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Status of Previous Recommendations

90. DoD and Services: Please provide an update on the implementation of Response Systems Panel (RSP) recommendations. The last status we received was based on a memorandum DoD Secretary Hagel signed on December 15, 2014.

DoD	ENCLOSURE: RSP Recommendation Status Tracker
USA	See attached SAPRO consolidated response submitted by all Services. ENCLOSURE: Copy of RSP Recommendation Status Tracker-SecDef Assigned OPRs-042715
USAF	Please see Tab 1. ENCLOSURE: Tab 1, RSP Table 30 Nov 15
USN	<p>The attached (TAB A) chart shows the status of the RSP recommendation implementation as of April 2015.</p> <p>In addition, the following amplifying information is provided for specific recommendations as noted:</p> <p>#50: Navy Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) leadership meets formally every six weeks, and sometimes more frequently, with VLC and Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) Program Directors of the other services to share and discuss new initiatives, lessons learned, best practices, program documents, training opportunities, and policy updates to improve VLC/SVC legal support for all military sexual offense victims. Informal communications and collaboration take place almost weekly by phone or email to alert each other, analyze, share and address collective issues or concerns regarding support of victims of sexual offenses. Further, the VLC/SVC Program Directors share their respective VLC/SVC rosters to foster regional collaboration and training at the local level. In September 2015, the VLC/SVC across the services who are assigned to cover Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA) held a joint training at Ramstein Air Base, Germany to collaborate on best practices and regional issues. In the wake of this first-ever inter-service regional VLC/SVC training, the Navy VLC Program has spearheaded the first collaborative SharePoint site for use by all service VLC/SVC in the EURAFSWA region. Although the Navy is open to a common, shared website, Navy VLC Program recommends allowing time for this experimental website to become established before pursuing a full-scale inter-service VLC/SVC website. The Navy VLC Program currently operates an internal website offering immediate access to victim support and advocacy resources, guidance, training, and an active discussion board for questions, practices, advice, and recommendations to maximize effective assistance for victims. The Navy VLC Program SharePoint-based website was recently recognized as a best practice by the JAG Corps Knowledge Management Division.</p> <p>#51: Navy recognizes the need to assess and reassess the VLC Program. The Navy VLC Program (VLCP) is assessed weekly by its immediate leadership team and by</p>

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	<p>Commander, Naval Legal Service Command (CNLSC) via submission of weekly reports by each VLC. Additionally, the Navy VLC Chief of Staff speaks with CNLSC weekly and quarterly for a more in-depth program discussion and assessment of personnel, significant achievements, challenges and significant future events. The VLCP uses a Victim Satisfaction Survey to gauge program success, challenges, and areas needing improvement based on victim input. With regard to an independent evaluator, as the program did not officially stand up until November of 2013, no formal independent inspection or assessment occurred in fiscal year 2014. The first VLCP self-assessment will be conducted in January 2016. That Article 6, UCMJ, inspection will fall under the cognizance of the CNLSC Inspector General, an office separate from the VLC Program and will include interviews of practicing VLC, inspection of VLCP spaces, and interviews of other victim-support providers and military justice stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of the VLCP services. This process will also include an evaluation of program policies and practices to identify areas needing improvement and progress in victim recovery. Given the recent implementation of the Article 6, UCMJ inspection process, we believe it would be premature to partner with an independent evaluator, but believe that once sufficient data is gathered through the Article 6, UCMJ inspection then the independent IG audit process would be beneficial. Once sufficient data is available and measures to cover any recognized gaps in services have been established, then, reviewing the need for an independent evaluator could be beneficial.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE: Tab A, Recommendation Status Tracker-SecDef Assigned OPRs-042715</p>
USMC	<p>Provided as enclosure (2).</p> <p>ENCLOSURE: Enclosure (2), RSP Updates, Measuring the Scope of Sexual Assault in the Military and Civilian Comparison</p>
USCG	<p>The Coast Guard continues to work with DOD in implementing the recommendations, as appropriate.</p>