

EXCEPTIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR

2011 AWARD CEREMONY



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WASHINGTON, D.C.



**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
A PROCLAMATION**

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, 2011

Our Nation must continue to confront rape and other forms of sexual violence as a deplorable crime. Too many victims suffer unaided, and too many offenders elude justice. As we mark National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, we recommit to building a society where no woman, man, or child endures the fear of assault or the pain of an attack on their physical well being and basic human dignity.

Despite reforms to our legal system, sexual violence remains pervasive and largely misunderstood. Nearly one in six American women will experience an attempted or completed rape at some point in her life, and for some groups, rates of sexual violence are even higher. Almost one in three American Indian and Alaska Native women will be sexually assaulted. Young women ages 16 to 24 are at greatest risk, and an alarming number of young women are sexually assaulted while in college. Too many men and boys are also affected. With each new victim and each person still suffering from an attack, we are called with renewed purpose to respond to and rid our Nation of all forms of sexual violence.

Sexual assault is considered to be the most underreported violent crime in America, and criminal justice responses vary widely across our country. Some communities have developed highly trained, coordinated teams who understand the nature of sexual assault and can respond with compassionate understanding. In other places, victims hesitate to report these crimes because they fear the criminal justice system will respond with skepticism or fail to bring the perpetrator to justice. We must ensure our police, prosecutors, and courts treat victims with the seriousness and respect they need and deserve. We must do more to provide services that help victims recover from the trauma of sexual assault. And ultimately, we must prevent sexual assault before it happens.

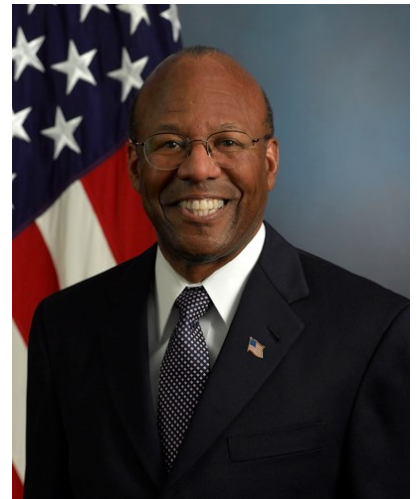
Under Vice President Joe Biden's leadership, my Administration is committed to engaging a broad spectrum of Federal agencies and community partners to prevent sexual assault, support victims, and hold offenders accountable. The Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women is leading the Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative to improve the way sexual assault survivors are served. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is funding innovative prevention campaigns that engage bystanders in reducing sexual assault, and the Department of Education is working to combat sexual violence at schools and universities. We will continue to support new approaches that show promise in changing cultural attitudes toward sexual violence and preventing these crimes.

Each victim of sexual assault represents a sister or a daughter, a nephew or a friend. We must break the silence so no victim anguishes without resources or aid in their time of greatest need. We must continue to reinforce that America will not tolerate sexual violence within our borders. Likewise, we will partner with countries across the globe as we work toward a common vision of a world free from the threat of sexual violence, including as a tool of conflict. Working together, we can reduce the incidence of sexual assault and heal lives that have already been devastated by this terrible crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. I urge all Americans to support victims and work together to prevent these crimes in their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA



**BY THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL
AND READINESS**

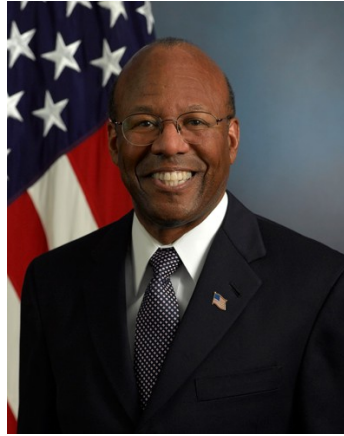
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, 2011

This April, the Department marks the seventh Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Highlighting this important month provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through special events and public education. Please continue efforts throughout year to help the Department move closer to its vision of a culture free of sexual assault.

