Sexual Assault Prevention Statement Commanding Officer Marine Artillery Detachment

- -People are this unit's most valuable asset.
- -Sexual assault is a criminal act that will not be tolerated.
- -Sexual assault undermines trust, respect, and our warfighting mission.



- -We are <u>all responsible</u> to prevent, identify, and facilitate treatment of sexual assault. This requires us to be familiar with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program, as well as educating ourselves on associated protocols, reporting options, and available resources.
- -In the case of sexual assault, we will prioritize the safety and confidentiality of the victim. They will be treated with sensitivity, dignity, and respect while receiving the appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services support.
- -All reports, restricted or unrestricted, will not result in reprisal and will be handled with respect and professionalism by all MARDET personnel.
- -The MARDET will provide SAPR Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs) and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) to assist victims, discuss reporting options, as well as maintaining the required anonymity. The Chaplain and Victim's Legal Counsel (VLC) are also available to victims.
- -Contact information for SAPR personnel are posted throughout the MARDET. Additional resources can be found online at the DoD Safe Helpline on www.safehelpline.org, the MCB Quantico 24/7 Sexual Assault Support line at 703-432-9999, or the Fort Sill SHARP Hotline at 580-91-SHARP.

-We must get this right. Treat others with respect and take care of one another.

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