



Role and Responsibilities

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) is considered the center of gravity when it comes to ensuring that victims of sexual assault receive appropriate and responsive care. They serve as the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care. The term Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is a standardized term utilized throughout DoD and the Services to facilitate communication and transparency regarding sexual assault response capability.

Functions of a SARC:

- Reports directly to a senior installation or geographic Commander
 - Provides Commander with broader understanding of command climate in regards to sexual assault
- Manages Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA) and Victim Advocates (VA) during the performance of advocacy duties
 - Oversight of all sexual assault cases
 - Assigns a UVA/VA to a case
- Conducts sexual assault case management
 - Entire lifecycle
 - Tracks services of victim from initial report to resolution
- Chairs monthly case management meeting
- Tracks/Reports sexual assault numbers
 - Tracks the dispositions of all military sexual assault cases Monthly / Quarterly / Annual Reports
- Oversees training and education
 - Uniformed Victim Advocates and Victim Advocates
 - Responders



Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA)

The Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA) and Victim Advocate (VA) provide essential support and care to the victim to include providing non-clinical information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions as they progress through resolution and healing. The UVA/VA maintains communications and contact with the victim as needed for continued victim support.

Functions of a UVA:

- Reports directly to Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for Victim Advocate Duties
- A Victim Advocate may be military, civilian or a contractor
- Supports assigned victim
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Referrals
 - Ongoing Non-Clinical Support
 - Policy / Process Guidance
 - Information on Options
 - Information and Referral to Resources
 - Facilitates Monthly Case Status Updates
 - Available to respond 24/7