



Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico COMMANDING OFFICER'S Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Policy **Sexual Assault is a Crime!**

Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline but a serious crime that can deteriorate a victim's mental and physical health. Sexual Assault is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age.

Consent shall not be deemed or constructed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated at MCAF. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators. Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological treatment with assistance from social services. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are paramount at all times. Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization, unit or section. All Marines shall treat a person who is a victim of sexual assault impartially, with dignity, and without prejudice. Marines shall ensure victims of sexual assault are treated in a manner that empowers the victims to determine their own support and resource needs.

Victims have two methods of reporting sexual assault, Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting. An incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following methods:

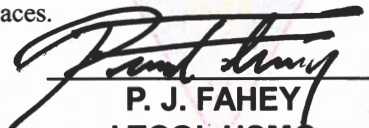
A **Restricted Report** allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made only to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or MCB Quantico Sexual Assault 24/7 Helpline (703-432-9999). **In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or your command.**

An **Unrestricted Report** also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/emotional/psychological counseling services and an official investigation ensues. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a SARC, SAPR VA, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline, and (Installation) Sexual Assault Helpline (listed above). **Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that information is released only to those with a need-to-know.**

All members of MCAF must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and practice bystander intervention when necessary. We are each responsible for assisting Marines with receiving proper help and support after a crime. It's on all of us at MCAF to ensure every Marine is treated with dignity and respect.

Take a stand against sexual assault!

For additional assistance or information, please contact one of the MCAF SAPR VAs whose pictures and information can be found on SAPR VA posters throughout the squadron spaces.


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