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	<p>Officers (VWLO) are appointed by the Regional Commander and Type Commander to provide overall supervision and oversight of the VWAP within their area of responsibility. The designated VWLO are appointed from the legal office to provide legal support to the Regional and Type Commander, preferably a Staff Judge Advocate, civilian attorney, or paralegal who has legal training/experience with the Victim Witness Assistance Program in the grade of GS-9 or above.</p> <p>Pursuant to OPNAVINST 5800.7A, para. 8(d)(2), unit commanders appoint command Victim Witness Assistance Coordinators (VWACs). VWACs are overseen by the region VWLO and must be an E-5 or above (or civilian equivalent). They are responsible for educating command personnel as to the rights of crime victims and witnesses in addition to law enforcement, victim legal counsel, and Navy prosecutors who also work with victims and witnesses to ensure their rights are known and upheld.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>OPNAVINST 5800.7A is available at: https://doni.daps.dla.mil/Directives/05000%20General%20Management%20Security%20and%20Safety%20Services/05-800%20Laws%20and%20Legal%20Services/5800.7A.pdf.</p>
USMC	<p>A Regional or Installation Victim Witness Liaison Officer (VWLO) must be an officer or civilian member of the commander’s staff of appropriate experience, temperament, and rank. This officer may not serve as a trial counsel, defense counsel, staff judge advocate, or legal assistance attorney. There is no requirement that the VWLO be a Judge Advocate. Each VWLO must be designated by the installation commander to be the commander’s primary representative responsible for the VWAP aboard the installation. Once appointed, the VWLO is required to attend the Marine Corps annual VWAP training, as described below in the response to question 112.d.</p>
USCG	<p>The Coast Guard does not have specially-designated victim-witness liaisons or paralegals.</p>

112. (Update to RSP RFIs 50) DoD and Services: Describe required training courses and curriculum for personnel assigned to the SVIP capability (please include information about any special training opportunities for members of the SVIP as previously reported in the *Establishment of Special Victim Capabilities within the Military Departments to Respond to Allegations of Certain Special Victim Offenses* (DoD, 2013), and any training specifically addressing male sexual assault victims):

a. Specially trained MCIO investigators

DoD	<p>DoD requirements for SVIP training are found in the same policy documents noted above, in the answer to question 111.</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <p>1. DoDI 5505.19, Establishment of Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP)</p>
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	<p>Capability within the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs) 2. DTM 14-003, “DoD Implementation of Special Victim Capability (SVC) Prosecution and Legal Support”</p>
<p>USA</p>	<p>In addition to previous response to RSP RFI 50, the Army has attached curriculum for all training courses and the following update:</p> <p>CID: In addition to the attached curriculum for the training, CID's annual refresher training for FY15 focused on male-on-male sexual assaults and interfacing with the victims of those crimes. Additionally, all the senior special victim agents and team chiefs will be attending the Ending Violence Against Women International conference in Washington, DC on 21 - 24 Mar 16, and the focus of the conference this year is on male victimization.</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Management Plan (CMP) 7H-F43 2. CMP 7H-F57/830-F20 3. POI for ACSITC Course 7H-F57/832-F21 4. CMP 7H-F57/832-F21 5. CMP 7H-SVUIC 6. POI for SPUIC Course 7H-SVUIC
<p>USAF</p>	<p>Before being designated, all SVIP personnel are required to complete the SAPR training requirements listed in DODI 6495.02, Enclosure 10, including annual SAPR training and SAPR first responder training. Additionally, all judge advocates must have completed the judge advocate training requirements detailed in DODI 6495.02, Enclosure 10, paragraph 7.</p> <p>In 2015, the Air Force SAPR annual training required of all Airmen consisted of two parts. The first part was a large group briefing by the installation SARC. The second part was small group, unit-based training and discussion. The small group training was led and facilitated by unit volunteers certified to conduct the training. One of the small group training modules focused on male sexual assault victims. It included a video of stories of male survivors, facts and statistics on male victims of sexual assault, and a discussion on why men may be less likely to report a sexual assault and what the Air Force can do to foster an environment where all members feel safe reporting an assault.</p> <p>Also in 2015, the Air Force SAPR first responder training for judge advocates, paralegals, and VWAP personnel consisted of two one-hour Webcasts—one hour on SAPR for prosecutors and one hour on SAPR and related programs, such as the SVC program. The training included local training on the specific local VWAP resources and procedures for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations.</p> <p>All AFOSI agents must successfully complete 11 weeks of training at the FLETC Criminal Investigators Training Program (CITP) and seven additional weeks of training at the United States Air Force Special Investigations Academy (USAFSIA). CITP and USAFSIA training includes basic training in law, interviews and interrogations, investigation planning, crime scene and forensic sciences, techniques in searches and seizures, and suspect and victim psychology related to crimes of violence.</p>

