

5TH MARINE REGIMENT COMMANDER'S POLICY STATEMENT  
ON SEXUAL ASSAULT  
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline, but a serious crime that can deteriorate mental and physical health. It will not be tolerated within 5th Marine Regiment.



Sexual Assault is defined as 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. Sexual assault can occur without regard to sex, spousal relationship, or age. ***Consent shall not be deemed or misconstrued to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.***

The SAPR Policy within 5th Marine Regiment establishes a command-driven framework to eradicate unprofessional conduct that creates conditions conducive to sexual assault, enforce due process for offenders, and deliver timely, victim-centered care. The Regiment will safeguard combat readiness by ensuring all personnel understand the definitions, consequences, reporting procedure, and intervention responsibilities associated with sexual assault. Leaders at every echelon will set and enforce a prevention-focused command climate that upholds dignity, respect, accountability, and the protection of all Marines.

**5th Marine Regiment Commanding Officer Expectations:**

- Trust each other. Give it, earn it, and always seek to prove that you deserve it.
- Eliminate behavior that violates the Marine Corps Ethos, core values of Honor Courage and Commitment, and behavior that tarnishes the prestige of the Marine Corps and 5th Marine Regiment. Maintain a climate that is respectful to all.
- When witnessing an actual or attempted physical or sexual assault upon another person, ACT, INTERVENE and safely STOP it; notify law enforcement immediately and or the DNCO. Avoid questioning the Marine about the incident unless required in the course of official duties. Victim safety and privacy are paramount. Never engage in commentary or publish content on social networking platforms or through other forms of communication that harm good order and discipline.

**Restricted Reporting:** Allows a Marine who is sexually assaulted to receive medical, advocacy services, emotional/psychological support services without notification to law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and SAPR Victim Advocate (SAPR VA), DoD Safe Helpline, or MCB Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line. *In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or command.*

**Unrestricted Reporting:** Allows a Marine who is sexually assaulted to receive medical, advocacy services, emotional/psychological support services, and the ability to participate in an official law enforcement investigation. An Unrestricted Report can be made to the command, SARC, SAPR VA, local law enforcement, DoD Safe Helpline, and MCB Camp Pendleton Sexual Assault Support Line. 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.

***Both Unrestricted and Restricted Reporting*** can be made to the 5th Marine Regiment SARC (760-576-1148) or SAPR VA, DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or MCB Camp Pendleton Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line (760-500-1707).

Semper Fidelis,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. J. FLYNN III".

G. J. FLYNN III  
Commanding Officer  
5th Marine Regiment