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SUBJ/NAVY RESERVE SUPPORT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM)//

RMKS/1. NAVADMIN 106/12 DISCUSSES NAVY SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM) DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL AND DIRECTS NAVY UNITS AND LEADERSHIP TO FOCUS ON AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGH THE USE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMAND-LEVEL EDUCATION. FORCE MASTER CHIEFWHEELER AND I STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TOPIC AND CONVEY OUR STRONGEST SUPPORT FOR OUR RESERVE FORCE TRAINING IN APRIL.

2. EVERY DAY, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OUR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TOTAL FORCE TEAM AND JOINT FORCES ENSURE THAT OUR NATION DEFENDS ITSELF AND FOSTERS GOOD WILL AROUND THE GLOBE. EACH DAY YOU LIVE UP TO OUR NAVY RESERVE MOTTO BY BEING "READY NOW. ANYTIME, ANYWHERE." ONE OF THE PRIMARY REASONS FOR OUR SUCCESS IS THAT WE ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN OUR NAVY ETHOS AND TO OUR NAVY CORE VALUES OF HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. WITHIN OUR VALUES, SEXUAL ASSAULT HAS NO PLACE AND CAN NOT BE TOLERATED - AT ANY LEVEL, IN ANY COMMAND.

3. DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL THROUGHOUT THE NAVY THERE ARE MANY SCHEDULED SAAM EVENTS. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION AND TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND'S SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) WEBSITE ([HTTPS://WWW.SAPR.NAVY.MIL](https://www.sapr.navy.mil)). NAVADMIN 106/12 DIRECTS THAT EVERY UNIT IN THE NAVY WILL ACCOMPLISH A MINIMUM OF TWO HOURS OF TRAINING. AS A FORCE WE ACTIVELY SUPPORT THIS TRAINING AND WILL PARTICIPATE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY EVERYONE IN AS MANY EVENTS AS POSSIBLE IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE OUR MESSAGE IS HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD BY ALL.

4. SEXUAL ASSAULT IS NOT ONLY REPREHENSIBLE, IT IS A CRIMINAL ACT. WHEN NOT CONFRONTED, IT UNDERMINES OUR MORALE, OUR READINESS, AND OUR COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS. UNFORTUNATELY THESE CRIMES OFTEN GO UNREPORTED. KNOW THAT NAVY LEADERSHIP WILL RESPOND QUICKLY TO REPORTS, SUPPORT VICTIMS, AND HOLD OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE.

5. PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. YOU MUST INTERVENE WHEN YOU OBSERVE A SHIPMATE WHO IS HEADED FOR A SITUATION THAT LOOKS DANGEROUS. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO INFLICT THE LIFE-LONG WOUNDS OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT ON ANOTHER. EVERY RESERVE COMMAND, EVERY RESERVE UNIT, AND EVERY RESERVE SAILOR MUST STEP FORWARD AND CREATE A CLIMATE WHERE ALL ARE TREATED WITH PROFESSIONALISM, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT AT ALL TIMES. TOGETHER WE WILL WORK TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT - TODAY - TOMORROW - FOREVER.

6. RELEASED BY VADM DEBBINK AND FORCM WHEELER.//