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	<p>In addition, agents working sexual assault investigations attend the eight-day AFOSI SCITP class. SCITP received Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) in November 2014. To receive FLETA, agencies must submit to an independent review of their academy and program to ensure compliance with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Standards and Procedures in the areas of: program administration, training and staff, training development, and training delivery. Accreditation is a cyclical process occurring every five years. Each year, agencies must submit annual reports in preparation for reaccreditation, which is a new and independent review.</p> <p>SCITP presents advanced training on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DoD and Air Force policy related to sexual assault investigations - Legal issues pertaining to sexual crimes - Cognitive biases in sexual assault investigations - Medical evidence in sexual crimes - Fundamentals of memory - Psychological aspects of victims (both male and female victims) - Psychological aspects of offenders - Sexual assault case studies - Cognitive interviewing (lecture and practical exercises) - Research regarding false allegations - Intimate and domestic partner violence & sexual assault - Investigations involving drug and alcohol facilitated sexual assaults - Crime scene processing - Effective scoping in sexual assault cases - Prosecution perspective <p>See JPP RFI 111.</p>
USN	<p>The Advanced Adult Sexual Assault Investigator Training Program (AASAITP) is a one-week advanced course collaboratively created by NCIS to comply with training mandates set forth in Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5505.18/5505.19. Within the AASAITP, students receive advanced training on victim and offender dynamics, interview techniques designed for trauma survivors, Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP) protocols and policies, and other topics relevant to sexual assault investigations. In furtherance of enhancing the relationship amongst SVIP members, each AASAITP hosts two U.S. Navy and two USMC prosecutors, who train side by side conducting case reviews and exercises facilitated by nationally recognized experts and military senior trial counselors.</p>
USMC	<p>The Advanced Adult Sexual Assault Investigator Training Program (AASAITP) is a one-week advanced course collaboratively created by NCIS to comply with training mandates set forth in Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5505.18/5505.19. Within the AASAITP, students receive advanced training on victim and offender dynamics, interview techniques designed for trauma survivors, Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP) protocols and policies, and other topics relevant to sexual assault investigations. In furtherance of enhancing the relationship amongst SVIP members, each AASAITP hosts two U.S. Navy and two USMC prosecutors, who train</p>

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USCG	Please see response to question 111, above.

