



MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11 COMMANDING OFFICER'S GUIDANCE

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION



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to step up and step in to prevent sexual assault."***

Sexual assault is a criminal act that tears at the cloth of our Core Values and has no place in our Corps. It demoralizes and undermines the operational capabilities of a unit and will not be tolerated in MAG-11. It goes against Who We Are and What We Stand For!

The goal of the MAG-11 Sexual Assault Prevention Program is to eliminate sexual assaults by strengthening a culture of prevention through presence, education and training, victim support, and reporting procedures that enhance individual safety, unit performance and mission readiness. To facilitate this goal, all leaders and supervisors need to be intimately familiar with the Marine Corps Order detailing the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.

Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual contact and is not restricted to a specific gender, race, or age. Every member of this MAG has the inherent duty to step up and step in to prevent these heinous acts. We can ill afford to be bystanders; we must possess a bias for action in order to prevent these crimes from occurring. We also need to protect ourselves by making ourselves "hard targets" and developing and executing solid plans in everything we do.

If you have been or believe you may have been sexually assaulted, immediately contact your Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), Victim Advocate (VA), law enforcement, and/or chain of command for assistance, support, resources, and guidance. Any Marine or Sailor with knowledge of a sexual assault shall immediately report it to authorities. Ignoring or failing to report sexual assault goes against not only our Corps Values, but may lead to adverse administrative or disciplinary action.

Sexual assaults can be reported as restricted or unrestricted and all MAG-11 leaders will be well versed on reporting procedures. Whether restricted or unrestricted, the victim's welfare will always be paramount. Our UVAs have been trained to treat each victim with compassion, sensitivity, and respect while providing the victim with the course of action right for them. If you or a Marine or Sailor you know has been a victim of sexual assault, please ensure you get assistance.

Semper Fidelis,

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