

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
GARRISON COMMANDER'S PROCLAMATION
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Department of Defense: THEME: Eliminate Sexual Assault – “Know Your Part...Do Your Part”

Office of the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area Commander

Whereas, Commanders, senior enlisted leaders, and DA civilians set and enforce standards of discipline within our organizations and are key to creating a culture free from sexual harassment and sexual assault ***“We Know Our Part...”***

Whereas, Leaders establish a culture whereby bystanders intervene, offenders are held appropriately accountable, victims are provided high quality care and every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and DA Civilian is treated with dignity and respect. ***“We Know Our Part”***

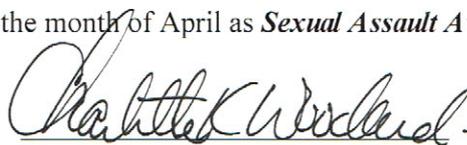
Whereas, We must reinforce the many ways we work within each Service, across DoD, and within our communities to combat sexual harassment and sexual assault. We all have a role in combating sexual assault. It is essential that every Service Member and DA Civilian at every level in our military, live the core values of our profession of arms and treat each other with dignity and respect ***“We Do Our Part”***.

Whereas, The Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) Program has set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships between service agencies and organizations serves to improve the quality of service for these most profoundly and directly impacted by sexual violence, thus setting an important example for how the rest of the community might work together to speak out and find solutions to end sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Whereas, The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Coordinators, the Sexual Assault Response Team, and SHARP Victim Advocates work year round to encourage every person on the Installation to end sexual harassment and sexual assault and to support survivors by providing prevention, training, education, awareness programs, bystander intervention techniques and survivor empowerment information to Unit commanders, First Sergeants, Supervisors, Medical Providers, Law Enforcement, Personnel, Parents, Family, and Friends regarding sexual harassment/assault issues;

Whereas, The Devens Reserve Forces Training Area Commander requests Installation Support and assistance as we continue our efforts to become the blueprint for the nation as we strive to end all sexual harassment and sexual assault within our Services and ultimately in our nation.

Now, Therefore, I do hereby proclaim the month of April as ***Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM)***.



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