

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11  
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY



Sexual assault is a crime, and anyone found guilty of this offense will be subject to the full weight of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). As defined by DODI 6495.02, sexual assault is “intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent.” Unfortunately, sexual assault remains a threat within the military, and Marines of every age and gender are susceptible. The 2021 DoD Personnel and Readiness study estimated that 4,561 Marines were victims of Sexual Assault/Unwanted Sexual Contact (SA/USC). Broken down by gender, 13.4% of all female Marines and 1.5% of all male Marines were victims of SA/USC in 2021. We owe it to our nation to do better, and we all must take an active role in eliminating SA/USC from our Corps. Not only does sexual assault destroy combat readiness and unit cohesion, but it disparages the reputation of the Marine Corps and goes against our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

Victims of sexual assault are afforded the option to submit a restricted or unrestricted report. I encourage all victims to report their assault so that they can receive the legal, medical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual support they need. Your unit’s Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SAPR) and SAPR Victim Advocate (SAPR VA) are trained and ready to provide you with responsive care. For restricted reports it is important that your privacy and anonymity be protected while still receiving required support. For victims that file an unrestricted report, you can go directly to law enforcement or anyone within your chain of command. Every victim will receive the full support of MAG-11 to ensure your safety and welfare is secured.

It is the duty of every Marine and Sailor to become familiar with MCO 1752.5C and DODI 6495.02 “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response” and take appropriate action should an incident occur. If you know or suspect a sexual assault incident took place it is your responsibility as a U.S. Marine or Sailor to immediately report it. There is no place in the Marine Corps for sexual assault and I charge every member of MAG-11 to take positive action in combating it.

Below are additional resources for victims in need of help.

MAG-11 SARC: LT Brooke Barnson 858-307-3325

Miramar 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line: (858)-864-2815

DoD SAFE Helpline: (877) 995-5247

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Col William J. Mitchell  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11