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**Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
Policy Statement**

Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline, but also a serious crime that impacts the mental and physical health of service members. Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.



Consent is defined as a freely given agreement to the conduct at issue by a competent person. An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent. Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear does not constitute consent. A current or previous dating or social or sexual relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the conduct at issue does not constitute consent. A sleeping, unconscious, or incompetent person cannot consent.

Sexual assault is a crime. Unrestricted reports of sexual assault will be thoroughly investigated and where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against alleged perpetrators. Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological treatment with assistance from social services. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are paramount at all times. Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Victims who are sexually assaulted may be physically, mentally, and/or emotionally traumatized. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care. An incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following methods:

A Restricted Report allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877) 995-5247, or MCINCR-MCB Quantico 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (703) 432-9999. *In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or command.*

An Unrestricted Report allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling services, and an official investigation ensues. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a SARC, SAPR VA, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline, and MCINCR-MCB Quantico 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (703) 432-9999. *Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that information is released only to those with a need-to-know (e.g. unit commander and investigating authorities).*

All members of MCINCR-MCB Quantico must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. We are each responsible for assisting Marines and Civilians with finding proper help and support after a crime. It is only by our united efforts that we will succeed in creating a zero tolerance environment.

For additional assistance or information, please contact the MCINCR-MCB Quantico Installation SARC and SAPR Office at (703) 784-3557 or your Command's SARC and SAPR VA whose pictures and information can be found on posters throughout your command.

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