



3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING COMMANDING GENERAL'S GUIDANCE



SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

All members of 3d MAW will treat each other and everyone who supports us with **Respect and Dignity. NOTHING ELSE IS ACCEPTABLE.**

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

Our commanders **WILL** support the needs of the victim. This delicate balance of caring will be supported throughout the chain of command with vigilant attention to privacy and cautious reporting. Cases should be handled with the utmost of discretion and the need to know shall be carefully evaluated at all times.

All Commanders are required to notify NCIS immediately if an incident of sexual assault has been reported. I expect Commanders to hold offenders accountable for their actions and take appropriate legal and administrative actions when necessary. In all cases, victims will be treated with dignity and afforded all necessary resources for recovery and healing.

Military personnel are mandatory reporters of sexual assaults, except certain members exempt through policy. Members with confidentiality are the units' Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA), Civilian Victim Advocates (CVA), our Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), healthcare providers, and Chaplains. At any time, a victim may report an incident of sexual assault to a member with confidentiality and retain the ability to have a restricted or unrestricted report.

I urge any victim of sexual assault – no matter how much time has passed – to report the incident. Whether a victim makes a restricted report (no investigation) or unrestricted report (full investigation), the individual will have full access to counseling and medical services.

We all have a responsibility to prevent sexual assault and take care of our fellow Marines – there is no tolerance for sexual assault in 3d MAW. Treating each other as we would like to be treated is a fundamental element of our philosophy of **Operational Excellence** in 3d MAW and is non-negotiable. We shall be true to our Core Values.

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