



# SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL PROGRAM



## Our Mission and Vision:

- The SVC's mission is to provide clients with confidential legal representation in sexual assault and domestic violence cases. Their primary duty is to the victim, representing them throughout the military justice process.

## Who We Represent:

- Eligible individuals are active duty Regular Army Soldiers, members of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard in a Title 10 status or an active duty for training status, their dependents and Army Civilians. These individuals are eligible to receive legal services for sex-related offenses, domestic violence offenses and related retaliation, not including sexual harassment.
- Victims are eligible if the perpetrator is a U.S. service member on active duty or in an active duty for training status.
- Even if an eligible victim has filed a restricted report, they are still entitled to Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) services to learn about the legal process and their rights.

## Sex-Related Offenses:

*Victims of the following UCMJ offenses are potentially eligible for SVC services:*

- Article 120 (Rape, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Sexual Contact, Abusive Sexual Contact)
- Article 120b (Rape and Sexual Assault of a Child)
- Article 120c (Other Sexual Misconduct – Indecent Viewing/Visual Recording, Indecent Exposure and Forcible Pandering)
- Article 130 (Stalking)
- Attempts of any of the above offenses in violation of Article 80, UCMJ

## Domestic Violence:

- Victims of domestic violence or attempted violence may be eligible for SVC representation for UCMJ offenses in violation of Article 128(b), b(1), or b(5).
- Victims may also be eligible for representation through the Fort Hood Client Services Office (Legal Assistance), if not eligible for SVC representation.

## What We Do:

- Help clients understand their legal rights as victims of military crimes. Ensure client interests are expressed to investigators, prosecutors, and courts. Ensure clients are informed of authorities and resources available to them as victims of military crimes.

## Examples of SVC Services:

- SVCs can attend meetings with criminal investigators and law enforcement with their clients.
- SVCs ensure their client's understand their rights when interacting with law enforcement.
- SVCs can formally represent victims at military criminal trials (court-martials) and other formal boards and proceedings.

## Where Can You Find An SVC?

- Duty Phone: 254-702-2187 available 24/7
- Client Services Office, Building 13, 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Hood, TX 76544
- Email: [usarmy.hood.iii-corps.mbx.sja-svc@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.iii-corps.mbx.sja-svc@army.mil)