Sexual assault hurts one, affects all. It harms victims, the families associated with each case, a unit's climate and cohesion, and in some cases, our nation's strategic alliances. Leadership at all levels must remain diligent, as we cannot afford to let this crime continue in our ranks. The human toll is too high.

I greatly appreciate your commitment to rapid sexual assault response, services and education.

DR. CLIFFORD L. STANLEY



Dr. Clifford L. Stanley **Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)**

Dr. Clifford L. Stanley was sworn in as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on February 16, 2010. He is the senior policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on recruitment, career development, pay and benefits for 1.4 million active duty military personnel, 1.3 million Guard and Reserve personnel, 680,000 DoD civilians, and is responsible for overseeing the overall state of military readiness.

Before assuming his current position, Dr. Stanley was President of Scholarship America, the nation's largest non-profit, private-sector scholarship organization. Prior to assuming this position at Scholarship America, he served on the senior leadership team of the University of Pennsylvania as the Executive Vice President. In that capacity, he was responsible to the president for the non-academic functions of the university, such as business, finance, facilities maintenance, and campus security.

Secretary Stanley, a retired United States Marine Corps infantry officer, served 33 years in uniform, retiring as a Major General. His last position was as the Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. Additionally, he served as the Marine Corps Principal Representative to the Joint Requirements Board which supported the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out his responsibilities.

His leadership positions have included: Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty nine Palms, CA; Director of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington DC; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, (Manpower Plans & Policy); Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment, Desk Officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary Of Defense, East Asia and Pacific Region; Advisor to the Secretary of Defense on POW/MIA Affairs; Special Assistant and Marine Corps Aide for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; and instructor at the US Naval Academy. Secretary Stanley was also a White House Fellow where he served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Throughout his career, both in and out of the military, Dr. Stanley has helped men and women exceed their expectations while building cohesive teams dedicated to high achievement and selfless service. Dr. Stanley has a proven track record of being a visionary and inspirational leader dedicated to diversity, families, and a true sense of taking care of others.

Dr. Stanley is a graduate of South Carolina State University. He received his Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University, graduating with honors. His formal military education includes Amphibious Warfare School, the Naval War College, Honor Graduate of Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and National War College. Dr. Stanley earned his Doctorate Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and holds Doctor of Laws degrees from South Carolina State University and Spalding University.

Program

Presentation of the Colors
Armed Forces Joint Color Guard

National Anthem

Opening
Ms. Sharon Cooper
Director, Defense Human Resources Activity

Remarks
Dr. Clifford L. Stanley
Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)

Presentation of Awards
Dr. Kaye H. Whitley
Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office

Remarks
Mr. Scott Berkowitz
President of the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network

Closing Remarks
Ms. Sharon Cooper

Please join us following the program for the Unveiling of the DoD Safe Helpline.



Exceptional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Award

The Department of Defense annually recognizes individuals (Military or civilian) from each Military Service, to include the United States Coast Guard and the National Guard Bureau, who act as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator either on an installation or in a deployed environment. This award recognizes individuals whose work has been particularly noteworthy, and demonstrates outstanding service in support of our Service members.

2011 Awardees

Sergeant First Class Bryan Harrison
United States Army

Colonel Mark Hickman
United States Marine Corps

Ms. Janice Logan
United States Navy

Mrs. Valerie Cook
United States Air Force

Senior Master Sergeant Kelly Wilkinson
National Guard

Ms. Tiffani Collier
United States Coast Guard





Sergeant First Class Bryan Harrison United States Army

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Harrison, Bryan K. was born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 22, 1972. He enlisted into the United States Army on June 25, 1991, and attended basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri and attends AIT at Fort Lee, Virginia as a Petroleum Supply Specialist. SFC Harrison serves as a Petroleum Supply Specialist until November 9, 1999. On November 10, 1999 he graduates from AIT as a Chemical Operations Specialist at Fort Leonardwood Missouri.

