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From: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
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Subj: SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

1. Sexual assault is a crime that is not unique to any gender, race, sexual orientation, or age and it leaves an indelible blemish on our proud reputation as United States Marines. Sexual assault erodes unity, trust, and teamwork and undermines 1st Marine Aircraft Wing's (MAW) unit cohesion, Esprit de Corps, and ability to Fight Tonight.
2. Let me be clear: sexual assault is a direct affront to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. It is paramount that every Marine and Sailor in 1st MAW is aware of the full effect of sexual assault on an individual, unit, or an organization. We will eliminate sexual assaults by strengthening a culture of prevention through presence, education, training, victim support, and reporting procedures that will enhance individual safety, unit performance, and mission readiness. Units will immediately report any allegation of sexual assault in accordance with the requirements contained in Marine Corps Order 1752.5B (MCO) and MCO 3504.2A; Operations Event /Incident Reporting 3.
3. Engaged leadership is our greatest weapon in the fight against sexual assault. Leaders at all levels are charged to diligently study and embrace MCO 1752.5B and Wing Order 1752.4A, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Commanders shall appoint in writing, at a minimum two Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA) at each squadron, Personnel Support Detachment, and Detachment Headquarters. If you have been or believe you may have been sexually assaulted and wish to make a Restricted or Unrestricted report, then you should immediately contact the appropriate confidential (UVA, SARC, VLC, or chaplain) or non-confidential resource (law enforcement and/or chain of command) for assistance, support, resources, and guidance. Victim safety and privacy are paramount at all times.
4. Any officer or non-commissioned officer within the chain of command who becomes aware of a sexual assault and any Marine or Sailor who observes a sexual assault, shall immediately report the incident to the commanding officer. By-stander intervention and timely reporting of allegations of sexual assault are key components to ending sexual assault in the military. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents is detrimental for both victims and their organizations.
5. Sexual assault is a crime that goes against everything we claim to be as Marines. Eliminating sexual assault will take the concerted effort of all Marines and Sailors. Our Marine Corps values obligate each Marine and Sailor who serves with us to actively engage in the prevention of sexual assault by taking the initiative to educate, intervene, and report sexual assaults. Our Marine Corps and our country deserve nothing less than our complete dedication to this effort.

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