



## SEXUAL ASSAULT

As the Commanding Officer of MTACS-18, it is my duty and moral obligation to establish a command climate that maintains good order and discipline, ensures the welfare and safety of every MTACS-18 Marine, Sailor, and family member, and enables each Marine to reach their fullest potential all while preparing the squadron for combat. To this end, we must be men and women of ethical character who uphold our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

Sexual assault is a hideous and shameful crime and it must never be tolerated by any member of our MTACS-18 family. It undermines mission readiness and unit cohesion. Every Marine and Sailor shall take aggressive action to prevent and report sexual assault. I will not tolerate this crime and the attitudes which leads to it. MTACS-18 will maintain its stature as a learning environment where all Marines and Sailors are treated with dignity and respect.

If any member of this command is, or ever was a victim of sexual assault, please report the incident so that your physical, mental, and spiritual wounds can be treated and our MTACS-18 family can provide you support. By submitting either a restricted or unrestricted report, victims will have full access to medical services and counseling. Those members who can retain the confidentiality of a restricted report include the squadron's Uniformed Victim's Advocates (UVA), Chaplains, and the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). All victims will be treated with respect and dignity, and their cases will be handled with discretion, care, and privacy.

MCO 1752.5B outlines the Marine Corps policy on Sexual Assault.

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