His earlier assignments include the 4th Squadron 228th Aviation Regiment Honduras, 110th Quartermaster Company Fort Stewart, 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment Illeshiem, Germany, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Fort Carson, 249th General Hospital Fort Gordon, 61st Chemical Company 23rd Chemical Battalion, and the Headquarters, Headquarters Company 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

SFC Harrison is currently assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion, Division Equal Opportunity Office. Past duty positions include Fuel handler in a quartermaster company, Squad Leader in III/V platoon an Apache Squadron, Squad Leader in III/V platoon and Squadron CBRN NCO Apache, UH-60, and OH-58 ACR, and Hospital CBRN NCO in an Level IV General Hospital, Squad Leader in an Chemical Company, Brigade CBRN Staff NCO and Platoon Sergeant in an Infantry, Armor, Cavalry, Field Artillery Brigade Combat Team. SFC Harrison has deployed to Somalia, two rotations to Bosnia, and three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Among his decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (6OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6OLC), Presidential Unit Citation Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star), Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expedition Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Medal (numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 2), United Nations Medal (Somalia), and the NATO Medal (Bronze Star).

SFC Harrison's military education includes the Air Assault Course, Warrior Leader Course, COMSEC Custodian Course, Advanced Leader Course, Battle Staff Course, EO Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Information Operations Course, and the Equal Opportunity Management Course.

He is actively pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with Franklin University and has earned 138 credit hours toward this goal.

SFC Harrison is married to Angela with three children.



Colonel Mark Hickman United States Marine Corps

Private Hickman enlisted May 1972. After graduation from Recruit Training at 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina, Private Hickman completed Motor Vehicle Operators Course at Quantico, VA. and was assigned to Motor Transport Co, Service Battalion, MCB, Quantico, VA as a Motor Vehicle Operator. until his transfer in March 1973 to Motor Transport Co, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Regiment, Okinawa, Japan. Corporal Hickman served 15 months as a Motor Vehicle Operator, Files Clerk, and Admin Chief until he was transferred to Inspector-Instructor Duty, 1st Battalion and 25th Marines Boston, MA in July 1974 as a Personnel Chief/Reserve Recruiter. Sergeant Hickman was promoted to Staff Sergeant in February 1978, and was released from Active Duty in July 1978.

Staff Sergeant Hickman remained in the Inactive Ready Reserve while perusing his education until June 1981. In July 1981 Staff Sergeant Hickman joined Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron -49, NAS, MAG-49, South Weymouth, MA as the Admin Chief and was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in May 1982.

Gunnery Sergeant Hickman was selected for the Reserve Enlisted Commissioning Program and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in March 1985 after obtaining a degree in Human Resources and was transferred to the Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron - 42, MAG-49, NAS, South Weymouth, MA. 1st Lieutenant served as the Administrative Officer/Adjutant for both Squadrons until his promotion to Captain and was transferred to Marine Air Support Squadron-6, MACG-48 in 1995 as the Administrative Officer/Adjutant.

Major Hickman was assigned as the Executive Officer of Marine Air Support Squadron -6, MACG-48, in Chicopee, MA in October 1998 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Lieutenant Colonel Hickman remained with Marine Air Support Squadron -6, MACG-48 as the Special Projects Officer until May 2002. In June 2002, Lieutenant Colonel transferred to the Inactive Ready Reserve until Feb 2003.

In March 2003, Lieutenant Colonel Hickman joined the 4th Force Service Support Group, Forward West, and was mobilized in April 2003 and was assigned to 1st Force Service Support Group as the AC/S G-1 Rear and Forward until he was released from Active Duty in April 2005. Lieutenant Colonel Hickman rejoined the 4th Marine Logistics Group Forward West as the S-1 Officer/Liaison Officer until January 2008. In February 2008 Colonel Hickman was mobilized and held the billets of Executive Officer, and Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment -17. In June 2009, Colonel assumed the duties as the Command Inspector General and in April 2010 assumed the additional duties as Command SARC.

Colonel Hickman has been employed with United Parcel Service for 32 years working in Human Resources, Safety and Compliance, Package Operations, and Airport Operations.

Colonel Hickman is married to the former Helen Scopelitis, and has 3 children.



