

**Judicial Proceedings Panel
12 December 2014
Speaker Biographies**

**Non-Military Perspectives on the SVC Program
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Colonel (Retired) Don Christensen, U.S. Air Force, is President of Protect Our Defenders Foundation (POD), an advocacy organization dedicated to fundamentally reforming the U.S. military's systems related to the issue of rape and sexual assault. Mr. Christensen served as an Air Force judge advocate for 23 years, where he tried more than 150 courts-martial as a trial and defense counsel and presided over 100 cases as a military judge. Prior to his recent retirement from the Air Force, he served as Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Counsel Division.

Ms. Miranda Petersen is the Programs and Policy Director for POD, where she works with like-minded organizations, survivors and retired and active duty senior officers to develop policies to improve and reform the Uniform Code of Military Justice pertaining to rape, sexual assault, and harassment. Ms. Petersen manages POD's Peer Support and Pro Bono Legal Network, connecting military Service members who have been raped or sexually assaulted with legal representation, advice, and assistance.

SVC Program Perspectives from Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs)
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Phylista Dudzinski, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, manages the installation's sexual assault prevention and response program. She is responsible for recruiting, screening, interviewing, selecting, training, and supervising victim advocates who will provide essential support and liaison services and care to victims. She was appointed as a SARC in June 2006 and is nationally certified through the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program as a Level IV Victim Advocate.

Ms. Simone Hall, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, United States Coast Guard Base, National Capital Region, is a retired sergeant major who served 28 years in the U.S. Army. She has extensive experience in human resource management, training and development. Since 2006, she has worked in the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program; serving as a unit victim advocate and a deployed SARC. In 2010, she became the SHARP/SARC and Program Manager for the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. After retiring, she joined Strategic Resources, Inc., as a SHARP mobile team trainer; where she trained hundreds of victim advocates and SARCs for the U.S. Army. She assumed her current position with the Coast Guard in August 2014.

Ms. Marie Brodie, Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, has served in this capacity since October 2009. She is also the command SARC for Marine Corps Installations East and has served in this capacity since 2013. For the past 25 years, Ms. Brodie has worked in the field of interpersonal violence, including working at a rape and domestic violence crisis center in Raleigh, North Carolina, and for the North Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence as their training and media relations coordinator.

Ms. Gloria Arteaga, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, worked with the New Hampshire Bar Association during law school to assist the Domestic Violence Emergency Project. She subsequently published an article about domestic violence and accepted an internship with New Hampshire Legal Assistance assisting the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project. She continued her advocacy after law school with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, where she advocated for Spanish speaking children suffering from mental illness in the Nashua School District. Ms. Arteaga became the SARC for Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, in October 2010, and she assumed her current position in August 2011.

Sergeant First Class Bridgett Joseph, U.S. Army, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, completed medical specialist military occupational specialty skills for advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She has also held various leadership positions during her military career, including emergency room shift leader, first sergeant, and platoon sergeant.

Clients and their SVCs: Experiences from the Field
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Lieutenant Commander Kelley Stevens, U.S. Navy, Special Victim Counsel, Alameda, California, provides legal support to victims of sexual assault offenses committed by or against active duty or active reserve U.S. Coast Guard members. Prior to her current assignment, Lieutenant Commander Stevens advocated on behalf of Coast Guard members as an appellate defense counsel, where her duties focused on providing appellate advocacy before the U.S. Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Major William D. Ivins III, U. S. Marine Corps, Regional Victims' Legal Counsel-West at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Captain Christopher Mangels, U.S. Air Force, Special Victim Counsel, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, provides independent legal representation to, and advocacy on behalf of, sexual assault victims during the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases.

Lieutenant Kathryn DeAngelo, U.S. Navy, Victims' Legal Counsel, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, assumed her current duties in January 2014, and she has since assisted 51 victims of sexual assault through the legal process. She previously served as a defense counsel at Defense Service Office West, San Diego.

Captain Brian E. Stransky, U.S. Army, Special Victims' Counsel Victims' Counsel, Fort Carson, Colorado, is currently an operational law attorney with 1st Stryker Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. He will soon take over as senior trial counsel for the 4th Infantry Division Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Captain Stransky deployed to Afghanistan in 2013-14 as a brigade judge advocate, where he also served as a special victims' counsel (SVC). He is the first Army judge advocate to have served as an SVC in a combat zone. He trained as an SVC at the U.S. Air Force JAG School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, prior to his deployment.

Senior Judge Advocate Perspectives
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Lieutenant General Flora D. Darpino began serving as The Judge Advocate General of the United States Army in September 2013. Lieutenant General Darpino's full biography is available at

[https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Portals/jagc.nsf/0/D0BFE099A97234EA85257BE2006407FE/\\$File/Darpino%20LTG%20Bio%20&%20Photo.pdf](https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Portals/jagc.nsf/0/D0BFE099A97234EA85257BE2006407FE/$File/Darpino%20LTG%20Bio%20&%20Photo.pdf).

Lieutenant General Christopher F. Burne began serving as The Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force in May 2014. Lieutenant General Burne's full biography is available at

<http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/Biographies/Display/tabid/225/Article/108386/lieutenant-general-christopher-f-burne.aspx>.

Vice Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi began serving as the Judge Advocate General of the Navy in July 2012. Vice Admiral DeRenzi's full biography is available at

<http://www.navy.mil/navydata/bios/navybio.asp?biID=516>.

Rear Admiral Steven D. Poulin began serving as The Judge Advocate General of the United States Coast Guard in April 2014. Rear Admiral Poulin's full biography is available at <http://www.uscg.mil/flag/biography/StevenPoulin.pdf>.

Colonel John G. Baker is the Deputy Director, Judge Advocate Division, for Military Justice and Community Development, where he is responsible for oversight of military justice practice in the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps legal community's professional development. Colonel Baker's full biography is available at

<http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/sja/Leaders/tabid/9643/Article/553764/colonel-john-g-baker-us-marine-corps.aspx>.