



Marine Attack Squadron 223

Policy Statement:

**Sexual Assault Prevention & Response,
Suicide Prevention, and Substance Abuse**

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The mission of Marine Attack Squadron 223 is to employ the AV-8B Harrier as a world class Attack platform in support of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. We cannot accomplish this mission without protecting the Marines and Sailors within our unit from the threat of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a crime, and violators will not be tolerated. Our Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA) and our Chaplains are always ready and able to assist victims. These criminal acts will not be tolerated.

We face trials, but we face them together. The unit leadership, Chaplains, medical staff, and Command Team are here to support each of you through any circumstance you may encounter. Remember you are a part of the Bulldogs and the Marine Corps, and no matter what tragedy you face, we can overcome it together. Death, however, cannot be undone. Remember none of you are alone. If you or one of your fellow Marines need help, your command is here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It takes courage to ask for help, so please ask if you or your Marine is in need.

Finally, if you or a fellow Marine is struggling with substance abuse, it is your duty to seek assistance through the many available resources within the command. The Chaplain, medical staff, counselors, and the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) are trained, equipped, and available to provide the required assistance and treatment you or a fellow Marine may need. We will not tolerate the abuse of alcohol or drugs, whether legal or illegal. Remember, help is available, it is your duty to seek help for yourself or a fellow Marine in need.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel D. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Semper Fidelis,

Nathaniel D. Smith

Commanding Officer