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This appendix highlights additional significant accomplishments, activities, and outreach undertaken by the Department of War (DoW) during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025), which were not covered in the main body of the Annual Report. The activities are organized as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. DoW SAPRO Activities

Activity	Goal Description
Prevention	Deliver consistent and effective prevention methods and programs
Victim Assistance and Advocacy	Deliver consistent and effective victim support, response, and reporting options
Accountability and Investigation	Achieve high competence in the investigation of sexual assault and holding offenders appropriately accountable
Assessment	Conduct comprehensive sexual assault assessments and issue reports

Prevention

Promoting Excellence in Prevention Award

In FY 2025, the following individuals received the Promoting Excellence in Prevention Award:

- **Army:** SFC Laniece Pettis
- **Marine Corps:** Guadalupe Romero-Wanstreet
- **Navy:** Commander Navy Region Southeast Integrated Primary Prevention Team: Tina Vaughn-Wardle, Jodi Arden, Alan Muriera, Roselyn Perez, Earl Murray, Raymond Charest, Brendon Frcka, Marcus Williams
- **Air Force:** Minot Air Force Base Integrated Resilience Office: Laurel Grams, Donita Theiler, Jeremy Meier, Paula Bonsu, and TSgt Michael May
- **Space Force:** The Vandenberg Integrated Primary Prevention Team: Jennifer Vasquez, Pauline Chui, Jalen Martinez, and Mona Martin
- **National Guard:** Andrea Hugmeyer and Jen Green
- **Coast Guard:** ENS Kyra Holmstrup

Victim Assistance and Advocacy

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM)

April is SAAPM. Launched in FY 2022, the Department's theme – "Step Forward. Prevent. Report. Advocate." – continued in FY 2025. The "Step Forward" theme is a call to action for individuals at all levels of the Department to use their personal strength to advance positive change in preventing sexual violence, highlighting the power of acts that can bolster prevention, increase reporting, and promote advocacy for a safer DoW community.

51st National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) Training Event

SAPRO participated in NOVA's 51st Training Event, which provided Sexual Assault Response Workforce (SARW) personnel with updates from the FY 2024 Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military, including efforts to enhance victim care and support, taking care of warfighters, and ensuring compliance with policy, as well as SARW restructuring efforts.

Liz Blanc Exceptional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA) of the Year Award

Liz Blanc

Since 2009, the Department has annually recognized one SARC and SAPR VA from each Military Service and National Guard for the Exceptional SARC and SAPR VA of the Year Award for innovative achievements contributing to unique and exceptional victim response within the military community. The award was renamed for DoW SAPRO's Senior Victim Assistance Advisor, Liz Blanc, who passed away in 2020 after a battle with cancer.

This year, the Department is honored to recognize the following awardees of the Liz Blanc Exceptional SARC and SAPR VA of the Year Award:

- **Army SARC:** MSG Veronica Green
- **Army SAPR VA:** SFC Jacody Lewis
- **Navy SARC:** Mark Bauer
- **Navy SAPR VA:** ETC Jaquoris Pearce
- **Marine Corps SARC:** Jaimie Perdue
- **Marine Corps SAPR VA:** LCDR Natalie Nuckolls
- **Air Force SARC:** Maj Sarah Geiser
- **Air Force SAPR VA:** Dixie Brooks
- **Space Force SARC:** Laura Jaques
- **Space Force SAPR VA:** Freida Saona
- **National Guard SARC:** Tiffany Crawford, Mississippi National Guard
- **National Guard SAPR VA:** Beth Lacy, Pennsylvania National Guard
- **Coast Guard SARC:** Jason Graham

Accountability and Investigation

Special Victims' Counsel/Victims' Legal Counsel and Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution Capability

The Department worked with the Military Departments and the National Guard Bureau to identify requirements for the Special Victims Counsel program.

Assessment

Defense Sexual Assault Incident Database (DSAID) Update

Pursuant to section 563 of the FY09 NDAA, DSAID is the Department's authoritative, centralized case-level database used to collect and maintain information on adult sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces, including tracking and reporting on sexual assault-related retaliation data. The Department operates DSAID and works collaboratively with the Military Services to implement and sustain the system. The Department uses DSAID to also conduct oversight and comply with Congressional reporting requirements.

SARCs use DSAID to provide comprehensive and standardized victim case management. In FY 2025, the DSAID SAPR PM Training was updated that provides SAPR PMs with an understanding of how to navigate DSAID to complete case management, business management, and reporting responsibilities. DSAID is routinely updated to account for additional data collection, including case management meetings, expedited transfers, and Office of Special Trial Counsel (OSTC) information.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) and DoW Office of Inspector General (OIG) Update

In FY 2025, DoDIG-2024-081, Review of the DoW's Implementation of Expedited Transfer Policy Requirements; recommendations 2a and 2b were closed by DoW OIG. An update was provided for DoDIG-2024-081, Recommendations 3 a, b and c. For more information and the DoW OIG's full report, see: https://www.dodig.mil/In-the-Spotlight/Article/3769675/press-release-review-of-the-dods-implementation-of-expedited-transfer-policy-re/

Additionally, the Department provided a status update to GAO on GAO-22-103973, "Sexual Assault: DoD and Coast Guard Should Ensure Laws are Implemented to Improve Oversight of Key Prevention and Response Efforts." The report can be found at: https://www.gao.gov/.

Safe Kit and Safe Kit Availability

There were no reports of patients presenting to military medical treatment facilities (MTFs) not receiving medical care due to a lack of sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) kits or other resources in FY 2025. The Defense Health Agency (DHA) verified with the MTFs that appropriate care, examinations, and SAFE Kits were provided to all patients. For context, across DoW, there are **44** military MTFs with emergency departments (ED) that operate 24 hours per day/7 days (24/7) per week who are required to have, at a minimum, one full-time equivalent sexual assault medical forensic examiner (SAMFE) assigned within the MTF and that a qualified SAMFE is available to provide onsite forensic healthcare services at all times. In circumstances where a patient presents as a victim of sexual assault to an MTF that does not

operate a 24/7 ED, the MTFs must have an executed memorandum of understanding or agreement with local private or public sector entities to ensure that patients have 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access to SAFEs by a person certified to perform SAFEs to receive care. In accordance with DoDI 6310.09, "Health Care Management for Patients Associated with a Sexual Assault," patients seeking medical care associated with sexual assault are triaged as emergent and if appropriate, offered a or SAFE Kit by a SAMFE, as quickly as possible.

In FY 2025, **576** total sexual assault examinations with SAFE kits were conducted across **55** MTFs, including MTFs that operate a 24/7 ED and MTFs that do not operate a 24/7 ED facility. This includes **289** examinations for unrestricted cases and **287** examinations for Restricted cases. Of the **576** total examinations conducted in FY 2025, **503** examinations were conducted for active duty Service members, including **240** for Unrestricted cases and **263** for Restricted cases. **Seventy-three** of the **576** examinations were conducted for active duty dependents, including **49** for Unrestricted cases and **24** for Restricted cases. The table below summarizes this data by Network. Of note, DHA does not have oversight over the operational environment, therefore, any examinations conducted in the operational environment are not included in this response.

Networks	Total Number of Exams
Atlantic	126
Central	59
Continental	8
East	85
Europe	47
Indo-Pacific	72
National Capital Region	8
Pacific-Rim	133
West	38
Total	576

Based on annual forensic healthcare data collection, there were no reports of any challenges accessing supplies for testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and diseases, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and testing for pregnancy. DHA independently receives supplies for testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and testing for pregnancy, and DHA providers offer them independent of the SAFE Kit.