



**POLICY STATEMENT ON
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE**



**COMMANDING GENERAL
4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING**

Sexual assault and related behaviors are unequivocally contrary to who we are and who we aspire to be every day as Marines. Any action that is unwelcomed or occurs without the explicit consent of the parties involved may be considered sexual assault.

The first step in addressing this threat to our Corps is education. Marines should be familiar with Marine Corps Order 1752.5B for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Within this order, you will find information on everything from how to be an active bystander, what to do if you have been sexually assaulted, what to do if someone in your chain of command has been assaulted, and all the reporting and advocacy requirements associated with our service policy and programs.

Any service member who feels he or she has been assaulted will be treated with respect, a sense of urgency, and our commitment to personal protection, representation and advocacy. It takes strength to come forward after a traumatic incident, but Marines never shy from the hard choice, especially in matters of justice and the personal safety of those who have earned the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor.

A Restricted Report provides confidentiality while ensuring any service required is provided to the victim. An Unrestricted Report ensures the provision of these same services, while those with a need to know may assist in any subsequent official investigation.

Marines deserve to live and work in a climate of mutual respect and support. The specter of threats, derision, violence, or retaliation are inconsistent with a healthy workplace. Vigilance in the protection of each other will reinforce our core values, increase our bond, and honor the reputation we have worked so long to earn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. A. Adams'.

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