



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
**SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE OFFICE**



Department of Defense (DoD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military



- **Reporting and Prevalence Trends**
 - Sexual assault reports received in FY17 reflect a 10 percent increase
 - Restricted Reports converted at a higher rate in FY17 than in previous years
 - Sexual assault prevalence to be updated with 2018 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey
- **Accountability**
 - Commanders had sufficient evidence to take disciplinary action in 62 percent of accused Service member cases
 - Evidence supported taking action on 54 percent of sexual assault allegations with the court-martial process
- **Focus Group Feedback**
 - Themes identified importance of leadership's visible role in the SAPR program and a decade of change in military culture
 - Challenges remain with understanding sexual harassment and promoting respectful on-line behavior

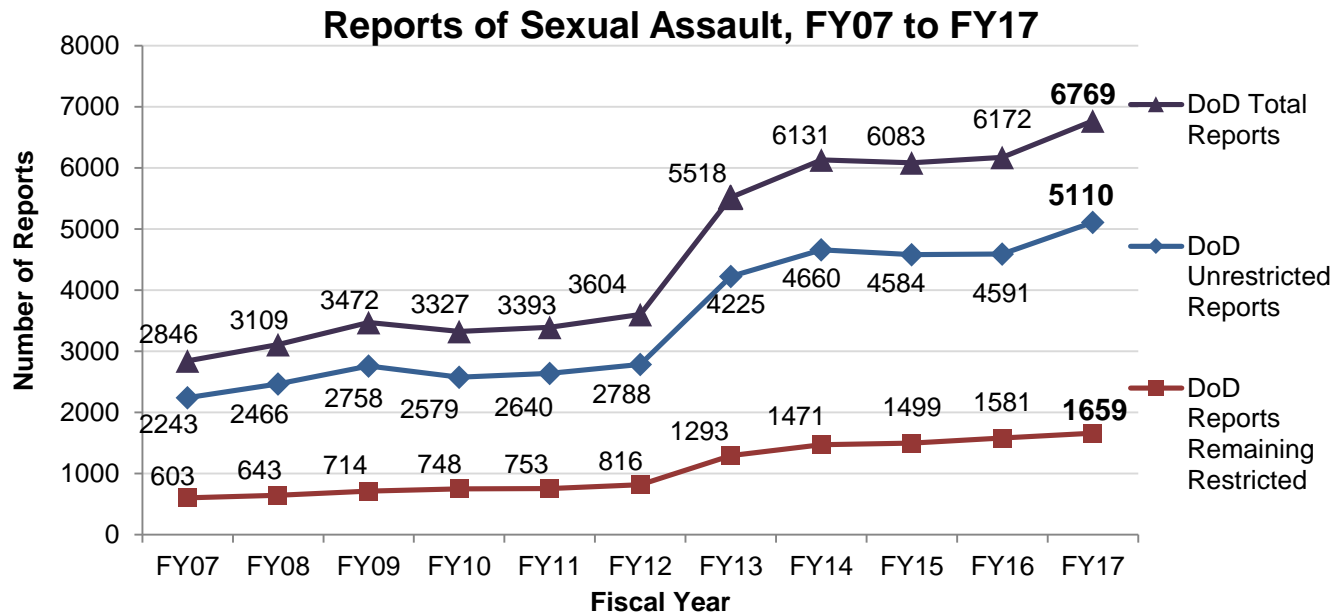
FY17 Reports of Sexual Assault



Reports up nearly 10% over FY16

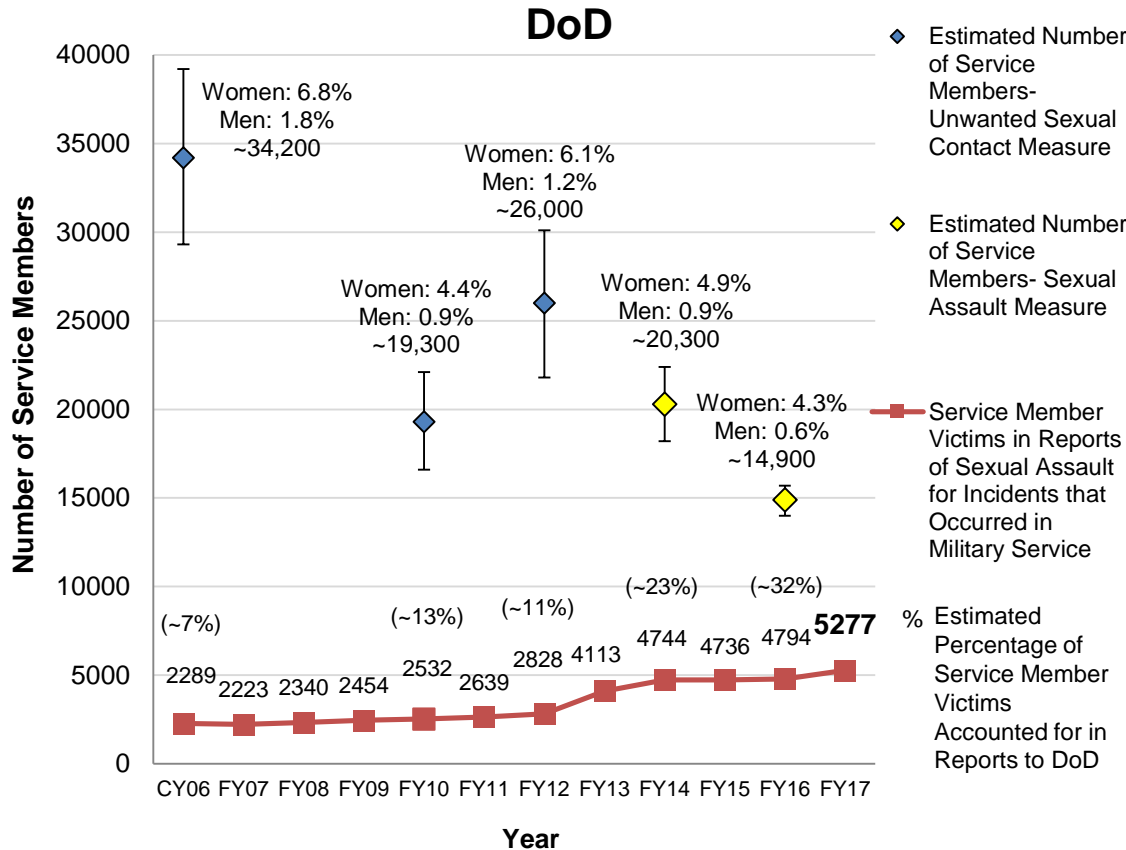
10% of FY17 reports were for incidents occurring prior to military service

24% of Restricted Reports converted to Unrestricted



The Department of Defense seeks to increase reporting of sexual assault to connect Service members with restorative care and to hold offenders appropriately accountable.

FY17 Reports Compared to Prevalence History



5,277 Service Members
4,193 Women (+13%)
1,084 Men (No change)
From FY16

The Department of Defense seeks to decrease the past-year prevalence of sexual assault through prevention initiatives.

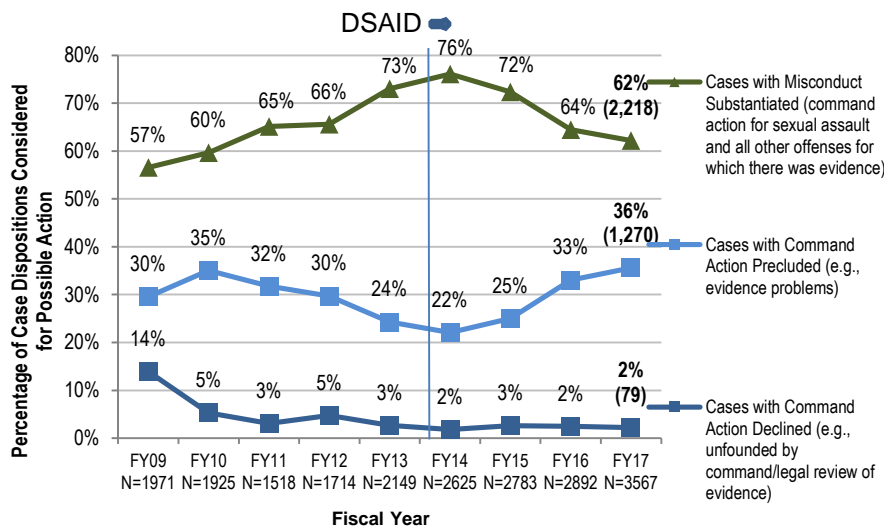
Top Line Results: Military Justice Dispositions



