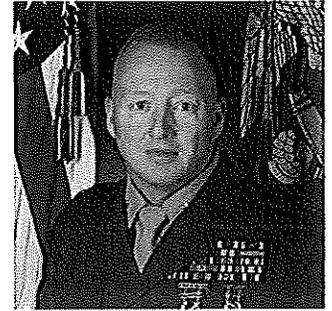


2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION COMMANDER'S SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION RESPONSE POLICY STATEMENT



Sexual assault is a crime not unique to any gender, race or age. Sexual assault is defined as 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. The Marine Corps Order on sexual assault provides guidance on identifying, reporting and addressing sexual assault and serves as the foundation for the 2d CEB policy on sexual assault prevention and response.

Sexual assault and related behaviors are not tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will also have a damaging impact for both victims and the organization. Where cause exists, appropriate legal and or administrative action will be taken against violators.

Treat victims with sensitivity, decency and respect, and ensure they receive the full support of the command and base resources. Victim safety and confidentiality is paramount at all times. Victims who report these crimes must have the confidence that their personal safety and dignity will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized by the organization.

Leaders at all levels must establish a climate that prevents sexual assault, provides care for the victims and appropriately punishes offenders. Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction to the core values we all embrace. Eliminating sexual assault will take a dedicated team effort. I challenge each leader and individual to accept the responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marine family deserves nothing less than our complete dedication to this cause.

The command Uniform Victim Advocates for 2d CEB are: 1stLt Ashlyn Lucero (910) 451-3704, located in the Battalion S-4 building 511; 1stLt Joseph Garcia (910) 450-9252 located in Mobility Assault Company building 1880A; 1stLt Scott Siska (910) 450-6190 located in the Communications Shop building 1895, GySgt Thomas Himes (910) 450-6194 located in the Communications Shop building 1895; and HM1 Tammy Ramirez (910) 451-2262 located in the BAS building 511.

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