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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL
COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA**

Subject: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) – April 2013

References: JCS Strategic Direction, “Strategic Direction to the Joint Force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response,” 07 May 2012

1. SAAM is recognized across the country by both civilian and military communities to bring attention to the problem of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a problem that all branches and offices of Service face together. The Department of Defense, the military Services, and the National Guard are unified to fight this crime. As a team, everyone must focus effort to promote positive command climates that increase trust.
2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff set forth five specific lines of effort that all Services should emphasize: prevention, investigation, accountability, victim advocacy, and assessment. This crime, which destroys mission readiness and unit cohesion, can be eradicated by owning the problem and showing a joint force effort for resolution. The National Guard will reinforce the message: “We own it...We’ll solve it...Together,” throughout the year.
3. Personal involvement in state SAAM events demonstrates the message that the Guard Family can solve this problem together.
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