



April 2016

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAAPM) Observance

1. This April, the command will observe the twelfth annual Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month with the ongoing theme "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part, Do Your Part." I encourage all our community members to take part in Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month observance activities. In doing so, we can set the standard of conduct within our communities, create a positive climate that includes a culture of intervention, and ensure the safety of all our members.

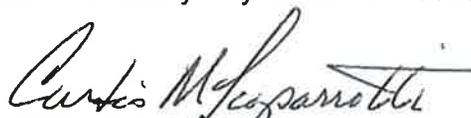
2. **Eliminate Sexual Assault:** Every Service member, at every level in our military, must know, understand and adhere to Service values and standards of behavior in order to eliminate sexual assault and other inappropriate behavior. Underpinning our entire program is the need for every Service member – from new recruit to General/Flag Officer – to live the core values of our profession: integrity, trust, dignity, respect, fidelity, and courage. We continue to strive for an environment where professional values, team commitment, and respect define how we treat one another at every command, in the workplace, and throughout our military community.

3. **Know your Part:** Each member of our community has a role in preventing and responding to sexual assault. We must recognize our part in stopping this crime, starting with our own awareness and knowing when and where to intervene. Recognizing opportunities for intervention is vital to stopping unprofessional behavior, to include any form of retaliation. Each day we can take steps to foster a culture of dignity and respect with proper ethical behavior, even when no one is watching.

4. **Do your Part:** We have to act. If we see a crime or inappropriate behavior unfolding, we need to step in to stop or prevent it. We each need to add our voice to the call to end this crime. In order to prevent sexual assault, every member of the community must be committed to advancing an environment where sexist behaviors, sexual harassment, and sexual assault are not tolerated, condoned, or ignored. Sexual assault is not only inappropriate behavior, it is criminal behavior.

5. Sexual assault is a crime that violates basic human dignity and the standards of decency we should uphold and protect. It will not be tolerated or condoned in Korea. We must all work to eliminate sexual assault every day, on and off duty.

6. Thank you for your support of Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month activities. I greatly appreciate the steps you take every day to combat sexual assault in our armed forces.


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