



Command Policy on Sexual Assault
Marine Air Group 13
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As Marines and Sailors, we respect each other's dignity and treat each other with respect. We know the right path to take on-duty and off. Any attack on the dignity of another Marine or Sailor will not be tolerated in this command. The command will support the confidentiality of the victim's reporting options of restricted and unrestricted reports. Any attack or assault of a sexual nature will be treated seriously and for unrestricted reports, investigated as a criminal act.

Sexual assault is a crime. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.

"Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, unconscious or incompetent.

All of the members of this Air Group must seek to prevent sexual assault and be prepared to respond immediately to the needs of the victim. All leaders will stress the need for the responsible consumption of alcohol both on and off base. All leaders will ensure their Marines are familiar with this policy and attend annual and occasional training on sexual assault prevention.

This Air Group has a standard operating procedure for responding to Allegations of Sexual Assault. Your Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA) helps implement my policy, conduct required training, and help protect any victim of sexual assault. The UVAs name and contact information are posted throughout the squadrons or can be found with the Duty Officers or the Barracks NCOs.

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