

Marine Air Support Squadron 2 Commanding Officer's Statement on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response



Sexual assault and sexual harassment shall have no quarter in the ranks of our Squadron! Vagabonds shall not commit, enable, or tolerate such vile acts. Vagabonds will always treat everyone with dignity and respect. Furthermore, we will treat every victim impartially, respectfully, and with the greatest sensitivity. We will follow the designated procedures outlined in MCO 1752.5C and MCO 5354.1F and our focus will be on the safety and well-being of the victim.

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. Consent is not given when a person uses force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Sexual assault is a criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and contradicts our Marine Corps core values. Every Vagabond shall be aware of what constitutes sexual assault and the consequences of such behavior. Vagabonds shall possess the tools, training, and confidence necessary to safely intervene when witnessing high-risk behaviors that may result in a sexual assault.

If you are a victim of sexual assault contact the MASS-2 SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), the 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line, healthcare provider, or Chaplain as soon as possible. The MASS-2 SAPR VA can be contacted at DSN 636-3052. The MASS-2 Squadron Duty Officer can be contacted at DSN 636-3257 or Cell 090-6861-4636. You can also contact the 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line at 645-HOPE and the 1st MAW SARC at DSN 636-2938/2532 or Cell 080-1385-7186. The DoD Safe Helpline is (877) 995-5247.

Semper Fidelis,

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