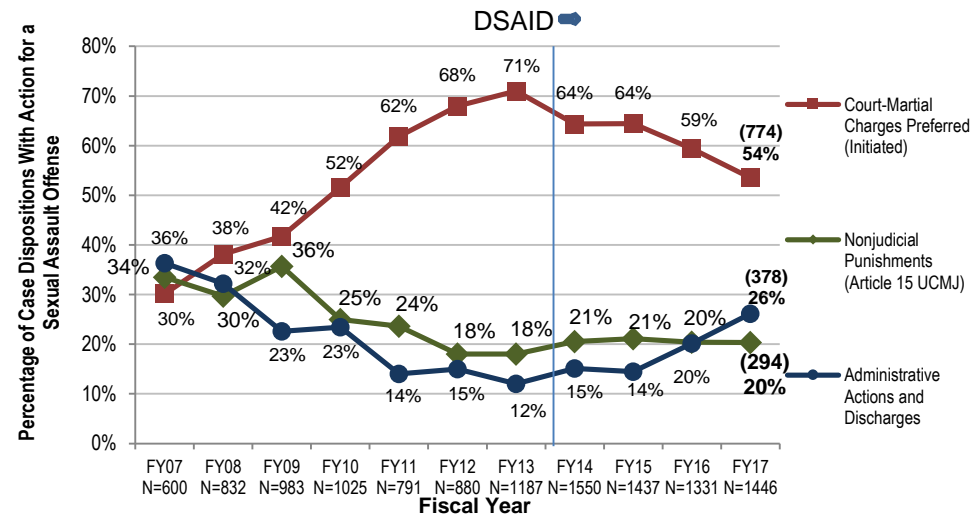
Of the 4,779 subject case dispositions reported in FY17*:

- 3,567 military subjects of sexual assault investigations could be considered for possible action by DoD commanders
 - DoD authorities had sufficient evidence to take some kind of disciplinary action against 62% (2,218 of 3,567) of military subjects
- Of the 2,218 subjects with sufficient evidence to receive disciplinary action:
 - 1,446 received action on a sexual assault charge – with 53% (774 of 1,446) having court-martial charges preferred
 - 772 received action on some other form of misconduct (e.g., assault, false statement, adultery)
- Standardization of data in DSAID and updates in law and policy likely contributed to some of the recent changes in data.

All Military Subject Case Dispositions



Substantiated Sexual Assault Case Outcomes



2017 Active Duty Focus Group Findings



LEADERSHIP

- Leads by example
- Places greater emphasis on sexual assault in recent years
- Hesitancy to address these issues among some male senior leaders

MILITARY ENVIRONMENT

- Encourages reporting of sexual assault
- Needs attention to address training fatigue, gaps in knowledge, and cynicism

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- Confusion about behaviors involved and how to report
- Inappropriate behaviors now taken more seriously

