



**U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES COMMAND
U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, EUROPE
SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT**

Bottom Line Up Front - ZERO TOLERANCE! Sexual assault is a crime that is not restricted to any gender, race, or age. Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority; or when the victim does not or cannot consent. All members at U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command (MARFORCOM) and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe (MARFOREUR) will become familiar with Marine Corps Order MCO 1752.5B "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response."

All members must be fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct, morality, and respect for human dignity. As leaders, we have a paramount duty to ensure the physical, emotional, and mental welfare of our Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines, especially from the misguided and predatory behavior of those who would unlawfully engage in sexual assault. Sexual assault is a blatant act of violence, abuse of power, and disrespect. It completely erodes the dignity and self-esteem of its victims and leaves devastating psychological and physical scars that affect individuals, families and units for years, or even a lifetime. Sexual assault is contrary to everything that we believe in and fight for, more importantly it brings shame and disgrace to our ranks and our proud heritage.

If a member of this command is the victim of sexual assault, they will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services support. Care will be given to ensure that the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know (i.e., the Unit Commander, PMO, and NCIS). Victim safety will be paramount at all times. Victims who make an unrestricted report can be confident that their personal safety will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized by the organization or reporting procedures. Victims who choose to make a restricted report will have that choice absolutely honored. Additionally, any member who condones or ignores sexual assault will be subject to appropriate legal and/or administrative action. Anyone who knowingly makes false allegations of sexual assault will also be subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action.

If you are a victim, or know of one, assistance is available through your command Uniform Victim Advocates (UVAs), Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), chain of command, PMO, and NCIS. The SARC for MARFORCOM is Mrs. Christina Chavez and she is always available to assist you. She can be contacted at 757-836-2070 or e-mail at christina.chavez2@usmc.mil. The SARC for MARFOREUR is Ms. Sharon Adams. She can be contacted at DSN 314-431-3579 or by email at sharon.adams@mfe.usmc.mil. Take care of each other; keep your and our honor clean; and remember-Zero Tolerance! Semper Fidelis!

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