Ms. Janice Logan

United States Navy

Janice Logan is the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for the Navy Sexual Assault Response Program (SAPR) at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. She provides sexual assault awareness, prevention and response training and education to over 100 commands. In her role as the SARC she also provides case management for victims of sexual assault, coordinates an installation 24-hour response of trained SAPR Victim Advocates and provides supervision and consultation to these SAPR Victim Advocates.

Ms. Logan is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland and earned a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Nova University. She has 29 years experience working with the military and is a licensed mental health counselor.

Jan began working for Naval Air Station Jacksonville at the Fleet and Family Support Center as an educator in the Family Advocacy Program and then as a Clinical Counselor and FAP Case Manager. Prior to the Navy's development of a standardized response to victims of sexual assault, Ms Logan volunteered to respond to any adult victim of sexual assault affiliated with the Navy and covered three navy installations by providing advocacy services. When the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Program (SAVI) was announced by the Navy, Ms. Logan was promoted to the coordinator of this program at the Fleet and Family Support Center in 1994.

Ms. Logan serves on the Sexual Assault Interagency Council, a community partnership to improve services and response to victims of sexual assault in the Jacksonville area. She has also served on the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape "Strengthening Military-Civilian Partnerships to Respond to Sexual Assault Project," which is a collaborative effort to assist civilian resources to better respond to military sexual assault victims. Ms. Logan has also been an adjunct Psychology Professor at Florida Community College of Jacksonville, as well as an adjunct Psychology Professor for Columbia College.



Ms. Valerie Cook

United States Air Force

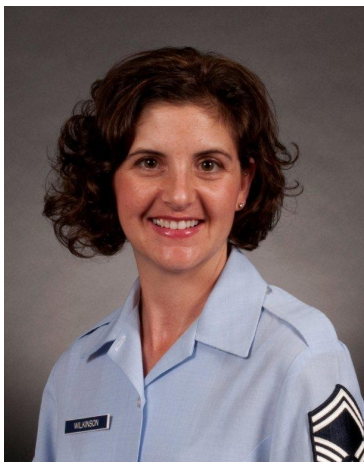
As a 36-year, tenured Air Force employee, Mrs. Cook has served in numerous capacities relating to the training and education of Air Force members and their families at Sheppard AFB, the Air Force's largest technical training installation. Through her superior leadership of 92 volunteers, her program provides comprehensive support to over 22,000 active duty, basic trainees, technical students, and civilians on a daily basis. Mrs. Cook's team developed multiple, innovative sexual assault awareness and prevention initiatives spanning interactive gaming, a Facebook site, community interactions and outreach programs, to enhance awareness of an airmen's key role in preventing assaults through safe intervention measures. The cumulative effects of these activities resulted in a 50 percent reduction in sexual assaults in 2010.

The 2010 Unit Compliance Inspection recognized Mrs. Cook's multifaceted program with an "Excellent" rating overall and cited multiple awareness and prevention initiatives as "superior." Two notable programs were the "Students Against Sexual Assault & Harassment (SASH)" and "SARC-parody." SASH members are ambassadors who serve a visible role in providing educational information to fellow military students. SASH volunteers also provide feedback to the SARC office on trends in the Airmen-in-Training environment." The "SARC-parody" game is a fun, innovative training initiative which was "benchmarked" as a best practice.

The monthly "SARC's Remarks" column in the local newspaper, The Sheppard Senator, serves as a constant reminder of the Air Force's zero tolerance of sexual assault. Having trained 25 Victim Advocates (VAs), Mrs. Cook utilizes and relies on her VA's experience and prudent judgment in counseling victims. The SAPR program also boasts a strong martial-arts program for both men and women, entitled Target Hardening and Target Intervention, respectively. Classes, which are offered monthly, train approximately 40 members over a four-hour period of time. In an effort to recognize the hardest-working volunteers, Mrs. Cook developed the "Top Banana" award, which is presented quarterly to a most deserving member of the team.

