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VT-86 COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR)

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It is a crime that is completely incompatible with our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and our high standards of professionalism and personal discipline.

As Commanding Officer, I am committed to eradicating this crime and creating a culture free of sexual assault through prevention, education, and training. *To be clear – sexual assault will not be tolerated in VT-86.* This crime is not limited to any age, gender, marital status, or rank. Our primary goal is to prevent the crime from happening in the first place. Bystander intervention is a powerful preventive measure against sexual assault. If you see a situation developing that may lead to an assault, step in and stop it. Alcohol is frequently cited as a factor in incidents of sexual assault. Excessive consumption of alcohol puts a person at greater risk of being assaulted. Look out for each other and do not allow yourself or others to be put in a risky situation.

If you suspect a sexual assault has occurred, you have a responsibility to report it. If you are the victim of a sexual assault, report it and seek help immediately. You will be provided care and protection, treated with decency and respect, and your privacy will be guarded. There are two reporting options:

Restricted: Provides the victim an option to report the assault to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), or a Chaplain without triggering command notification or an official investigation. Medical care, counseling, and advocacy will be provided.

Unrestricted: Medical care, counseling, and advocacy are provided along with command notification and an official investigation by law enforcement. A report to anyone other than those listed under a Restricted report renders the report Unrestricted.

SAPR Resources:

VT-86 SAPR VAs: LT Jessica Matthews and LT Ramses Porrata

DoD Safe Helpline: 1 (877) 995-5247 (Text: 55-247)

NASP SAPR VA Cell (24/7): (850) 449-9231/9232

NASP Duty SARC: (850) 554-5606

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