b. Prosecutors/trial counsel

DoD	<p>DoD requirements for SVIP training are found in the same policy documents noted above, in the answer to question 111.</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DoDI 5505.19, Establishment of Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP) Capability within the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs) DTM 14-003, "DoD Implementation of Special Victim Capability (SVC) Prosecution and Legal Support" 														
USA	<p>OTJAG: With regard to male victimization, during the New Prosecutor Course (NPC), the Trial Counsel Assistance Program (TCAP) teaches a class on interviewing victims that addressed some of the unique aspects involved with interviewing a male victim of sexual assault. The follow-on practical exercise involves a mock interview of a male victim of sexual assault. TCAP is in the process of developing a block of instruction dedicated to investigating and prosecuting cases involving male sexual assault victims, expected to first be presented at the SVP course in July 2016. TCAP has coordinated with the Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), the Human Rights Campaign, and a psychologist to provide guest instructors at this training. The training will focus on the dynamics of same-sex assault (victim dynamics, prejudices, etc.) and special issues in prosecuting those cases. Additionally, the training will address same-sex intimate partner violence as well as violence perpetrated against LGBT Soldiers, including "corrective" rape.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>SVP TCAP INFO Paper</p>														
USAF	<p>STCs attend at least two advanced litigation skills-focused courses and receive specialized training in prosecuting sexual assaults. Each STC attends ISALC and ASALC as well as the annual STC training, which addresses fundamentals of sexual assault litigation. STCs have the opportunity to attend civilian-led courses and conferences pertaining to prosecuting crimes involving special victims. Specific blocks of instruction that address males as sexual assault victims are incorporated in several judge advocate courses, including the Special Victims Unit Investigations Course. See JPP RFI 111.</p>														
USN	<p>No update.</p>														
USMC	<p>There is no update from RSP RFI 50 for the training required for Special Victim Qualified Trial Counsel. The following list delineates the training opportunities available to Trial Counsel in FY 16:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Start Date</th> <th style="width: 15%;">End Date</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Course Name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Sponsor</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">October</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Sponsor	Location	October				
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9-Oct-15	9-Oct-15	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
26-Oct-15	6-Nov-15	Intermediate Trial Advocacy	TJAGLC S	Charlottesville, VA
November				
13-Nov-15	13-Nov-15	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
December				
7-Dec-15	11-Dec-15	Forensic Evidence	NDAA	Savannah, GA
17-Dec-15	18-Dec-15	RTC Quarterly Training	LSSS	Regional
January				
15-Jan-16	15-Jan-16	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
February				
1-Feb-16	5-Feb-16	TCAP Annual Training	TCAP	Miramar, CA
8-Feb-16	10-Feb-16	Intermediate Sexual Assault Litigation Course	AFJAGS	Maxwell AFB, AL
March				
1-Mar-16	13-Mar-16	Intermediate Trial Advocacy	TJAGLC S	Charlottesville, VA
18-Mar-16	18-Mar-16	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
April				
4-Apr-16	8-Apr-16	Basic Trial Advocacy	NJS	San Diego, CA
11-Apr-16	13-Apr-16	Intermediate Sexual Assault Litigation Course	AFJAGS	Nellis AFB, NV
11-Apr-16	15-Apr-16	Litigating Complex Cases	NJS	Newport, RI
21-Apr-16	22-Apr-16	RTC Quarterly Training	LSSS	Regional
May				
9-May-16	13-May-16	Advanced Trial Advocacy	AFJAGS	Maxwell AFB, AL
18-May-16	20-May-16	Intermediate Sexual Assault Litigation Course	AFJAGS	Lackland AFB, TX
20-May-16	20-May-16	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
June				
17-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
July				
15-Jul-16	15-Jul-16	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
August				
8-Aug-16	12-Aug-16	Prosecuting Special Victim Cases	NJS	Newport, RI

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	25-Aug-16	26-Aug-16	RTC Quarterly Training	LSSS	Regional
	22-Aug-16	26-Aug-16	Intermediate Sexual Assault Litigation Course	AFJAGS	Maxwell AFB, AL
	September				
	23-Sep-16	23-Sep-16	STC Monthly Training	LSST	Local
	26-Sep-16	30-Sep-16	Basic Trial Advocacy	NJS	Norfolk, VA
	ONLINE				
	DistLearn	DistLearn	Trial Counsel Orientation	NJS	Online
	OTHER TRAINING				
	TBD	TBD	Prosecuting Sexual Assault Cases	NJS	Newport, RI
	TBD	TBD	Intermediate Trial Advocacy	NJS	Newport, RI
	TBD	TBD	Senior Trial Counsel/Defense Counsel Leadership	NJS	Newport, RI
	TBD	TBD	TC/DC Orientation	NJS	Newport, RI
	TBD	TBD	FLETC	NCIS	Leonard Wood, MO
	TBD	TBD	USACIL	CID	Atlanta, GA
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USCG	<p>Please see response to question 111, above. While there is no specific training requirement for assignment to a sexual assault case, Coast Guard prosecutors/trial counsel have the opportunity to attend the Special Victims Capability Course (SVCC, formerly SVUIC) as well as courses in Basic and Advanced Trial Advocacy, Litigation of Complex Cases, Intermediate Sex Assault Litigation, Prosecuting and Defending Sexual Assault Cases and Special Victims' Counsel and Child Victims' Counsel courses. The courses available to Coast Guard judge advocates are offered by the Army, Air Force and Navy Judge Advocate Schools.</p> <p>Additionally, member of the Legal Service Command are required to attend the Army's two-week Special Victims Capability Course (SVCC). Finally, the Coast Guard does take advantage of civilian training opportunities when available, such as courses offered through the National District Attorneys Association.</p>				

