



COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY LETTER 4-11

Subj: Domestic Violence

Today's high operational tempo and frequent deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan have taken a high toll on our families. The time we have to spend with our loved ones is precious and should be taken advantage of in a positive manner. It should not be used to emotionally belittle or physically abuse our loved ones. If you are having difficulties in your personal relationships you need to step up, take accountability, and seek help.

There are multiple options out there to help you and your family. Our local Marine and Family Services Office offers counseling, classes, and other programs to help you improve your relationships and cope with the stresses of military service and family life. The Marine and Family Services Office can be reached by calling (760) 725-9051. You can find a complete list of classes and phone numbers by visiting:

http://www.mccscp.com/home/Family-Services/counseling/Counseling_Domestic_Violence.aspx

In addition to the Marine and Family Services Office, our Battalion Chaplain is able to help. He can be reached by calling 725-2549.

I will not tolerate domestic violence within 3D Assault Amphibian Battalion. It is a direct contradiction of our core values. Leaders at all levels will take steps to **prevent** domestic violence, **protect** victims, and **prosecute** those who commit domestic violence. This battalion will promote an environment that holds offenders accountable. When appropriate, administrative and disciplinary action will be taken, and if it is determined there is no potential future of military service, the offender will be processed for separation.

Early intervention is critical and our goal is to prevent problems before they occur. We must establish and promote an environment where seeking help before violence has taken place is rewarded.

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Our families are our greatest force multiplier and we will treat them as such. Keeping the home front free of stress pays huge dividends, not just on the battlefield, but in overall quality of life.


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