



Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38  
Commanding Officer's Policy Statement on  
**Sexual Assault Prevention and  
Response**



Sexual assault should never happen. Marines within MWCS 38 must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. Prevention of sexual assault saves an individual from a lifetime of trauma from an irreparable event. Sexual assault is not compatible with our core values. It undermines the special trust and confidence that exists between marines and creates a toxic environment that will have lasting negative effects upon morale and mission accomplishment.

As the sole responsible officer for MWCS 38's sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) program I will fully support the victim with everything at my disposal. Sexual assault is a violation of another person's consent and is a criminal act. It completely violates my principle of treating everyone with dignity and respect. It violates the basic trust we have in each other and destroys unit cohesion.

I need every Marine's help to eradicate this behavior forever. Leadership is the key to sexual assault awareness, prevention, and response. I charge every Marine to remain alert for indicators of a potential sexual assault, and to take action before irreparable harm occurs to our squadron.

If you have been sexually assaulted, no matter how much time has passed, please contact one of our SAPR Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs) or the MCAS Miramar helpline. You will be afforded the opportunity to file a Restricted or Unrestricted report. With the new expanded eligibility for Restricted reports, only personally disclosing to law enforcement requires an Unrestricted report. Regardless of the reporting method, you will be treated with sensitivity, dignity, and respect. We believe you and will provide every resource available to support you during your healing process. If anyone violates this solemn oath, I want to know directly.

**MCAS Miramar 24/7 Sexual Assault Helpline 858-864-2815**

Please do not shoulder this burden alone. We will believe you and support you no matter the circumstance or amount of time that has passed.

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