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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 38
To: Suzanne Hurtado, Principal Investigator, Naval Health Research Center,
San Diego, California

Subj: PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS

1. I authorize Suzanne Hurtado, Principal Investigator, and her team from the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) to recruit and collect data from volunteers from Marine Air Control Group 38 (MACG-38) as participants in a study titled, "Formative Research to Adapt a Sexual Assault and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program," during the current Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) pandemic situation. The study will determine how to best adapt an existing integrated sexual assault and alcohol misuse prevention program that is relevant for Marines to ultimately enhance their health and readiness.

2. Up to 40 active duty Marines from this command will be asked to volunteer to participate by providing their opinions and feedback on the intervention to improve its relevancy for Marines. Methods of recruiting potential study volunteers will include posting a study flyer in common areas and emailing the study flyer to command-provided points of contact to raise awareness of the study opportunity.

3. Three groups of service members will be targeted: (1) enlisted service members who are 18-24 years old; (2) senior enlisted leaders and officers; and (3) service members who have an active role in the alcohol prevention program or sexual assault prevention and response program. After consenting to be in the study, participants will be asked to participate in a focus group discussion or an individual interview and a brief anonymous questionnaire, or an optional additional in-depth interview.

4. I understand that Marines' participation in the study will take 90 minutes for the focus group or individual interview and the questionnaire, and will take place in a one-time session either in-person or via telephone. Participation in the in-depth interview will take up to 60 minutes and will take place in a separate session via telephone. Study staff will collect participants' contact information (email address, telephone number) to communicate and schedule sessions with participants during the study; however, no personally identifiable information will be stored with participants' responses or data.

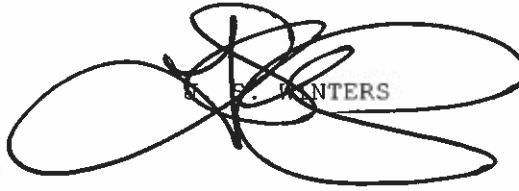
5. I understand that the research protocol (#NHRC.2022.0004) has been reviewed and approved by the NHRC Institutional Review Board (IRB). This research will be conducted in compliance with all relevant federal guidelines and Department of Defense directives for the protection of human research subjects. I understand that all participation will be voluntary.

6. NHRC will provide the research staff and all materials for the study. NHRC will execute COVID-19 safety procedures in an approved COVID-19 mitigation plan associated with the study protocol, as applicable. NHRC will analyze the study

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data and provide research results in the form of an executive summary to the participating commands.

7. The point of contact for this study is Commander Leivi Sosa, Group Surgeon at (858)307-9619 or email at leivi.sosa@usmc.mil.



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