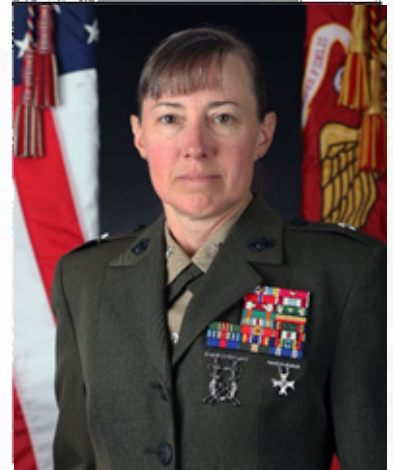


**COMMANDING GENERAL MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND/
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SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY STATEMENT

Sexual assault is a crime, and it will not be tolerated within Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and the Eastern Recruiting Region. Sexual assault undermines unit cohesion, our core values, and the very integrity of our institution. In addition to causing harm to the victim, sexual assault affects fellow Marines, Sailors, Civilians, friends, and family members. No one feels safe in an environment where sexual assault is accepted or minimized. Combating sexual assault is the responsibility of every member of our team. It is not acceptable to remain silent or be a bystander. All must have the moral courage to stand against the crime, recognizing it first and foremost as assault. We are charged as members of this profession and team to treat each other with dignity and respect. Sexual assault is inconsistent with our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.



Sexual assault has a profound impact on victims. In the event of sexual assault, it is our duty to create an environment where each victim feels secure in coming forward to report the offense and to seek the medical and psychological treatment needed to deal with this event. The Sexual Assault Response Team assists victims by providing options for reporting, accessing medical treatment, and receiving continued support and care. I expect all Marines to take part in creating a safe environment for reporting. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance involving sexual assault, please call the 24/7 Sexual Assault Support line at (843) 228-3599.

All Marines, Sailors, and Civilians must speak out against sexual assault and intervene as events arise. It is through our combined efforts that we will be successful in creating an environment free from sexual assault.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie L. Nethercot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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