

Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 28 Command's Sexual Assault Policy



Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated

Sexual assault contradicts Marine Corps core values, harmful to individuals, erodes unit cohesion, and is unprofessional. It is not who we are, is not ok, it is not normal. All Marines are responsible for preventing sexual assault. If you see a situation developing that causes concern; INTERVENE immediately. If you fail to act, you are complicit.

Any victim of sexual assault shall be treated with impartially, dignity, and without prejudice. Any victim of sexual assault will be treated in a manner that empowers the individual to determine their own support and resource needs. Victim privacy is paramount. The identity of a victim will be handled only by those who have a need-to-know. Victims must know that their safety and privacy will be protected. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VAs), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARCs), and Chaplains are ALWAYS available to assist.

Military victims have two reporting options:

- Restricted Report allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocatory, and
 emotional/psychological counsel and support services without notifying law enforcement or the
 command. A restricted report can be made to a SAPR VA, SARC, Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD
 Safe Helpline 24/7(877-995-5247), or MCAS Cherry Point's Sexual Assault 24/7 Helpline (252-6654713). A restricted report can become an unrestricted report.
- Unrestricted Report also affords a victim the ability to receive medical, informational, legal, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services; however, an official investigation will be initiated. An unrestricted report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to the SAPR VA, SARC, HCP, Chaplain, DoD Safe Helpline, and sexual assault helplines. Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that it is released only to those with an actual need-to-know, such as the unit commander and the investigating authorities. Once initiated, an unrestricted report CANNOT become a restricted report. (Reference: MCO 1752.5C)

Regardless of rank or leadership position, Marines support and defend each other and we protect those entrusted to our care. All Marines, Sailors, and civilians need to be willing to speak out against sexual violence and intervene. It is only by our united efforts that we, all of us, will succeed in creating a zero tolerance environment and end sexual violence. Members of this command shall be familiar with MCO 1752.5C, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.

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