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MEMORANDUM FOR Soldiers, Airmen and Civilian Employees of the Hawaii National Guard


SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention Policy

1. As the Adjutant General, I am firmly committed to supporting the implementation of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR). Sexual assault is a crime, demeans the value of others, and erodes the basic foundation of trust so vital to the success of a military organization and mission accomplishment. As a result, the Hawaii National Guard will do all that is possible to prevent sexual assault and effectively implement the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.
2. Department of Defense Directive 6495.01, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program, dated 20 January 2015, defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. The term includes a broad category of sexual offenses consisting of the following specific criminal offenses: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy (forced oral or anal sex), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. 'Consent' shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.
3. I know that our leadership will fully invest their efforts to ensure the speedy implementation of SAPR at every level. In order to accomplish this task, all commanders shall become knowledgeable about the policies and rules that govern the SAPR Program. I want commanders to place special emphasis on ensuring that all accusations of sexual assault are taken seriously and referred to the proper authorities for investigation.
4. I also want to elevate the importance of leadership involvement in educating our service members about prevention of sexual assault, treating all victims with care and dignity, and protecting victims against reprisal for reporting. Commanders can contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), Hawaii Air National Guard (808) 448-8111 or Hawaii Army National Guard (808) 844-6430 to ensure successful implementation of the SAPR Program.

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5. Service members who are sexually assaulted always have the right to contact the commander, law enforcement, chaplains, local rape crisis response resources, special victim's counsel, victim advocates and/or the SARCs. The SARCs exist to advise commanders on the SAPR Program and to assure that victims of sexual assault are treated with care and dignity. Service members can access information about sexual assault and the branch specific programs at <http://sexualassault.army.mil/> or <http://www.sexualassaultpreventionresponse.af.mil/>.
6. Leaders and supervisors are entrusted and responsible for enforcement and awareness of this memorandum. Posting this memorandum and providing annual briefings will assist our Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employees with identifying the tools and resources available to them through the SAPR program. Posting this memorandum and ensuring annual unit refresher training is completed will also assist our National Guard Ohana in being able to eliminate sexual assault.
7. I know that we can all work together to prevent sexual assault in the Hawaii National Guard. Any questions or comments may be addressed to the JFHQ SARC at (808) 844-6430.


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