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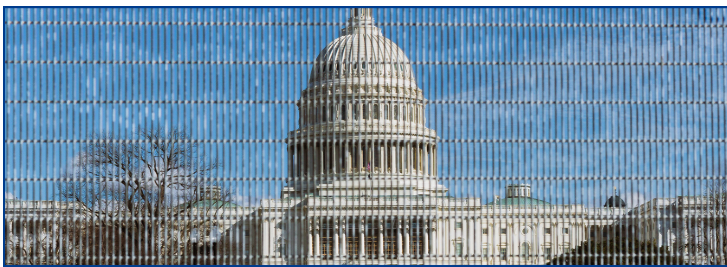
Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP)

Introduction



The **Executive Order dismantling DEI programs** has **unintentionally suspended SHARP training in the U.S. military**, halting vital efforts to prevent sexual violence. This increases risks for service members, particularly women and marginalized groups. Urgent action is needed from Congress, the Department of Defense, and military leadership to clarify and reinstate these programs. Restoring SHARP training is critical to ensuring service members' safety.

Proposal and Intent



Immediate reinstatement and legal protection of sexual assault prevention training in the military are critical. The Department of Defense must clarify that SAPR training remains legally mandated and unaffected by the executive order on DEI programs. Congress should also ensure explicit protections for uninterrupted access to these resources. This document highlights the severe, unintended consequences of dismantling DEI programs and urges swift action from military leadership, Congress, and advocacy groups to restore and safeguard SAPR training.

Key Issues



Suspension of Sexual Assault Prevention Training: The abrupt pause in SAPR training following President Trump's executive order has created a gap in education and awareness, weakening the military's ability to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

Confusion and Legal Ambiguity: The lack of clarity in the executive order has led to inconsistent interpretations across military branches, resulting in unnecessary pauses and delays in critical training programs.

Increased Risk and Decreased Reporting: The absence of required training creates a culture of uncertainty and fear, discouraging victims from reporting sexual assaults and further endangering service members.

Conclusion

The safety and well-being of service members must be a top priority. Suspending sexual assault prevention training is both irresponsible and dangerous, signaling a disregard for a systemic issue affecting thousands. The Department of Defense and Congress must act immediately to restore and strengthen these programs, ensuring access to prevention education, confidential reporting, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and mental health support. LULAC must continue advocating for the SAPR program's protection and expansion to safeguard military personnel from sexual violence.

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Vanessa Guillen, 20



Vanessa Guillén was a 20-year-old Army specialist stationed at Fort Hood and originally from Houston, Texas. In 2020, while serving her country, she was **brutally beaten** to death by a fellow soldier. Despite her family's concerns, the Army delayed investigating her disappearance for nearly a month. Her remains were found more than two months later. A subsequent

Army report revealed systemic failures in how the case was handled, including lapses in accountability, leadership, and response protocols.

Katia Dueñas-Aguilar, 23



Katia Dueñas Aguilar was a soldier stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. On May 18, 2024, she was found dead in her apartment after suffering **68 stab wounds** to her neck and upper body. Prior to her death, she had reported domestic abuse and asked for help. She followed the system, but the system failed her. Instead of receiving protection,

she was met with silence. The man she had reported was later charged with her murder. She left behind a 4-year old son and her mother.

Angelina Resendiz, 21



Angelina Resendiz was a sailor from Brownsville, Texas. She disappeared from Naval Station Norfolk in May 2025. When her mother, Esmeralda Castle, called her Navel Base out of concern, the Navy claimed she was "fine", just unable to talk. The next day, she missed work and was reported missing by the Norfolk PD. How she was **killed** remains

unanswered, and the Norfolk Navy Base has not been held accountable for their delayed response to her disappearance.

Timeline

- **April 22, 2020** - Specialist Guillen is last seen
- **April 23, 2020** - Guillen is reported missing
- **July 1, 2020** - The primary suspect, Aaron Robinson, is identified. He flees & is found dead by suicide the same day.
- **July 3, 2020** - Army confirms that remains found on June 30th were Specialist Guillen's.
- **November 29, 2022** - Cecily Aguilar pleads guilty to multiple charges.

* **The army failed to act promptly when she went missing, withheld information from the public, and allowed missteps.**

- **May 18, 2024** - Katia is found dead in her off-base apartment
- **May 24, 2024** - LULAC & Katia's mother offer \$55,000 reward for information leading to arrests.
- **May 30, 2024** - Authorities publicly confirm Katia's identity, but no arrests are made.
- **July, 2024** - Her death is ruled a homicide.
- **February 7, 2025** - Katia's husband and a female companion are extradited to Clarksville, TN and indicted.
- * **Despite the severity and her prior reports, there was a delay in arresting suspects and a lack of public transparency.**

- **May 29th 2025**: Resendiz was last seen at her barrack on Miller Hill (Norfolk Naval Station)
- **May 29th**: Her mother calls her military base, who claimed that Resendiz "is fine."
- **June 3rd, 2025**: The Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) officially issued a Critically Missing Adult Report
- **June 9th, 2025**: Her remains are identified
- * **Despite early warnings from Resendiz's colleagues and family, she was initially marked AWOL, not as a missing person. A missing person's alert was not issued until six days later, and the family has reported false reassurances suggesting she had been found alive.**