



## Marine Corps Logistics Command Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Statement

Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline but a serious crime that can deteriorate mental and physical health. Sexual assault is not unique to any gender, race, or age. It is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. *Consent entails words or overt acts indicating a freely given agreement to the sexual conduct by a willing, competent person. Lack of verbal or physical resistance due to physical force, intimidation, threats, or coercion does not constitute consent. There is no consent when a person is unconscious, asleep, or incapacitated.*



Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators. Victims who are sexually assaulted may be physically, mentally, or emotionally traumatized; they deserve and can expect to be treated sensitively and respectfully. Victim safety and rights are paramount at all times, and they will receive all available and appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological care. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program exists to prevent sexual assault and provide victims with advocates who will help ensure their safety and assist them in accessing support resources and services. Every effort will be made to ensure a victim's identity is released only to those who have a need to know. Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. An incident of sexual assault may be reported via the following methods:

A **Restricted Report** allows a victim to receive medical treatment (including emergency care), counseling, and assignment of a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and SAPR Victim Advocate (VA) without triggering an official investigation. A Restricted Report can be made to a SARC, SAPR VA, or healthcare provider (HCP). The SARC and SAPR VAs may be reached by calling the appropriate regional 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line at Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Albany (229-881-3883), MCLB Barstow (760-577-6036), or Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport/Marine Corps Support Facility (MCSF) Blount Island (904-563-1254). *In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or the command.*

An **Unrestricted Report** also allows a victim to receive medical treatment, care, counseling, and assignment of a SARC and SAPR VA, and initiates an official investigation. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a HCP, SARC or SAPR VA via the Sexual Assault Support Lines (listed above). *Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, it will only be released to those with a need to know.*

Each of us must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and intervene when necessary. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault will have damaging consequences for both victims and our organization. If any person becomes a victim or is aware of sexual assault, I encourage them to contact the SARC or a SAPR VA for assistance.

Eliminating sexual assault requires a dedicated community effort, and committed leadership is vital to this endeavor. Our Marine Family deserves nothing less.

Semper Fidelis,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Shrader".

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