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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) – April 2014

1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month. We are taking this opportunity to emphasize that sexual assault will not be tolerated in the Alaska National Guard. Right now, renew your commitment to strengthening the professional climate in our state where the cultural imperatives of mutual respect, dignity, and trust, team commitment and professional values create an environment in which sexual harassment and sexual assault are NOT condoned or tolerated.

2. The Alaska National Guard is partnering with community agencies for the following Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention activities:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April, 2014

- o 4 April: Community-wide Sexual Assault Awareness Kick-Off Ceremony 12-4 p.m. at the BP Energy Center
- o 12 April: New Commander and 1st Sgt Training
- o 25 April: Invisible War viewing at Mat-Su College
- o 26 April: Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes (STAR – University Center, 11:30 to 2 p.m., Anchorage & Saddler's Marking Lot 2-5 p.m., Fairbanks)
- o There will be an awareness campaign display at AFEES throughout the month.
- o Our JFHQ SARC will have an awareness campaign on the drill hall floor in the Armory, JBER.
- o Each Unit will have competitive activities which will be actionable and measurable. The unit with the most creative and successful event(s) will be recognized at a later date to culminate our sexual assault awareness campaign.
- o www.SafeHelpline.org (877)995-5247

3. Our Governor, our President, and our Chief of the National Guard Bureau have all deemed April as Sexual Assault Awareness month. The National Guard's theme this year is "Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault." We echo our NGB leadership to say that we each have a responsibility to live up to our Service values and standards of behaviour that define how we treat all members of our military community. You play a critical role in upholding our core values. We can only solve this problem together.

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