



# Family Advocacy Program



## & Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR)

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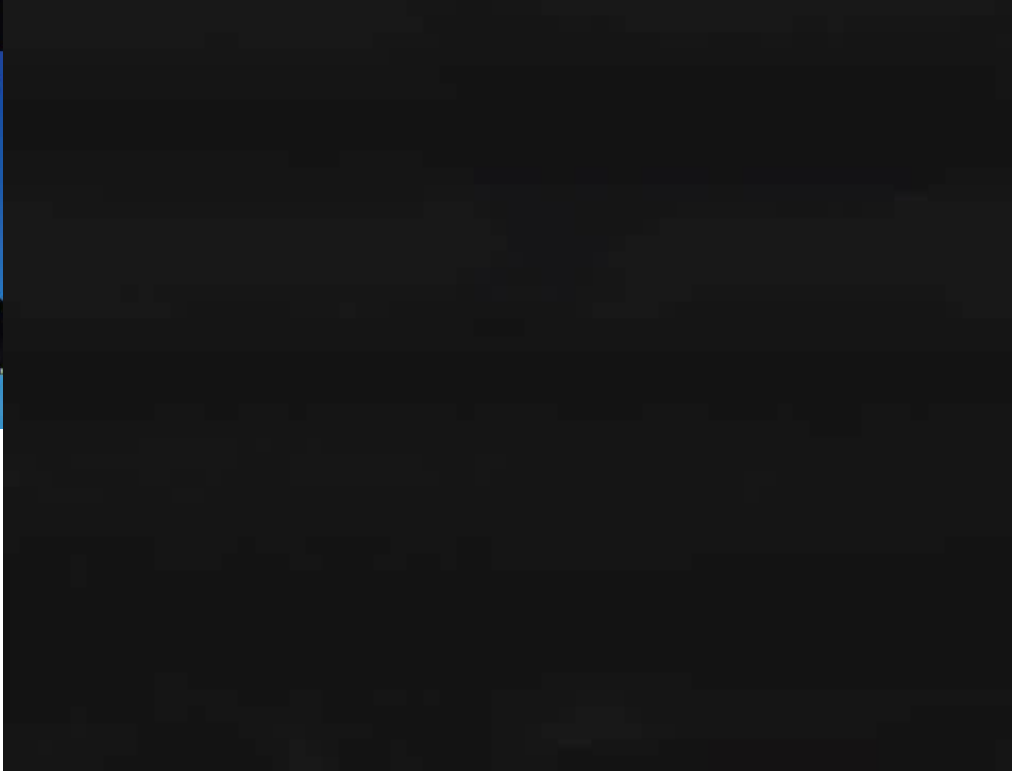
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# Sexual Assault Awareness



**OUR STRENGTH IS FOR DEFENDING.**





In Fiscal year 2010, there were 3,158\* reports of sexual assault involving military service members as subject or victim.

*-Department of Defense, FY10 Report on Sexual Assault in the Military*

❖ *Represents a 2-percent decrease from FY09  
FY08 to FY09:*

❖ *Number reflects an 11% increase in FY 08 reporting. The Department expects that yearly increases in reporting will be an indicator of improved Service Member confidence in the Department of Defense's SAPR program.*



# Sexual Assault



## “Sexual Assault”

is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.

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



# vs. Sexual Harassment



## Harassment

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct when submission to such conduct is made a term or condition of a person's employment; submitting to or rejecting such conduct is used as a basis for employment decisions affecting the person; or has the purpose or effect of interfering with a person's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment

Contact EEO representative



# CONFIDENTIALITY TWO TYPES OF REPORTING...



## RESTRICTED REPORT

And

## UNRESTRICTED REPORT

**Under DoD policy, victims of sexual assault have a choice of the options below:**



# RESTRICTED REPORT

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- Does not trigger the investigative process
- Allows the Service Member who is sexually assaulted to disclose the incident to the SARC, Victim Advocate, Healthcare Provider and the chaplain
- Allows victim to receive:
  - Medical treatment
  - A forensic exam
  - Advocacy Services
  - Counseling assistance
- Command is notified of non-identifying information only



# RESTRICTED REPORT, Cont.



## Benefits:

- Victim receives treatment
- Provides victim some personal space and time to consider options
- Victim controls release and management of his/her personal information
- Victim can elect unrestricted reporting for up to one year

## Limitations:

- Assailant remains unpunished
- Victim cannot receive Military Protective Order (MPO)
- Victim may continue to have contact with assailant
- Victim cannot discuss the assault with other Service Members
- Victim will be ineligible to invoke the collateral misconduct provision of the DoD's sexual assault policy in the event the victim's command learns that he/she was engaged in some kind of misconduct at the time of the assault



