SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL

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SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL ROLE:

A Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) assists eligible victims through most criminal and civil legal matters relating to a reported sexual assault, whether restricted or unrestricted; SVCs are NOT mandatory reporters. SVCs ensure that Victim's Rights, as defined by Congress, are maintained throughout the court-martial process as well as protecting Victims' privacy rights throughout the investigation and court-marital process. SVCs can attend all interviews with the victim (in person or telephonically).

KEY VICTIM'S RIGHTS:

- (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.
- (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any related proceeding, and to be included at those hearings (unless an exception is met).
- (3) The right to be heard at a public hearing concerning the continuation of confinement prior to trial of the accused; sentencing hearing relating to the offense; and a public proceeding of the service clemency and parole board relating to the offense.
 - (4) The right to receive restitution as provided in law.
 - (5) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
 - (6) The right to be treated with fairness and treaded with respect for the dignity and privacy of the victim of a sexual assault.