

MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Policy

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Terms of Reference

- ☞ Sexual assault – Intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. As used in this policy, the term includes a broad category of sexual offenses consisting of the following UCMJ offenses: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy (forced oral or anal sex), or attempts to commit these offenses
- ☞ Constitutes a criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and conflicts with our core values
- ☞ Personnel shall know what constitutes sexual assault and the consequences of such behavior
- ☞ REF: MCO 1752.5C Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program



Our SAPR Program policy and procedures utilize a comprehensive approach to preventing sexual assault within this command while providing prevention and response services to those affected by this crime. Leadership will provide training and education to all personnel in an effort to foster an environment that: 1) discourages sexual assault and 2) encourages reporting of sexual assault instances when they occur. **I reject the premise that this criminal behavior must exist within our ranks; Marines and Sailors obey the law.** When identified, we will respond with a sense of urgency. Leadership will ensure reporting in accordance with the governing directive and work with all stakeholders to **hold offenders accountable.**

We will treat all victims of sexual assault with sensitivity, decency, and respect. Additionally, we will ensure victims receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. The safety of, and support to, the victim endure as leadership priorities.

Leadership, education, training, awareness, and intervention enable our efforts to eliminate sexual assault. I expect anyone who witnesses either an attempt or commission of the offenses outlined above to take appropriate action to stop the behavior and immediately report it to the chain of command.

- Reporting helps protect the health and safety of the victim (and the health and safety of potential victims).
- Sexual assault victims may contact unit SAPR Victim Advocates (VA); **anyone in immediate danger call 9-1-1**
 - Where permissible, victims may elect *restricted* reporting to preserve confidentiality and access required services
 - Sentinels, familiarize yourself with MCO 1752.C, SAPR Program; ensure you and your subordinates understand sexual assault reporting options (*restricted* v. *unrestricted*). Once a victim notifies law enforcement officials or their chain of command, they no longer have the restricted reporting option

Points of Contact. Direct questions or requests for clarification to MWSS-171 SAPR VA(s):

- GySgt Karina Villatoro (Bldg. 129, Rm 405)
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Additional Resources

- 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line: 080-5865-3566
- LT James Hicks, Command Chaplain, MWSS-171

In Omnia Paratus,

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