



# SAPR NOW

## Quarterly Newsletter

January 2019

“While casualties on the battlefield are understood to be consistent with our military duties, I accept no casualties due to sexual assault within our ranks”

-Defense Secretary James N. Mattis

### Put it on your calendar:

- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm **“Someone I love was sexually assaulted”** Blue Bench Workshop (details on attached flyer).
- **Victim Advocates:** Come get your CEUs! Below are this year’s refresher courses. You can register on JSS under Programs-SAPR-Upcoming Events.
  - **February 6th-7th**
  - **May 8th-9th**
  - **August 14th-15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Prospective VAs:** Below are the upcoming 80 Hour SHARP Courses. The SAPR Office pays for the course! While the requirement is one SARC and VA per BDE and two VAs per BN, the more personnel trained the better.
  - **February 25th-March 8th**
  - **May 6th-17th**
  - **July 15th-26<sup>th</sup>**
- April is **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**. Keep an eye out for our events coming up in April.

### Announcements:

- It’s a new year! VAs, help your commander by assisting with your unit’s **Annual SHARP Training**. Find the Army’s Training Presentation on the CONG SAPR SharePoint page under Annual Training or at ATN.

### RESOURCES

New CONG Phone App:  
The SAPR Tab has a link to staff, local resources, events and our FB page.

Colorado Crime Statistics:  
<https://coloradocrimestats.state.co.us/tops/>

- The DOD Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month theme is “Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission” thru 2021.
- We will begin using the CONG app to send out announcements, reminders and post events related to SAPR.
- If you have any information, resources or announcements you think would benefit our CONG SAPR community, please email them to [shannon.n.hess.mil@mail.mil](mailto:shannon.n.hess.mil@mail.mil).

## Dropping Knowledge

Videos worth sharing by our SAPR Training NCOIC Tracy Knox.

We want to help spread educational videos that you can share with your Soldiers, spouse, brothers, sisters and kids. Start the conversation!

- Video: Whose Fault Is It?  
<https://youtu.be/8l1wc2bzZNY>

## House Keeping Items

- Victim Advocates: Please forward any emails from D-SAACP regarding packet renewal to Ms. Hess so that we can fix errors and renew your credentials as soon as possible!
- Brigade SARCs: Please update us on any changes for you or your VAs regarding location, credentialing, etc. Thank you!

# SOMEONE I LOVE WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

Saturday January 12, 2019

9:00am-12:00pm

Location:

Central Office

This three-hour workshop for partners, family and friends (ages 17 years and older) of sexual assault survivors is offered every 6-8 weeks at our Central Office.

Topics covered include:

- Understanding trauma
- Helping a loved one
- What about me?

This workshop is NOT designed for survivors or service providers. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call for more information and to register for this workshop

**\$15:** Suggested contribution per participant



the blue bench

Putting an end to sexual assault through prevention and care.  
Never again on 6644

**CONTACT:** The Blue Bench Intake Line  
303.329.9922 ext. 302

Need to talk? It's easy to get the help you deserve.

 <b>Online Helpline</b> SafeHelpline.org	 <b>Telephone Helpline</b> 877-995-5247
 <b>Info by Text</b> 55-247 (inside the U.S.) / 202-470-5546 (outside the U.S.) Text your location for the nearest support resource	 <b>Safe Helpline App</b> (for iOS or Android)
 <b>Safe HelpRoom</b> Peer-to-Peer Support SafeHelpRoom.org	 Download the Safe Helpline App

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Restricted Report	Unrestricted Report
<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical, advocacy, legal, counseling services</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE)</li> <li>• Control the release of personal information</li> <li>• Can change to Unrestricted Report at any time</li> <li>• Special Victims' Counsel</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical, advocacy, legal, and counseling services</li> <li>• SAFE</li> <li>• Alleged offender may be held accountable</li> <li>• Command support</li> <li>• Can receive protective order (Military Protective Order [MPO] or Civilian Protective Order [CPO])</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alleged offender will not be held accountable</li> <li>• Ineligible for expedited transfer or reassignment</li> <li>• No command support</li> <li>• Cannot receive a protective order</li> </ul>	<p><b>Limitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people will know about the sexual assault</li> <li>• Investigation may be intrusive and difficult</li> <li>• Cannot change to Restricted Report</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Who can accept a report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)</li> <li>• SAPR Victim Advocate (VA)</li> <li>• Healthcare Personnel</li> </ul>	<p><b>Who can accept a report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commander</b></li> <li>• CID</li> <li>• JAG</li> <li>• IG</li> <li>• SARC</li> <li>• VA</li> <li>• Healthcare Personnel</li> </ul>
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