

Your Rights As A Victim.

You have the following rights under 18 U.S.C. § 3771 in any federal court proceeding, including court-martial:

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy;
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender;
- The right to be notified of court proceedings;
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that your testimony would be materially affected if you as the victim heard other testimony at trial;
- The right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case;
- The right to available restitution;
- The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

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**INFORMATION FOR
VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
ASSAULT CRIMES**

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What is a SVC?

A Special Victim Counsel (SVC) is a U.S. Army attorney who has been designated by the Staff Judge Advocate. A SVC's role is to zealously represent you. Based on your decisions, the SVC will represent your interests even if it does not align with those of the prosecutor or with those of the accused.

The SVC will empower you by fostering your understanding of the military justice process and providing you with legal assistance. The SVC will also assist in the coordination of applicable programs, services, and the military justice process. The SVC will assist you all the way through to the end of the post-trial process. The SVC provides victims with confidential legal advice relating to both issues arising out of the criminal investigation and proceedings as well as to collateral matters.

We are concerned about the problems experienced by sexual assault victims. We understand that as a victim, this is an emotional and daunting process. We also understand that the reporting process and the military justice process can be difficult. The SVC at Camp Zama is dedicated to helping you through these processes.

Special Victim Counsel Services

- Accompany to and advise you during interviews, examinations, hearings, and court-martial proceedings
- Represent you in court-martial proceedings as permitted by law
- Referral to Trial Defense Service for collateral misconduct, if necessary
- Advocate your interests with Government counsel on disposition options
- Assist you with post-trial submissions to include victim impact statements
- Advise you on collateral civil issues arising from the crime
- Provide legal assistance services as needed
- Answer any questions that you may have about the court-martial process

Attorney-Client Confidentiality

Your privacy and confidentiality are of utmost importance to the SVC. With limited exceptions, the SVC cannot share your communications with anyone else. To further your interests in the case, the SVC may discuss your case with supervising attorneys or paralegals within the program.

Based upon this, even if you have filed a restricted report, you have the ability of learning about the court-martial process and your rights as a victim without having to file an official unrestricted report.

Who is entitled to a SVC?

1. Active duty Army
2. Army Reserve on active duty
3. Adult dependents of above
4. If the suspect is a Soldier:
 - a. Active duty members of other services
 - b. Reserve member of other services if on active duty
 - c. Adult dependents of a-b
 - d. Army Reserve (IADT)
 - e. DoD civilian employees
 - f. Adult dependents of e
 - g. Foreign military assigned to US
 - h. Adult dependents of g