

**3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING  
COMMANDING GENERAL'S GUIDANCE  
SEXUAL ASSAULT**


Sexual assault is a crime. Period. It is an act that crushes unit morale, effectiveness, and combat power. It is absolutely counter to our values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and it will not be tolerated in 3d MAW. I will pursue the crime and the criminals to the maximum extent possible. If you know or suspect an incident involving sexual assault, it is your duty as a United States Marine or Sailor to immediately report it.

Rape is not the only form of sexual assault. Sexual assault can come in many forms. Including indecent assault, forcible sodomy, and ATTEMPTS to commit these offenses. Sexual assault victims can be females or males. The key is not gender, it is consent. Consent means that both parties clearly express a mutual willingness to participate in sexual activity. Use of force, threats of force, coercion, or when the other person is asleep, unconscious or incapacitated due to alcohol or drugs DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT. If there is doubt, then there is no doubt.

It is important to me that everyone in this command take an active role in deterring sexual assault of any kind. It is also vital that anyone who believes they have been sexually assaulted feel that they can come forward in confidence and be heard. I charge my commanders to make this a high priority in their Groups. We are all Marines and Sailors. We live, work and fight together. Sexual assault has no place in our ethos, in our history, nor in our traditions.

In support of this effort to find, fix and end the crime of sexual assault in our Corps, we have a highly trained and confidential sexual assault response team. It consists of the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and units' Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates. These individuals are trained in the process of providing crisis intervention, emotional support, referrals, and information about the legal process. The 3d MAW SARC can be reached at (858) 382-7824.

***"Fix, Fly, Fight!"***

  
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