# COMMANDING OFFICER'S

# 2D ASSAULT AMPHIBIAN BN

# STATEMENT ON

# SEXUAL ASSAULT

**Sexual assault is a crime.** We will not tolerate it here at 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion and we will prosecute sexual assault to the full extent of the UCMJ. It is a crime that distracts from our core values and is not restricted to any gender, race, or age. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. 'Consent' is not given when a person uses the threat of force, the use of force, coercion or when a person is incapacitated or unconscious.

I expect all Marines and Sailors within the battalion to be educated in understanding the rules and procedures for handling this crime. It is all of our responsibilities and duty to protect our fellow Marines and Sailors. Leaders will ensure each member under their charge is aware of and understands the Marine Corps Order MCO 1752.5B, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response". Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect. It is important that we all understand the resources and expertise available to help all victims. Confidentiality and proper reporting procedures will be adhered to for all victims. Whether an unrestricted report (identity of victim released to only those who *need* to know) or a restricted report (victim confidentiality report), all victims will receive the proper care and help they need. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVAs), Chaplains, Marine For Life Counselors (MFLC), and medical personnel will ensure immediate support is provided to all victims.

We all have the responsibility to eliminate sexual assault. We must all step up and prevent sexual assaults before they occur. Do not be a bystander and allow one of your fellow Marines or Sailors to get in a compromising position! I fully expect you to take care of one another.

To report a Sexual Assault or to speak with a Victim Advocate, call the 24/7 Response Line, MCB, Camp Lejeune: (910) 750-5852 or DoD Safe Help Line: (877) 995-5247. Our unit UVA is 1stLt Duran and can be reached at (910) 440-6588.

**Semper Fidelis**

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