Sexual Assault Response Flow Chart

Notes: There are two methods for reporting a Sexual Assault **(SA)**: <u>Unrestricted</u> and <u>Restricted</u>. An individual who contacts law enforcement directly ONLY has the unrestricted report option.

UNRESTRICTED REPORT INITIATION

Individual discloses directly to a military or civilian law enforcement agency (LEA) that a sexual assault has occurred **AND/OR** elects to make an Unrestricted Report and signs DD

If not first contact - **SARC** is notified and assigns Victim Advocate (VA).

VA provides crisis intervention, nonclinical support, and explains reporting options and available resources.

Individual cannot change their report from Unrestricted to Restricted. If individual elects not to sign DD 2910 or participate in investigation an Independent Investigation will proceed.

VA offers, and coordinates as requested by individual Medical Care, Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE), Mental
Health, and Special Victims Counsel. Individual briefed about
potential Line of Duty Determination, if assault occurred on
military status, and option for civilian or military
investigation.

SARC ensures notification is made to Victims Commander (CC) (first O-5 in Chain of Command for Army, Immediate CC and Wing CC for Air), Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), and The Adjutant General (TAG) within Chain of Command within 24 hours. (SARC notifies NGB SAPR).

An expedited transfer may be requested. Unit has five days to process request. Military Protective, Civilian Protective, and No Contact orders may also be requested.

CC reports assault to civilian or military LEA in coordination with SJA, if not already reported.

If Civilian LEA declines to investigate, **SJA** assists TAG to request investigation through the Office of Complex Investigations (OCI) as appropriate. **SJA** serves as point of contact with OCI to monitor the investigation & outcome.

Post Investigation: **SJA** coordinates with command or LEA for appropriate disciplinary and administrative actions.

Individual receives updates on case status from **Immediate**CC after monthly Case Management Group meetings.

SAPR Victim Advocacy and Case Management Group meetings discontinue when case disposition has been communicated to individual, allegations of retaliation/reprisal are appropriately addressed (if applicable), AND individual no longer requests support. Case may be reopened and CMGs resume if individual seeks SAPR supports after closure.

RESTRICTED OR UNRESTRICTED REPORT INITIATION

Individual discloses to chain of command **OR** contacts Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), **OR** military healthcare personnel to report a sexual offense. Individual does **NOT** disclose directly to military or civilian law enforcement.

If not first contact - SARC is notified and assigns Victim Advocate (VA).

If individual disclosed to Chain of Command, SARC will advise victim of law enforcement notification by command and option to decline to participate in a criminal investigation.

VA provides crisis intervention, nonclinical support, and explains reporting options and available resources. If individual elects not to sign DD 2910 they are provided support and additional notifications are only made if an investigation is opened by law enforcement.

VA offers, and coordinates as requested by individual, Medical Care, Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE), Mental Health, and Special Victims Counsel. Individual briefed about potential Line of Duty Determination, if assault occurred on military status, and option for civilian or military investigation.

MEMBER ELECTS UNRESTRICTED REPORT

Available Resources to All

DoD SAFE Helpline

- ➤ Confidential, 24/7
- > 1-877-995-5247

Advocacy

- SARC
- SAPR VA
- Local Rape Crisis Center VA's

Medical

- Care and treatment
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam
- Line of Duty Determination

Mental Health

- Military Counselors, Psychologists Social Workers, Psychiatrists
- Civilian Counselors, Psychologists Social Workers, Psychiatrists
- Veterans Affairs

Spiritual

Chaplains

Legal

Special Victims Counsel (SVC)

MEMBER ELECTS RESTRICTED REPORT

SARC ensures notification is made to Wing CC (Air) and TAG (Army and Air), within 24 hours. (SARC notifies NGB SAPR).

No personally identifying <u>information</u> is provided.

If Law Enforcement Opens an Investigation, SARC will create an Open With Limited Case in DSAID and 8 Day Abbreviated Incident Report is completed.

VA provides ongoing, nonclinical support and coordination for services as requested.

Report can be converted from Restricted to Unrestricted at any time.

Report must remain open for 1 year at which point the individual will be offered the option to convert to Unrestricted. SAPR Advocacy discontinues, and case closure occurs when the individual no longer requests support and has surpassed the 1 year timeframe.