As a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker, she spends five-ten hours weekly training hundreds of Air Force members on the importance and value of making good choices and serving as an "active" bystander when appropriate. Her talents are far-reaching as evidenced by her collaboration with the local University's "Speak Up, Speak Out" conference as a guest speaker. Since 2009, Mrs. Cook has worked directly with victims of sexual assault and in close coordination with law enforcement agencies and medical personnel, to include psychological assistance and forensic SANE (sexual assault nurse exams). Mrs. Cook recently played host for an installation audit from the General Accounting Office (GAO), who identified "zero" discrepancies with the program.

Mrs. Cook holds a Masters Degree in Public Management, serves as a board member on the Partners in Education Board, is an active volunteer at the local Hospice of Wichita Falls chapter helping to provide patient care, and is an active board member for Sheppard's Civilian Mentoring program.



Senior Master Sergeant Kelly Wilkinson National Guard

Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) Kelly J. Wilkinson is the Joint Force Headquarters Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for the Minnesota National Guard, serving as the designated program manager of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Her responsibilities include prevention and awareness training for over 14,000 soldiers and Airmen, training and overall guidance to over 100 Unit Victim Advocates to ensure victims of sexual assault are provided guidance and emotional support during administrative, medical, investigative, and legal procedures.

SMSgt Wilkinson was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and attended Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas after her High School graduation. Following technical training at Lowry AFB, she was assigned to the Minnesota Air National Guard 133rd Logistics Squadron. In 1997, SMSgt Wilkinson transferred to the 154th Logistics Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard. In 2001, SMSgt Wilkinson was selected as the first female First Sergeant for the Hawaii ANG. In 2006, SMSgt Wilkinson transferred to the Minnesota Air National Guard as a First Sergeant.

She has a Bachelors in Organizational Communications earning 3.88 GPA from the University of Hawaii in 2006. SMSgt Kelly Wilkinson's military awards and decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, (1 OLC), Air Force Achievement Medal (1 OLC), the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 OLC), the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service medal, the Air Force Longevity Service award, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2 devices), the USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon, the Hawaii State Commendation medal. SMSgt Wilkinson was selected as the 133rd Logistics Squadrons Airman of the Year (1994); the 154th Logistics Squadrons NCO of the Quarter (1999); the 154th Logistics Squadrons NCO of the Quarter and NCO of the Year (2001); NCO of Year for the Hawaii ANG (2001). In September of 2001, SMSgt Wilkinson was awarded the 1st Annual Lorrie Wiley Supply Award. In 2004, was selected as the SNCO of the Maintenance Squadron and nominated as the SNCO of the Year for the Hawaii ANG. In 2007, SMSgt Wilkinson was selected as the First Sergeant of the Year for the 133rd Airlift Wing and Airmen of the Year 2007, for the Minnesota American Legion.

She is currently a part of the following services, boards, and/or advisory activities: President of the MN Air National Guard First Sergeant Council 2008-2009; Recorder, MN ANG, First Sergeant Joint Council, 2007-2009; Member of Minnesota Enlisted Association 2007-2011; Air Force Sergeants Association, 2004-2011; Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. 2003-2011; Air Force Association, 2002-2011; Lifetime Member of the National WWII Memorial.

SMSgt Wilkinson is married to Retired SMSgt David Wilkinson and they have four children.



Ms. Tiffani Collier

United States Coast Guard

Ms. Tiffani Collier began her career in Federal Service in 1993 at the Family Service Center at Naval Station Long Beach, California. She first took an interest in sexual assault prevention in 1994, with the inception of the SAVI program. Ms. Collier quickly became certified as a Rape Crisis Counselor in order to contribute to the creation of a viable SAVI program at Naval Station. In addition, Ms. Collier volunteered at the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency in Long Beach, California, one of the first agencies in the nation to utilize the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) model of managing sexual assaults. In 1996, Ms. Collier accepted a position with the 61st Medical Squadron at Los Angeles Air Force Base, in El Segundo, California, where she served as the Squadron's first Drug Demand Reduction Specialist. In this role, Ms. Collier developed and implemented a new training program addressing prevention of high risk behaviors. Ms. Collier remained an active volunteer at the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency, and served as the Volunteer Liaison to the Board of Directors. Ms. Collier transitioned to the US Coast Guard in 1998, accepting a position as the Employee Assistance Program Coordinator (EAPC), responsible for over 40 Coast Guard units in Central and Southern California, Southern Nevada and Arizona. In this position, Ms. Collier facilitates programs on suicide prevention, sexual assault, workplace violence, and traumatic stress and oversees the Employee Assistance Program.

