

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



## **Victim Assistance**

Sexual assault is a crime that harms our Service members, erodes our readiness, and hinders our ability to field the ready force that the National Defense Strategy requires. DoD SAPRO is committed to providing trauma-informed, gender-responsive, and culturally-competent support and resources. DoD SAPRO creates policies and programs to provide services and support to victims of sexual assault, strengthen victims' resiliency, and instill confidence and trust in the reporting process. DoD's approach ensures that victims of sexual assault receive the protections to which they are entitled and support through an integrated network of victim services.



Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates (VAs) connect victims with support and care services, including medical, counseling, and advocacy from a victim-centered and non-gender based or biased approach



In implementation of Independent Review
Commission on Sexual Assault in the
Military recommendations, the Sexual
Assault Response Workforce (SARW) will
be restructured to move the DoD and the
Services closer to developing, fielding,
and sustaining a high-quality
victim assistance workforce



Unrestricted Reporting and
Restricted Reporting options allow
Service members who experience sexual
assault to exercise control over how and
when to engage with helping resources

SAPRO Victim Assistance Approach



DoD Safe Helpline provides 24/7, anonymous, live, one-on-one crisis intervention, support, information, and resources to members of the DoD community who have been affected by sexual assault



DoD Plan to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Assault of Military Men focuses on the experiences of male Service members and addresses the personal impact and negative effects on unit readiness when sexual assaults occur

## D-SAACP



The DoD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP) provides a required, professional certification for all Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and SAPR Victim Advocates (VAs).



## VALIANT

Victim Advocates Learning, Innovating, and Networking Together (VALIANT) is an online community of practice for SARW personnel. VALIANT is open to military SARCs, SAPR VAs, program managers, and other SAPR/SHARP response personnel.