Victims' Rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice

Article 6b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice states that victims of an offense have the following rights. SVCs work to ensure that these rights are upheld on behalf of their clients.

1. The right to be **reasonably protected** from the accused.
2. The right to **reasonable, accurate, and timely notice** of any of the following:
    A. A public hearing concerning the continuation of confinement prior to trial ofthe accused
    B. A preliminary hearing under section 832 of this title (article 32) relating to the offense
    C. A court-martial relating to the offense
    D. A post-trial motion, filing, or hearing that may address the finding or sentence of a court-martial with respect to the accused, unseal privileged or private information of the victim, or result in the release of the accused.
    E. A public proceeding of the service clemency and parole board relating tothe offense
    F. The release or escape of the accused, unless such notice may endanger the safety of any person.
3. The right **not to be excluded** from any public hearing or proceeding described in paragraph (2) unless a military judge or investigating officer, as applicable, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim of an offense under this chapter would be materially altered ifthe victim heard other testimony at that hearing or proceeding
4. The right to **be reasonably heard** at any of the following:
    A. A public hearing concerning the continuation of confinement prior to trial of the accused
    B. A sentencing hearing relating to the offense
    C. A public proceeding of the service clemency and parole board relating to the offense
5. The reasonable right to **confer with the counsel** representing the Government at any proceeding described in paragraph (2) above
6. The right to **receive restitution** as provided in law.
7. The right to proceedings **free from unreasonable delay**.
8. The right to be informed in a timely manner of any **plea agreements, separation-in-lieu-of-trial agreement, or non-prosecution agreement** relating to the offense, unless providing such information would jeopardize a law enforcement proceeding or would violate the privacy concerns of an individual other than the accused.
9. The right to be **treated with fairness and with respect for the dignity and privacy** of the victim.