

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

8A Task Force Charge

The Task Force (TF) was established by the Commanding General (CG), 8A, in April 2011, in order to assess the overall implementation of programs initiated to assist victims, prosecute perpetrators, prevent occurrences, and provide an environment of safety, which supports the command and enhances Soldier and mission readiness.

Methodology

- General Survey from all Army units served in Korea
- Open Small Groups Discussion: Composed of Command teams (Company Commanders and First Sergeants), helping professionals (Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), Unit Victim Advocates (UVA), medical personnel, counselors), and Soldiers by gender.
- Facility visits
- Reference to Department of Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military (DODTFSAM) Report from 2009
- Regulations and Policies Review
- Best Practices

Risk Factors

Risk factors for sexual assault provided insight where problem resolution could be developed:

| DODTFSAM Report 2009 | 8A Task Force (8 Factors) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Alcohol consumption- victims and perpetrators➤ Potentially confused sense of interpersonal boundaries inherent in the military barracks lifestyle➤ A history of prior sexual victimization➤ Environmental factors associated with facility safety➤ Shortfalls in the barracks, a relaxed view amongst young soldiers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Barracks Policy➤ Alcohol Policy➤ Sexual Assault Review Boards➤ Leader Enforcement➤ Barracks Security➤ Sexual Assault Response Process➤ Eighth Army Sexual Assault Prevention Campaign➤ Sexual Assault Prevention Training |

Recommendations

Recommendations that were developed after a thorough analysis of the inspections, interviews, and highlighted best practices. The recommendations include the following:

- Standardize barracks policies and physical security procedures
- Increase command emphasis on training, selection, and duties of the UVA
- Create alcohol policies that focus on responsibility verses consequences
- Create a training program better suited to reach the target audience
- Standardize medical resources for sexual assault cases
- Establish better leadership awareness
- Execute a campaign plan to address myths, acceptable behavior, and intervention
- Create a culture of accountability and foster healthy relationship
- Increased physical security, self-locking doors and install camera surveillance systems within barracks



Eighth Army SHARP Program Initiatives

Sexual Assault Prevention Training and Initiatives

- Over 400 Soldiers/DA Civilians SHARP MTT Trained
- SHARP SARC/VA Boards In The Units
- Annually SHARP Leader/Soldiers Training
- SARC-facilitated "Invisible War" Training
- VAS-led Interactive "SHARP Skit" Training
- Unit Level "Safety Stand-down"
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities
- Female Mentorship Groups
- Manning 24/7 USFK Reporting Hotline 158

Command Emphasis

- Elevated Adjudication Authority To Col-level Commanders
- AFN Public Service Announcements
- Leader Presence At Barracks And In SHARP Training
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Signing
- Command Focus Sessions
- Monthly Area Sexual Assault Review Board
- SHARP Briefing During Newcomers Orientation
- UCMJ Actions Published In High Visibility Areas



2012 Sex Signals Show

Physical Security

- CCTV
- Increased Leader Presence
- Self-Locking Doors

Prevention of Sexual Assault Task Force (PSATF)

- Monthly
- Chaired By 8A DCG
- Develop Actionable Plans On Prevention Initiatives, Best Practice And Areas Of Improvement
- Recognize Excellent SARCs And VAS
- USFK Sexual Assault Task Force Meeting

Responsible Conduct Policy

- Soldier Risk Assessments By Unit Leadership
- Battle Buddy System For The First 90 Days & The Last 30 Days
- Strong Sponsorship Program
- Alcohol Storage Limits/Quantities In Barracks
- Quarterly Unit Health And Welfare Inspections
- Leader Accountability And Responsibility



Stand-Down Small Unit Discussion

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