c. Paralegals

DoD	<p>DoD requirements for SVIP training are found in the same policy documents noted above, in the answer to question 111.</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DoDI 5505.19, Establishment of Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP) Capability within the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs) DTM 14-003, "DoD Implementation of Special Victim Capability (SVC) Prosecution
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	and Legal Support”
USA	ENCLOSURE: SVNCO TCAP INFO Paper
USAF	Air Force SVIP paralegals are assigned to installation legal offices. SVIP paralegals provide support to SVU-STCs, STCs, and trial counsel for investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases handled by the particular legal office. Paralegals selected for SVIP duties must have completed the Paralegal Apprentice Course (PAC) and may have also completed the Paralegal Craftsman Course (PCC). These intensive 9 to 11 week courses prepare paralegals to work in a legal office’s military justice section and perform related tasks, such as legal research and writing and witness interviewing. SVIP paralegals range in grade from junior enlisted Airmen to senior noncommissioned officers and include paralegals serving as noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of a legal office’s military justice section. These NCOICs also attend the Military Justice Administration Course (MJAC), which provides training on processing a case from investigation through trial and post-trial. Paralegals may also receive training via distance education courses and on-the-job training on topics such as post-traumatic stress disorder; counterintuitive victim behavior; sex offender registration; expedited transfer; and rights of crime victims. For a specific case assigned, a paralegal is prepared to provide the full spectrum of pre-trial and trial support, including preparing documents, managing discovery and evidence, drafting charges, and interviewing witnesses. The SVIP case paralegal also serves as a primary point of contact for victims and witnesses, particularly for coordinating logistics and travel for court proceedings and hearings.
USN	No update.
USMC	Marine Corps SVIP paralegals are staff noncommissioned officers, normally between the grades of E-6 and E-8, who have successfully completed undergraduate studies and obtained a degree in paralegal studies from an American Bar Association accredited program. Additionally, a forthcoming Marine Corps Bulletin relating to Military Justice will standardize the training requirements for enlisted Marines to become SVIP administrative support personnel. These SVIP administrative support personnel will be certified in writing by the Regional Trial Counsel (RTC) or Legal Services Support Section Officer in Charge (LSSS OIC). Certification will be based on the Marine completing the Trial Counsel (TC) Orientation Course and attending a TCAP approved special victim training course. The SVIP paralegal will provide regional SVIP support to CTTs under the direction of the RTC. Marines certified as SVIP administrative support personnel will provide SVIP support under the direction of the STC.
USCG	The Coast Guard has 19 civilian paralegals within the legal community, but does not have specially-designated paralegals for sexual assault cases. Coast Guard paralegals have the opportunity to attend courses in legal research and writing, legal assistance, law office management and legal ethics for paralegals.

d. VWL/VWAP

DoD	DoD requirements for SVIP training are found in the same policy documents noted above, in the answer to question 111. ENCLOSURES:
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USA	<p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>PD GS-0901-11 SVWL</p>
USAF	<p>All VWAP liaisons must be familiar with the VWAP and receive annual training on the program. Each installation legal office with a military justice function operates a Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP). The VWAP is managed by the local responsible official, the installation commander, who may delegate VWAP duties to the staff judge advocate. Typically, the VWAP coordinator, a military or civilian employee assigned to the legal office, handles program administration, and there is at least one victim liaison who assists victims during the military justice process. Judge advocates and paralegals are trained on VWAP at military justice courses, such as the Military Justice Administration Course. Additionally, the Air Force offers bi-annual distance education on VWAP.</p>
USN	<p>No update.</p>
USMC	<p>Once appointed, VWLOs are required to attend the Marine Corps annual VWAP training. To ensure compliance, the Marine Corps funds the travel expenses of each Regional and Installation VWLO. Each VWLO is then responsible for properly training and supervising the Victim Witness Assistance Coordinators (VWACs) aboard their installation. Additionally, the VWACs are encouraged to attend the training, if possible. Finally, as part of the quarterly Victim and Witness Assistance Council at each installation, VWACs receive additional instruction and awareness of relevant issues as they council to ensure that an effective multi-disciplinary approach is followed by local victim and witness service providers.</p>
USCG	<p>The Coast Guard does not have specially-designated victim-witness liaisons or paralegals.</p>

SVIP Issues, Oversight and Evaluation Metrics

113. Services: How do the Services provide oversight of multidisciplinary SVIP personnel to ensure appropriate coordination and collaboration on sexual assault cases?

USA	<p>CID: For CID, the required coordination and collaboration is a matter of policy that is checked for compliance by local supervisors, checked by battalion and group supervisors during staff assistance visits and inspections, and checked by the CID Command Inspector General during office inspections. Additionally, the CID Headquarters Deputy Investigative Operations Officer participates in monthly teleconferences with Army SARCs worldwide to identify and resolve conflicts and problems. Further, he participates in weekly meetings with representatives from Army SHARP and OTJAG to identify and resolve issues.</p> <p>OTJAG: Staff Judge Advocates, Special Agents in Charge, TCAP, the Office of The Judge Advocate General (OTJAG), and the CID all provide oversight to ensure appropriate coordination and collaboration among the SVIP personnel on sexual assault cases.</p>
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