

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2012**

PROCLAMATION

**TOGETHER WE WILL
END**

SEXUAL ASSAULT: ACT NOW!

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and this year's theme is "Achieving Cultural Change through Dignity and Respect." This theme ties together the Army Value of Respect for Others and the Soldier's Creed.

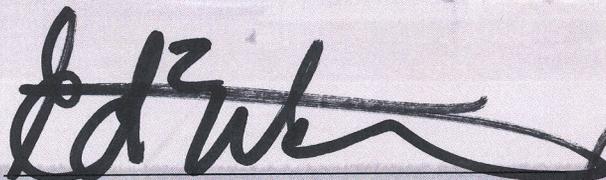
Leaders must commit to cultural change through action and education. Everyone has the personal responsibility to intervene, act, and motivate others to prevent Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.

The 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers and Civilians must sustain their efforts to eliminate Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault through awareness, prevention and intervention training. Even one Sexual Assault is unacceptable and all Sexual Assaults are preventable.

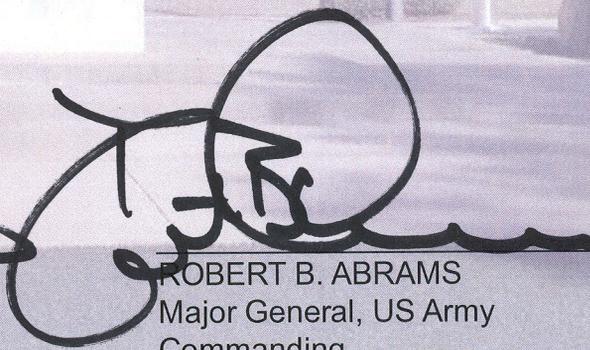
Soldiers are encouraged to report acts of sexual misconduct. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that victims of sexual violence are not left alone to deal with this tribulation. Survivors all too often suffer in silence, they fear retribution, lack of a support system, or that the justice system will fail to bring their perpetrator to justice. We must do more to raise awareness in our efforts to eradicate this unacceptable behavior from our Army and our Communities.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault affect the victim forever; it also adversely affects the unit's mission readiness. It tears at the fabric of our Army Values and requires leaders with intestinal fortitude to intervene and act.

All 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers and Civilians are encouraged to participate in awareness and prevention activities within their commands and in their civilian communities. Together, we will and we must prevent Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault before it occurs.



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