## 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 support and resouces that are trauma-informed, responsive to need, appropriate to circumstances, and recovery-oriented. 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 a 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-sex 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 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 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 Sexual Assault Response Workforce (SARW) personnel. VALIANT is open to military SARCs, SAPR VAs, program managers, and other SAPR/SHARP response personnel.