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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL
THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

1. April marks the Department of Defense's tenth annual observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As we continue to build on existing momentum and efforts to elevate our level of awareness, this is a time for increased collaboration, and a time to reinforce our personal and unit commitments to the elimination of the crime of sexual assault in the military.

2. The theme this year is "Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault." Inherent in this theme is the responsibility to adhere to, and internalize, Service values and standards of behavior that define how we treat all members of our military community. Our entire National Guard Family - from the most senior leader to the newest member - plays a critical role in upholding our core values. By stepping up, the National Guard will meet the goal to eliminate the crime of sexual assault and reinforce the values that guarantee a culture of dignity, respect, and trust.

3. Your personal involvement in state SAAM events will reinforce the message that our Guard Family can solve this problem together.

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