# Unrestricted Reporting

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- Policy favors unrestricted reporting
- Command and investigative services notified
- Allows victim to receive:
  - Medical treatment
  - A forensic exam
  - Advocacy Services
  - Counseling assistance



# Unrestricted, Cont.



## Benefits:

- Commander support (MPO's, separation from offender, deferred collateral misconduct, etc)
- Full investigation
- Enhanced community safety
- May encourage other victims to come forward
- Ensures widest range of rights and protections to the victim

## Limitations:

- Cannot change to restricted reporting
- Victim may consider it too intrusive
- Others will find out
- Investigation and court proceedings may be lengthy
- May not be enough evidence to convict offenders



# EXCEPTIONS TO CONFIDENTIALITY



- A victim consents in writing
- When required to determine fitness for duty or disability retirement
- To supervise direct victim services adequately
- Ordered by federal or state statute



# Victim Rights



1. Be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity and privacy
2. Be reasonably protected from the accused offender
3. Be notified of court proceedings
4. Be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determinesthat testimony by the victim would be materially affected if the victim heard other testimony at trial
5. Confer with the attorney for the Government in the case
6. Receive available restitution
7. Be provided information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender



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- Contacts

**"I've been sexually assaulted. What do I do?"** [What do I do?"](#)

**"I want to learn more about preventing sexual assault. Tell me more."** [Tell me more."](#)

**"My friend has been sexually assaulted. What do I do?"** [What do I do?"](#)

**"Someone I supervise in the military has been sexually assaulted. What do I do?"** [What do I do?"](#)

▶ Welcome to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) website.

▶ SAPRO is the organization responsible for all Department of Defense (DoD) sexual assault policy. The Department of Defense does not tolerate sexual assault. The Department has implemented a comprehensive policy to ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of all members of the Armed Forces. Our men and women serving throughout the world deserve nothing less, and their leaders — both military and civilian — are committed to maintaining a workplace environment that rejects sexual assault and reinforces a culture of prevention, response and accountability.

**Resources**

SECDEF SAAM Memo

SAAM 2009 Materials

**Downloads**

2009 Exceptional SARC Awardees

Signed DoD Report of Sexual Assaults in FY2008

**DoD's Latest Campaign Materials**

Customizable Campaign Posters

**Public Service Announcement**

These files require Windows Media Player or Quicktime and open in a new window.

**CJCS Video**

Windows Media Player (4.3 MB)

My Duty "Hero" Video

This website provides guidance and other information for victims of sexual



# General Stats

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- **56% of assaults are service member on service member**
- **29% are SM on non service member**
- **51% of unrestricted reports lead to court martial**
- **25% receive an Article 15**
  
- **Victims**
  - **90% are female**
  - **50% ages 20-24**
  - **63% E1-E4**
  
- **Perpetrators**
  - **32% aged 20-24**
  - **28% aged 25-34**
  - **48% E1-E4**

**Army has highest number of assaults**



# FY10 Reports of Sexual Assault in the USCENTCOM AOR



SARCs and VAs are in place throughout the Combat Areas of Interest (CAI's), including Afghanistan and Iraq. Field hospitals are outfitted with SAFE kits for evidence collection.

## 268 reports of sexual assault

- 238 Unrestricted Reports – increase from FY09
  - 128 (54%) reports were made in Iraq
  - 62 (26%) were made in Afghanistan.
  
- 46 Restricted Reports – decrease from FY09
  - Sixteen reports were changed to Unrestricted by the victim
  - 26 (57%) reports were made in Iraq
  - 9 (20%) reports were made in Afghanistan
  
- The remaining reports were made in other areas of the CAI's\*.

\*Including but not limited to Djibouti, Kuwait, Bahrain & Qatar



# The SAPR Program at DSCC



The SAPR program is managed through the FAP Office  
Unrestricted reports referred to to WPAFB for case management & treatment

The SARC is available for the following:

Reporting and referrals

Coordination of prevention activities

Yearly training of military service members

Referral to Installation Victim Advocate (VA)

DSCC's current VA



# The SAPR Program at DSCC

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The DSCC Family Advocacy Program has a MOA with the “Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO)-OhioHealth” to provide crisis intervention, advocacy and counseling.

**To report sexual assault contact the DSCC  
FAPM/SARC at (614) 692-7217**

**For immediate assistance contact the SARNCO  
24-Hour Rape Helpline: (614) 267-7020**



# Questions?

