SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?
Sexual Assault is actual or attempted sexual contact with another person without that person’s consent.

WHAT IS CONSENT?
Consent must be informed, voluntary, and mutual, and can be withdrawn at any time.

*For more information and definitions, please visit http://www.pccc.edu/titleix

HOW DO I KNOW IF IT WAS A CRIME?
The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) criminalizes rape, sexual assault, and other sexual offenses in Article 120. If any of the acts listed below have occurred without the consent of both people, a crime has been committed.

- Sexual touching
- Sexual fondling
- Groping/pinching
- Using physical force

Sexual Assault is punishable under U.S. law: Soldiers and military personnel are subject to UCMJ Federal Laws while DA Civilians are subject to Federal and State Laws.

Source: Department of Defense Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military (2016)

MAXIMUM PENALITIES
- **RAPE** — Dishonorable Discharge, life without parole and forfeiture of all pay allowances.
- **SEXUAL ASSAULT** — Dishonorable Discharge, forfeiture of all pay, and 30 years in prison.
- **AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT** — Dishonorable Discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and 7 years in prison.
- **ABUSIVE SEXUAL ASSAULT** — Dishonorable Discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and 7 years in prison.
- **FORCIBLE SODOMY DISCHARGE** — Forfeiture of all pay and allowances and life imprisonment without parole.

Source: http://www.ucmj.us/

RETALIATION
Retaliation is the act of attempting to gain revenge as a result of feeling threatened by another person after committing sexual assault.

THE MILITARY HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ANY FORM OF RETALIATION!
**TYPES OF RETALIATION**

- **OSTRACISM** — Exclusion from social activities or actions that resemble bullying.
- **REPRISAL** — Exclusion from professional opportunities like awards or promotions.
- **FURTHER PHYSICAL VIOLENCE** — Further sexual or general assault.

**HOW THE MILITARY IS COMBATING RETALIATION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT:**

- Education
- A uniform system of how to deal with retaliation
- Sexual assault seminars
- Bystander training
- Leadership communication and support
- Strict punishments for all aggressors

**STATISTICS**

- In 2016, the Military Services received 6,172 reports of sexual assault involving Service members as either victims or subjects.
- Of the 6,172 reported cases of sexual assault 2,892 cases qualified for possible disciplinary action.
- About 57% of the 6,172 reported sexual assault cases were committed against a Services member by another Service member.
- Of the 2,892 cases 791 went to court.

**KNOW YOUR RESOURCES ON & OFF CAMPUS!**

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Source: DoD Retaliation Prevention and Response Strategy (2016)

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