



Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Commanding Officer's Policy *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response*

Sexual assault is a criminal act. MCO 1752.5C Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) defines sexual assault as “intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent.” Sexual assault is one of the most destructive acts that can ever be perpetrated on an individual and it tears at the very fabric of a unit. Unrestricted reports of sexual assault committed by individuals assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i will be thoroughly investigated and perpetrators will be held accountable.

Sexual assault is not confined to any rank, race, age, or sex, and all Marines have a responsibility to eradicate this conduct from our Corps. This requires personal accountability and a commitment to exhibiting Marine Corps ethos and core values. Bystander intervention has proven to be effective in helping to prevent sexual assault. Whether on or off duty, all Marines must take an active role in protecting our brothers and sisters in arms. We need to be aware of our surroundings and intervene if possible, or notify law enforcement if we witness activity that could lead to a sexual assault. If you are the victim of a sexual assault, you will be treated with sensitivity and respect. Victims have two reporting options: Restricted and Unrestricted reports. Regardless of the reporting option chosen, the same medical treatment and support services are available. The key difference is that in a Restricted Report, the Command will not be notified and an investigation will not be conducted. With an Unrestricted Report, the Command will be notified and an investigation of the crime will be initiated. In either case, I stand committed to your health and well-being, and I will ensure that you have access to the full array of medical, advocacy, and counseling services.

If you have been assaulted, help is available 24 hours a day through the chain of command, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, or healthcare provider. You may also contact the local Sexual Assault Support line at (808) 216-0126.

Thank you for your service, I'm proud to be part of this team!

Semper Fidelis,

J.W. BEAVEN

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