Prior to the establishment of the Coast Guard's SAPR Program, Ms. Collier endeavored to bring sexual assault awareness to the Coast Guard. She presented comprehensive reports to her professional colleagues on sexual assault and military/civilian legal systems, assumptions surrounding false allegations, and the need for a consistent reporting process, and arranged for her colleagues to meet with the personnel from local sexual assault crisis agencies. Finally, in 2004, gaining the support of a Pacific Area Admiral, Ms. Collier co-developed a 90-minute sexual assault prevention workshop which was quickly adopted Coast Guard-wide, establishing the Coast Guard's first standardized All Hands training on sexual assault. Ms. Collier later developed sexual assault training specifically targeting Coast Guard investigators and legal teams. When the Navy adopted "restricted reporting," Ms. Collier presented training on the new reporting option at the Pacific Area Commanding Officers' Conference in Alameda, California, anticipating the Coast Guard's adoption of the same program. In 2007, when "restricted reporting" became a reality for the Coast Guard, she again presented at the CO's conference, answering tough questions about how the new policy was to be implemented. In early 2008, Ms. Collier co-facilitated the first Coast Guard Table Top exercise on sexual assault, hosted by a colleague in Seattle, Washington. When the Coast Guard officially started up a SAPRP in 2008, Ms. Collier, on behalf of the new SAPRP Program Manager, coordinated the Coast Guard's first Victim Advocacy Training in Alameda, California, and in 2010, she coordinated the Coast Guard's first Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) training in Long Beach, California.

Ms. Collier holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership. She is a member of the Sea Service Leadership Association and Federally Employed Women. Ms. Collier is currently a participant in USDA Graduate School's Executive Leadership Program.



INTRODUCTION

Victim support is a key component of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) policy. As part of victim care, the Department is launching the DoD Safe Helpline as a new crisis support service for adult Service members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault. Safe Helpline provides live one-on-one expert advice and information worldwide. Available 24/7, users can "click, call or text" for anonymous and confidential support.

GOALS OF SAFE HELPLINE

The first goal of Safe Helpline is to provide additional channels for adult Service members of the DoD community to seek one-on-one assistance and crisis support securely and anonymously. The second goal is to increase the likelihood of victims reporting. Research indicates that when victims receive needed care they begin to have confidence in the military response system, which increases the likelihood they will report the assault to law enforcement. Underreporting poses a serious challenge to military readiness as the potential costs and consequences of sexual assault are extremely high.

SERVICES OFFERED

Users have three ways -- "Click, call or text" -- to get support.

CLICK: Logging on to www.SafeHelpline.org allows users to receive live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional through a secure instant-messaging format. The website also provides vital information about recovering from and reporting sexual assault.

CALL: Calling the telephone hotline (877-995-5247) allows users to speak with trained Safe Helpline staff for personalized advice and support. Safe Helpline staff can also transfer callers to installation-based Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs)/ On-call Victim Advocates (VAs), civilian rape crisis centers and the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

TEXT: Texting their location to 55-247 inside the U.S. and 202-470-5546 outside the U.S. allows users to receive automated contact information for the SARC at their installation or base.

USERS

Services provided by Safe Helpline are consistent with DoD SAPR Policy and are currently available to adult Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard members.

HOTLINE OPERATOR

Safe Helpline is owned by the Department of Defense and operated by the non-profit Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, through a contractual agreement with Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO). Safe Helpline staff has been trained on the unique needs of those living and working in the DoD community. Safe Helpline staff is also knowledgeable on resources available to the DoD community on and off bases and installations worldwide.



Live 1-on-1 Help **Confidential** **Worldwide 24/7**

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