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Yuma Marines ‘Take a Stand’ Bike Ride against Sexual Assault

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, ARIZ. (April 26, 2013) Get your motor running...riding out on the highway. Watch out Yumans because Marine Corps Air Station Yuma is “Taking a Stand” against Sexual Assault on Tues, April 30.

As a part of this month’s effort to increase awareness of and prevent sexual assault across the Marine Corps, several Yuma military members, DoD civilians, contractors and their families will rev their motorcycle engines in an event that begins at 7:30 a.m. which all station personnel are invited to attend.

Throughout the month, Marines and Sailors aboard MCAS Yuma have spent time discussing the serious nature of sexual assault, how it impacts lives and how to help if someone is in need. Marine Aircraft Group 13 held a physical fitness training session that combined a workout and sexual assault awareness in order to help Marines and Sailors better understand why sexual assault occurs and how to prevent it from happening.

As the finale for April, “Take a Stand” will begin with all motorcycle riders parked in front of the MCAS Yuma Station HQ prior to morning colors at 8 a.m. The Station Commanding Officer, Col. Robert C. Kuckuk, will offer a few words followed by a dramatic reading about a

sexual assault victim. At the conclusion of the reading, the bikers will load up and break off in sticks of 6-8 riders and will end the ride at Amberly's Place where a representative of the facility will say a few words after accepting donated items from the riders.

Route details

Ride from MCAS Yuma to Amberly's Place via 32nd Street to 4th Avenue to 1st Street to 13th Avenue to Colorado Street.

The local community is welcome to show their support during this ride by bringing out your American Flags and waving them proudly as the bikers ride by along the route.

Media are invited to cover this event at MCAS Yuma, along the bike ride route and at Amberly's Place. Please email Capt. Staci Reidinger at staci.reidinger@usmc.mil if interested in covering this event. Provide the name of your organization, reporter/s, phone number and if you are going to cover the event at MCAS Yuma only or also at Amberly's Place. Media will have to arrive at the main gate pass and permits lot no later than 7:20 a.m.

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** Media Notes: Additional photos and video from this event after May 1 can be found at: www.dvidshub.net/mcasy and at www.mcas-yuma.marines.mil.