<u>Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group - 36</u> <u>Sexual Assault Policy</u>

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME.

I will not tolerate sexual assault.

I expect all Marines and Sailors to know and understand the rules and procedures for handling and reporting this crime. Moreover, MAG-36 commands will coordinate with law enforcement to investigate sexual assaults and will ensure the victim and the accused are afforded their rights. We all have the responsibility to eliminate sexual assault.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect, and receive the appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services that they need. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know (i.e. SAPR Victim Advocate (s) (VA) or Naval Criminal Investigative

Services). Victim safety and confidentiality is paramount at all times. I will not tolerate Marines and Sailors that foster rumor and gossip.



Victims who choose to make a restricted report in accordance with the MCO 1752.5C will have that choice honored to the fullest extent. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized.

Alcohol consumption increases the risk of a Marine or Sailor to become a victim of sexual assault. It is imperative that we take care of each other and not allow a fellow Marine or Sailor to become a victim because of his/her intoxication. Do not be a bystander and allow one of your fellow Marines or Sailors to get in a compromising position! We espouse that Marines take care of Marines and I fully expect that you will.

Leaders will ensure each member under their charge is aware of and understands the Marine Corps policy regarding sexual assault prevention and response and knows whom the SAPR VA(s) is/are and where they are located within MAG-36.

For more information, contact the 1st MAW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Mr. Willis May at 636-2938. If you are a victim of sexual assault contact the MAG-36 SAPR VA SSgt Leighton Thompson at 636-5033. You may also call 645-HOPE at any time 24/7 to speak with a VA or contact NCIS at 645-0213.

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