



## Sexual Assault Policy Statement



Sexual assault is a criminal act. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact accomplished by the use of force, threat of force, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or can not consent. This Command will show zero tolerance for sexual assault and will aggressively prosecute any allegation in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other applicable rules and regulations.

Should you become the victim of a sexual assault, you are encouraged to seek assistance. Our leaders, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVAs), Military Police (MP), and medical providers are here to assist you. Members of this command who suspect or become aware of allegations of sexual assault shall promptly notify the chain of command so that proper action may be taken.

I will ensure every victim is treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity. I will ensure our victims receive all medical, emotional, and psychological care possible. I will protect them through fair, conscientious, and unbiased treatment as individuals and continue to view them as integral members of this command throughout the process.

Prevention of sexual assault is critical to our squadron's moral foundation and esprit de corps. All Dragons are charged with upholding the highest standards of behavior and conduct whether on duty, liberty, or leave. All Dragons shall be especially aware of their behavior when consuming alcohol and/or when fatigued. If we observe degenerating behavior, it is our duty to immediately correct the situation.

Mutual respect and trust are essential to unit cohesion. We shall maintain a work environment that fosters the personal and professional development of our Marines and Sailors. There are few acts as damaging to the morale, effectiveness, and efficiency of a unit and its bond with the local community as sexual assault. Dragons are expected to take care of each other and our hosts. Treat all people, both military and host nation, with respect and dignity.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Marsh".

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