The Department of Defense (DoD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) collaborated with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to develop the Advanced Military Sexual Assault Advocate Training (AMSAAT) for Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates (VA).

Who is eligible for this advanced training?

Only currently certified DoD SARCs and SAPR VAs are authorized to complete AMSAAT as the course is intended to expand upon skills learned during initial training.

What is the value of this training for experienced professionals?

AMSAAT combines expertise in learning development from the Office for Victims of Crime’s Training and Technical Assistance Center with DoD’s broad range of SAPR advocacy capabilities and initiatives. This combination promises a dynamic learning experience that focuses on providing appropriate support for military victims of sexual assault.

How will the training benefit military victims of sexual assault?

This training incorporates a victim-centered approach in implementing sexual assault policy and builds a framework that improves the quality of response to sexual assault victims and encourages victims to report an incident—so they get the care they need, and perpetrators can be held appropriately accountable.

What are the benefits?

- Proper training and professionalization.
- Continuing education credits.
- Interactive learning online.
- Opportunity to assess professional competency.

For more information about this course, please contact OVC TTAC at AMSAAT@ovcttac.org.