



**FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC, MARINE FORCES COMMAND,  
MARINE FORCES NORTHERN COMMAND SEXUAL ASSAULT  
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT**

"Marines Take Care of Marines." This is one of the most recognized of all of our espoused values. I know we all have said this countless times, but if we really believe this, then how is it that sexual assaults continue to mar our Corps and destroy the lives of our Marines and Sailors?

MCO 1752.5C is the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program and it states clearly that Sexual Assault is a criminal act. Let me state this again for clarity; Sexual Assault is a criminal act and not only does it degrade unit cohesion but lives are dramatically and devastatingly destroyed.

In Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Marine Forces Command, Marine Forces Northern Command, **every Marine, Sailor and civilian will read and comply with Chapter 8 of this order.** Commanders and senior enlisted will read the order in its entirety and facilitate discussions within their units in excess of the minimum training requirements listed in Chapter 9 in order to enhance the understanding of what is expected of our Marines, Sailors and civilians.

I believe that it is our duty to uphold each and every Marine, Sailor and civilian as a valued member of the Command. The loss of a single person due to these types of criminal acts has a significant impact on the Command's combat readiness and weakens our Corps.

It is imperative that we truly take care of each other and understand what it means to be an active bystander. Know that you can make a difference in preventing these occurrences regardless of your rank. Do not allow your brothers or sisters to be put into harm's way.

If you have been sexually assaulted and wish to make a Restricted or Unrestricted report, then you should immediately contact the appropriate confidential or non-confidential resources (Naval Support Activity (NSA) Hampton Roads 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line, 757-402-2569, Department of Defense (DoD) SAFE Helpline, 877-995-5247, <https://safehelpline.org>; your command Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or SAPR Victim Advocate (VA) ; law enforcement, and/or chain of command) for assistance, support, resources, and guidance. Victim safety and privacy are paramount at all times.

**"Marines take care of Marines." I need your help to ensure this has meaning. It is time to rid our Corps of sexual assault.**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. W. Cavanaugh'.

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