



Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) – April 2021

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, but preventing and responding to sexual assault is a fight that demands our attention every day. Sexual assault - and all forms of sexual harassment – erode the fabric of our Army. They hurt our Soldiers and break our sacred trust with American parents who send us their sons and daughters.

People are the Army's greatest strength and most important weapon system. Taking care of them is the Army's number one priority.

Sexual assault and harassment are a form of deliberate fratricide, and the Army doesn't tolerate fratricide. Soldiers will instinctively intervene to prevent fratricide, care for its victims, and hold perpetrators accountable. That is why it is incumbent upon all leaders - whether they wear chevrons, stars, or suits – to foster the same culture of intervention for sexual assault and sexual harassment. We must encourage cultures in which people care about one another and form cohesive teams in which each person feels a sense of belonging and is treated with dignity and respect.

This year's theme is "Building Cohesive Teams through Character, Trust, and Resilience. Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission." We ask every Soldier, Family Member, Army Civilian, and Soldier for Life to listen, care, and intervene to prevent and respond to sexual assault this April and every day of the year.

We put People First. We know Winning Matters. And that is why we remain Army Strong!

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