



HMH-463

Commanding Officer's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy



Mission First, Marines and Families Always!

Sexual assault is a crime that has no place in this unit and will not be tolerated. Every member of this squadron must take aggressive action to prevent and report it. Sexual assault is a complete violation of our Core Values as Marines and undermines unit cohesion.

Sexual Assault: Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats and intimidation, abuse of authority or when the victim does not, or cannot consent. It can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of the victim. **MCO 1752.5B outlines the Marine Corps Sexual Assault Policy.**

If you are a victim, no matter how much time has passed, please report the incident so that your physical, mental, and spiritual wounds can be addressed and the command can support you during the healing process. By submitting either a restricted or unrestricted report, you will have full access to counseling and medical services. The individuals that can retain the confidentiality of a restricted report include the Chaplain, the squadron Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA), and the Wing 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.

Our Marines and extended Pegasus family are our most precious assets. To protect a nation we must take care of each other! This is the most **fundamental** duty of every Marine and speaks directly to our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. The greatest honor that we share as Marines is being in the company of one another. Every one of us will do our part. We will treat one another with dignity and respect at all times. We will protect one another. We will not let one another down. We will protect what we have earned, the right to be called a Marine, and we will be faithful to the legacy left to us by those who have gone before. We will embody our Corps' motto: Semper Fidelis.

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