

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SET # 6**

**144. (Update to JPP RFI 37) Services: In your Service, are there plans or intent to merge or co-locate any of the victim assistance programs? If so, please describe. If not, why not?**

<b>USA</b>	<p>In June 2014, the Army initiated a pilot program at 12 active duty installations called the SHARP Resource Centers (SHARP-RC). The SHARP-RC is a “one-stop shop” designed to coordinate and support all SHARP Program services on the installation. A SHARP-RC is a designated location with segregated Restricted and Unrestricted Areas for report intake and on-going case management functions. Victims, witnesses, and family members can interact with the Army Response System (Advocacy, Investigative, and Legal personnel) in a protected environment as they explore reporting options and coordinate needed referrals and appointments. The SHARP-RC also serves as the installation resource center coordinating prevention, outreach and training activities.</p>
<b>USAF</b>	<p>The Air Force has no plan or intent to merge or co-locate all victim services in a single location on each Air Force installation. First, every installation has its specific logistical and support requirements. Secondly, each program that provides victim services has its specific requirements. For example, the SARC needs private office space that permits confidential communications with a client. There are some installations that co-locate the SARC with the SVC, but no installation should locate the SARC or SVC in close proximity to the ADC. VWAP is run out of the installation legal office, and FAP from the military medical treatment facility, where it is usually co-located with Mental Health.</p> <p>As noted above, some Air Force SVC offices are located near or with SARC offices. The recently published Air Force facilities guide encourages the placement of SVC offices near SARC, EO, or FAP, if possible. However, at some installations, co-locating offices is simply not possible or optimal. Additionally, some SVC clients have expressed that one reason they request an SVC is the SVC’s independence from the chain of command or base agency, including the legal office.</p>
<b>USN</b>	<p>Navy’s victim assistance programs are co-located in the installation’s Fleet and Family Support Center. This includes the SARC, the civilian SAPR Victim Advocate, most Victims’ Legal Counsel, mental health counselors, and domestic violence victim advocates.</p> <p>22 of 24 VLC offices are co-located with SARCs within FFSCs to allow ongoing communication and case coordination between VLC, SARCs, FAP and VAs. Two VLC offices not co-located within FFSCs are located directly across the street or within a short travel distance. Co-location of VLC with SARCs, FAP, and VAs is more convenient for clients because they go to one location to visit multiple support providers. There is no intent to merge services. VLC, SARCs and VAs perform different functions as described in question #143.</p>
<b>USMC</b>	<p>At most installations, victim service providers are co-located or located close to each other. FAP VAs are located within FAP offices at the installations, but are usually close to other victim service providers aboard the installation. Several USMC VLC offices are co-located with SAPR offices. The OIC, VLCO, is working towards co-locating more VLC offices with other victim assistance providers. Due to the number of different entities involved in providing victim assistance services and administering the various programs, co-location is not always feasible. Additionally, facility constraints can prevent efforts to co-locate victim assistance programs.</p>

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	There are currently no plans to merge any of the victim assistance programs. However, the Marine and Family Program Division is currently exploring the possibility of combining 24/7 victim assistance support lines across the Marine Corps.
<b>USCG</b>	There are currently no plans or intent to merge or co-locate any of the victim assistance programs.