

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

145. (Update to JPP RFI 38) Services: How do SVC programs operate in joint and deployed environments? Are there uniform policies and procedures for SVCs in joint environments?

USA	The Services have agreed that the Service of the victim determines which Service will provide the SVC. SVC provide the same services to Soldiers in joint and deployed environments as those on Army Installations. Army SVC deploy with their OSJA. The Army currently has two SVC in Kuwait and one SVC in Afghanistan.
USAF	There is no change to the Air Force Response to JPP RFI 38.
USN	VLC and SVC communicate routinely in joint environments, referring victims to the appropriate VLC or SVC provider. Normally the victims' service affiliation determines which service provides support (e.g., Navy sailor receives service from a Navy VLC). Where services are provided by a non-affiliated service, coordination at the Deputy level and a "warm hand-off" at the VLC/SVC level occurs, ensuring the client receives prompt local support. Where there is a conflict or where there is no VLC of the victim's service stationed in the immediate area would be two reasons for assignment of another service SVC/VLC. With regard to aircraft carriers (CVNs), and amphibious assault ships (LHAs/LHDs), the Navy currently has 14 of 18 Deployed Resiliency Counselor (DRC) billets filled, with the Chief of Naval Operations having ordered a further increase of DRC billets in FY17. DRCs are credentialed clinical counselors who provide support to sexual offense victims underway. This program allows for a coordinated turnover to shore services from the DRC to a SARC, VA, or FAP case worker when the Sailor returns to homeport. Navy VLC work closely with DRCs to assist victims remotely via telephone, email, text or video-teleconferencing, until the victim is transferred to a naval installation with a VLC.
USMC	VLCs are available for victims of sexual assault while in joint and deployed environments because every Marine deployed around the world falls within one of the four VLC service regions. Deployed commands reach back to one of those four service regions to obtain support for a victim. In accordance with MCO 5800.16A, Marine Corps Manual for Legal Administration (LEGADMINMAN) Ch.7, Section 6005, paragraph 3b, VLCs who are already representing a Marine can remain at the victims' request regardless of relocation of the victim. The VLC representing the victim participates in the CMG where the case is being reviewed.
USCG	To date, Coast Guard SVCs have not operated in a joint or deployed environment.