

# MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 18

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT



We all have different reasons for entering the Marine Corps but once we begin to wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, we all strive to live up to the legacy of the title, United States Marine.

Leaders are responsible for building and sustaining a climate in which all Marines are given the opportunity to excel in an environment free from sexual harassment and assault. I expect all Marines of Marine Control Group 18 to be a part of this process.

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination and it involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal or physical interaction of a sexual nature.

I want all Marines to understand the importance of treating each other with respect and fairness...it is the foundation of teamwork. I will not tolerate harassment of any type because it jeopardizes our most important asset; our Marines. Individuals who practice or condone harassment or assault are subject to disciplinary action.

If you believe you have been the subject of sexual harassment, or have witnessed it, bring it to the attention of your chain of command or to our Equal Opportunity Representative so your complaint will receive the proper Command attention.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P.D. Patterson Jr".

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