



## MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT



**Mission:** Each member of this installation is of tremendous value to our mission and to the Marine Corps. The impact of sexual assault resonates across this Air Station and destroys our ability to work together in accomplishing our mission. This criminal act destroys morale, unit cohesion, and the focus of our people on the mission. It is contrary to our values as an installation and Marine Corps dedicated to the respect and dignity of our Marines, Sailors, civilians, and families.

**Professionalism:** Sexual Assault is an offense to both the individual and the MCAS Beaufort team as a whole. Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Violators will be held accountable and will be subject to legal and/or administrative action. Victims will be treated with decency, sensitivity, and provided all the necessary services to aid in their recovery. Prevention is key! Each of us has attended years of training on how to prevent a sexual assault. Have the courage to do the right thing and intervene before it happens.

**Communication:** It is imperative that victims of sexual assault immediately seek assistance and care through restricted or unrestricted reporting. I encourage all victims to pursue an unrestricted report in order to eradicate potential future events. Communication will be kept confidential and secure, of that you have my assurance. If an assault does happen, I will do everything in my power to ensure you are taken care of to the utmost. The 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline (843-321-6009) is an available resource along with dedicated professionals who can offer support and guidance to include uniformed SAPR Victim Advocates for active duty members and civilian SAPR Victim Advocates for both civilian and military personnel.

Karl R. Arbogast  
Colonel, United States Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer