



3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING COMMANDING GENERAL'S GUIDANCE



SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

The most valuable asset in our Marine Corps is our people. Any act which tears apart the fabric of our Core Values of honor, courage, and commitment, will not be tolerated.

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.

Sexual assault is a criminal act that greatly affects the victim and the organization, eroding unit cohesion, readiness, and performance. It is incompatible with the high standards of professionalism, personal discipline, and moral conduct. Sexual assault has no place within this wing, and it will not be tolerated.

All Commanders are required to notify NCIS/CID 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.

It is everyone's responsibility to prevent sexual assault. We shall recognize the responsibilities to protect one another as we fulfill the honor to serve in accordance with our Core Values of honor, courage, and commitment.

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