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SUBJECT: 2010-08A –Command Policy Statement on Sexual Assault

1. References.

- a. DoD Directive 6495.01, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.
- b. DoD Directive 6495.02, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Procedures.
- c. Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy Chapter 8, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.
- d. ANG Instruction 36-7, Air National Guard Military Equal Opportunity Program.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy letter is to define the Montana National Guard's policy on sexual assault.

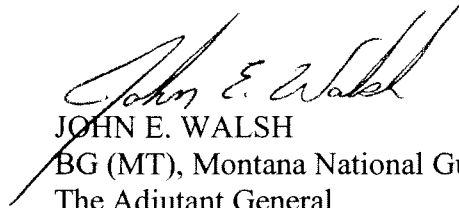
3. Policy.

- a. Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated in the Montana National Guard. Not only does it devastate a victim, it degrades our readiness and corrupts unit cohesion. Sexual assault has no place in our organization.
- b. To increase awareness and establish a support network for sexual assault victims, the Montana National Guard appointed a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) who will focus on the implementation of the Department of Defense's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Each directorate and unit will appoint a Sexual Assault Victims Advocate.
- c. Leaders must create and promote positive command climates that instill confidence in the chain of command and provide assurances that these crimes are reported immediately. We must ensure that Guardsmen and other members of our Guard community treat sexual assault victims with dignity, fairness and respect. We must make victims aware of existing resources, civilian and military medical facilities, legal offices and other programs to assist them in seeking medical care, counseling and seamless victim assistance. The bottom line is that we must increase awareness and prevent sexual assaults from occurring.

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4. This policy statement is to be posted to all official bulletin boards and filed in accordance with 2008-01A command policy memo.
5. Point of contact is Linda Kortum, JFHQ-MT SARC, at (406) 324-3117.



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