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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS AND SHARP PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: Army's 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

- 1. The Army's 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) theme is "STEP FORWARD. Prevent. Report. Advocate." This theme focuses on promoting an Army founded on safety and respect for Soldiers, Families and Army Civilians.
- 2. During SAAPM and throughout the year, we're encouraging all members of the Army team to step forward and use one's personal and collective strength to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- 3. To foster a culture of safety and respect, the Army recently published Army Regulation 600-52, the first stand-alone policy for the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program. These changes enhance prevention and implement the new SHARP workforce model that professionalizes our personnel, reduce reporting barriers and improve victim advocacy. When we protect our people, we strengthen the Army.
- 4. The Directorate of Prevention, Resilience and Readiness developed SAAPM awareness materials for your use in planning local SAAPM events. The materials can be found at the following link https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/SAAPM-2025. In the coming weeks, we will ask you to send us information on what you and your command teams have scheduled at your installations in support of the SAAPM observation so we can further amplify and share strong examples of engagement.

5. Thank you for all that you do in support of the Army SHARP program!

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