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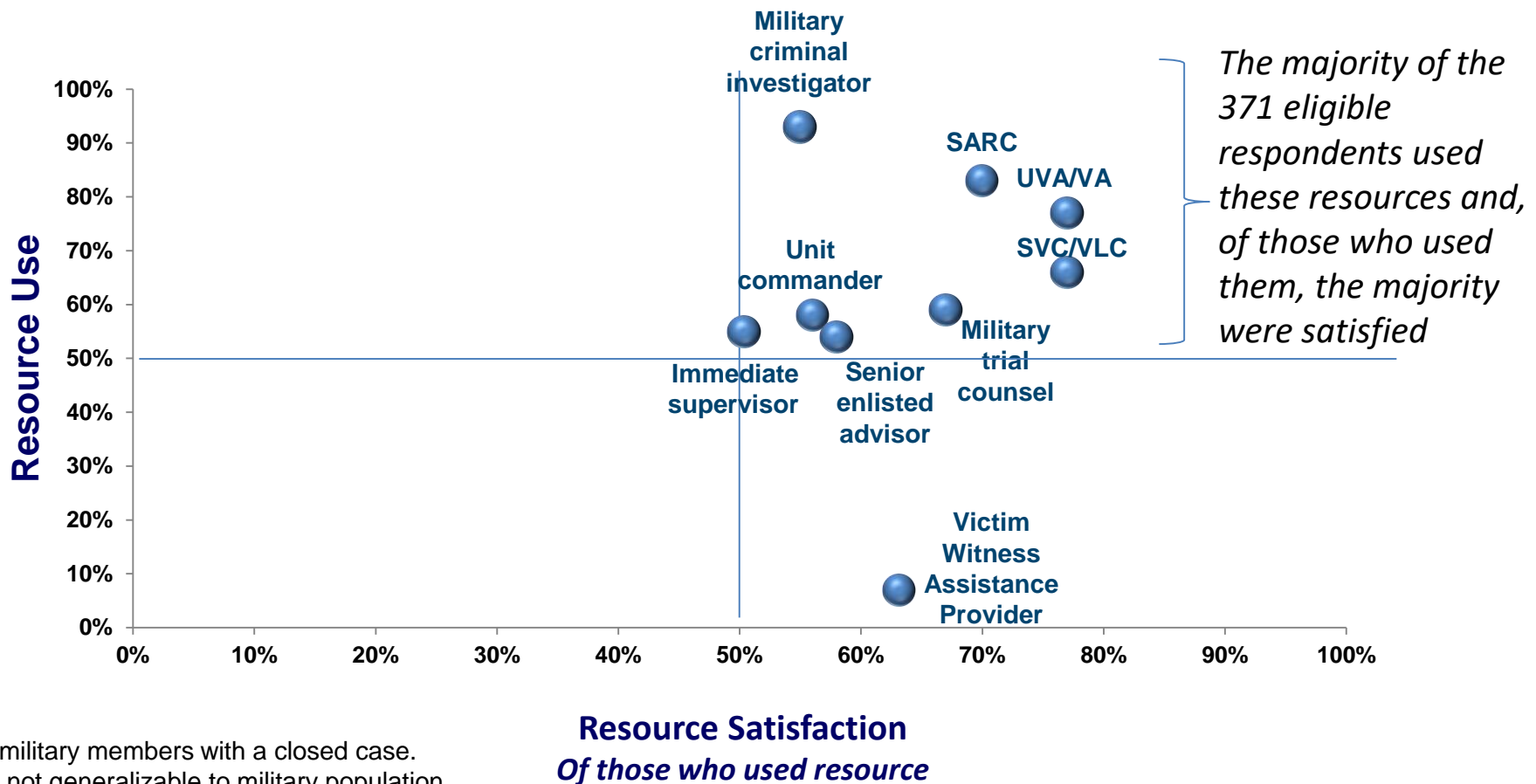
-54 Focus Groups

-384 Service members
(CONUS & OCONUS)

2016 – 2017 Military Investigation and Justice Experience Survey Results



SAPR Program, Military Justice, and Command Resources: Respondent Use and Satisfaction





- **Preventing Sexual Assault**
 - Concluded the first phase of the Installation Prevention Project
 - Continued development of the *Prevention Plan of Action*
- **Providing a Quality Response**
 - Released the *DoD Plan to Prevent and Respond to the Sexual Assault of Military Men*
 - Initiated the *Men's SAPR Plan* Working Group to carry out plan objectives
 - Expanded outreach and services through the Safe Helpline and Safe HelpRoom
- **Combatting Retaliation**
 - Published the *DoD Retaliation Prevention and Response Strategy (RPRS) Implementation Plan*
 - Streamlined and standardized definitions across the full spectrum of retaliatory behavior, included in *DoD RPRS Implementation Plan*



- ***Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Active Duty Members***
 - Update estimates of past-year sexual assault and sexual harassment
- **Planned FY18 Actions**
 - Focus prevention efforts through continued development of the *Prevention Plan of Action*
 - Further enhance the support for Service men experiencing sexual assault
 - Continue efforts to reduce and prevent retaliatory behavior associated with reporting
 - Support the Office of Force Resiliency's (OFR) efforts to integrate violence prevention approaches