

Commanding Officer Marine Wing Communications Squadron -18 Sexual Assault Statement

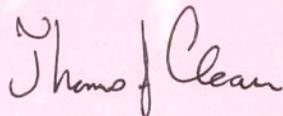
Sexual assault and harassment will not be tolerated in this unit. Those who commit acts of sexual assault violate our institutional character and damage our most precious assets – Marines and Sailors. Within our unit, this is an absolute standard that we will uphold. The expectation is that our Marines will settle for nothing less and our leaders will aggressively uphold this standard. Sexual assault is a crime and those involved will be treated accordingly.

All Marines within this unit will rapidly report allegations of sexual assault and harassment. Any reports, indications, or warnings of this misconduct must accompany immediate action by leaders within this unit. This standard is absolute.

Today's Marine Corps offers innumerable services to aid victims in the long and difficult recovery process associated with the aftermath of sexual assault. All leaders within this squadron must thoroughly understand these resources. We must ensure our Marines are aware of and have access to these resources as required.

We will relentlessly pursue a positive command climate which does not tolerate sexual assault or harassment in any form. Our leadership, at all levels, will ensure this standard is upheld and will take aggressive action as required. This standard empowers our Marines, enhances readiness, and fosters a climate of respect.

Additional information and assistance are available through the command's Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA), the Group's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), and the *Marine Corps Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program* (MCO 1752.5B).



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