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Subj: SEXUAL ASSAULT

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1. Sexual assault is a crime that is not restricted 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 reference is a newly revised Marine Corps Order containing guidance for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault.
2. Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents may have damaging consequences for victims and the installation. Where cause exists, appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken against violators.
3. Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. 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, or NCIS). Victim safety is paramount at all times. Victims who choose to make a restricted report in accordance with the reference will have that choice honored to the fullest extent. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Marines/Sailors who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized and wounded. They must be treated with sensitivity and caring.
4. Alcohol use is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents. Irresponsible consumption of alcohol can place a Marine at increased risk. It is imperative that Marines take care of each other and not allow a fellow Marine to be victimized due to intoxication.
5. Leaders at all levels will take immediate action to become familiar with the contents of the reference. Commanders will ensure that all members of their command are briefed on the contents of the reference and receive annual refresher training.
6. Marine Corps Community Services (Marine & Family Services) is identified as the agency responsible for providing training to units as well as assistance to victims of sexual assault. Commanders will seek assistance from Marine & Family Services for training.

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7. Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction to the core values that we hold so dear. Eliminating sexual assault will take a dedicated community effort. I challenge each leader and individual to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors and family members deserve nothing less than our complete dedication to this cause.

8. Filing instructions. A copy of this policy shall be prominently displayed on command information boards and incorporated into unit directives and orders.

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