



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



**Sexual assault** has no place in our Squadron or our Corps. I will not tolerate Pacific Vagabonds committing, enabling, or allowing such heinous acts. Sexual assault is a dishonorable crime that undermines our unit's unity and is incompatible with the Marine Corps' core values. Sexual assault is 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.

Every Vagabond must be fully aware of what constitutes sexual assault and the severe consequences it carries. We must equip ourselves with the necessary knowledge, training, and confidence to intervene when witnessing behaviors that could lead to a sexual assault. **If you see a situation that may lead to sexual assault, it is your duty to intervene to prevent sexual assault from occurring!**

We shall always treat everyone with dignity and respect. We will treat sexual assault victims impartially, respectfully, and with the utmost sensitivity and discretion. We will ensure a victim of sexual assault has access to medical and support resources. Our priority is the safety and well-being of the victim. We will follow the designated procedures outlined in MCO 1752.5C.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, reach out immediately to the MASS-2 SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), the 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line, your healthcare provider, or the Chaplain. There are two reporting options available: **restricted and unrestricted**, which can be initiated via the MASS-2 SAPR/VA. If you file a restricted report, you will have access to all support resources. If you file an unrestricted report, I promise that the information you provide will be safeguarded and only shared with those who have a need to know (e.g. SJA, PMO, NCIS).

For immediate assistance:

- Your Chain of Command
- MASS-2 SAPR/VA at Cell 080-1385-7212
- MASS-2 Squadron Duty Officer at DSN 636-3257 or Cell 090-6861-4636
- 1st MAW SARC at DSN 636-2938/2532 or Cell 080-1385-7186
- 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line at DSN 645-HOPE
- DoD Safe Helpline at +1 (877) 995-5247.

We must act urgently to prevent sexual assaults and create a safe environment built on trust and respect for everyone. Stand against sexual assault and take immediate action if you witness or experience it. Together, we can make a difference.

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