes against our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Sexual assault is defined as the intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats and intimidation, or abuse of authority when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age of victim. Marines and Sailors must remember that an individual is considered a victim when they do not consent to sex or cannot consent to sex due to alcohol or drug use.

Sexual assault is a criminal act that will not be tolerated in this command. It destroys unit cohesion, trust and morale. Victims will be given the support and care they require to recover physically and mentally. Offenders will be given due process of law and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if found guilty.

Several ways exist to report if you are a victim of sexual assault. Depending on whether you choose to make a restricted (no investigation) or unrestricted (initiates an investigation) determines to whom you report the incident. Under restricted reporting, you can make a confidential report to squadron or MAG-12 Uniform Victim Advocate, 1st MAW or MCAS Iwakuni Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, military healthcare personnel, or chaplain. In unrestricted reporting, you may report to any command personnel, PMO, NCIS, or base legal. You can also make an unrestricted report to a UVA, SARC, or healthcare provider once you make your reporting preference clear.

I strongly urge any victim of sexual assault to report their incident, restricted or unrestricted, no matter how much time has passed, in order to get the help they need to recover.

I charge every Marine and Sailor to take every action to prevent sexual assault. First, do not let Marines and Sailors drink excessively to the point where their judgment is severely impaired. Next, if you see a situation developing where a Marine or Sailor can no longer care for themselves due to alcohol or substance abuse, step in as a team so that no one can question your intent or integrity. Finally, I will ensure every Marine and Sailor receives annual training for sexual assault prevention so that each of us knows what to do when confronted with this situation.

Our service prides itself on protecting its own, in combat and peace time. We must continue to protect each other against this horrible crime.

Semper Fidelis,

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