Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy Statement

Marine Air Control Squadron 4,

In order to meet the ***Commander's Intent*** of treating this unit as a house constructed of honesty, knowledge, wisdom and leadership while treating each other as a member of one family, I need each Marine and Sailor of this command to accept this FACT → NOTHING about sexual assault prepares this unit for combat – sexual assault will DESTROY our roof of readiness and will force us to completely rebuild this house!

Honesty: Be honest to yourself. Be honest with each other. When it comes to sexual assault prevention and response, this means you all are responsible --

- To honestly assess situations you find yourself in, both on and off duty, and then have the integrity and guts to take action to avert pending disaster.

- To be honest to your physical, psychological, and spiritual needs and seek help if you are the victim of sexual assault.

Knowledge: Know you should NEVER intentionally have sexual contact with another person through the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Should a member of our MACS-4 family be the victim of sexual assault, we need to rally around them as a family would --- immediately get the Marine or Sailor the help he or she desperately needs.

Wisdom: Understand the "on-demand" society surrounding us; while technology has allowed on-demand movies, on-demand food delivered to your door, on-demand video games --- human beings are NOT on-demand. The golden rule is always a wise choice --- treat others as we would want to be treated. Never treat other human beings as ENTITLEMENTS!

Leadership: As a leader, ask yourself these questions constantly:

Assess – Have I fostered a command climate like one of family where we all have each other's backs and treat each other with dignity and respect?

Create Goals – Have I told the Marines and Sailors the ultimate goals are to PREVENT acts of sexual assault and to know how to properly aide victims of this crime?

Plan – How will we get from here to there together?

Energize – Have I empowered them and ensured the means?

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