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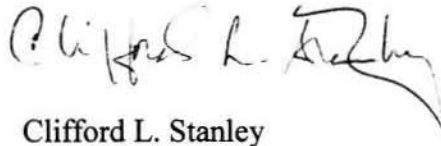
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SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2011

This April, the Department marks the seventh annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Highlighting this important month provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through special events and public education. Please continue efforts throughout the year to help the Department move closer to its vision of a culture free of sexual assault.

Sexual assault hurts one, and affects all. It harms victims, the families associated with each case, a unit's climate and cohesion, and in some cases, our nation's strategic alliances. Leadership at all levels must remain diligent, as we cannot afford to let this crime continue in our ranks. The human toll is too high.

I greatly appreciate your commitment to rapid sexual assault response, services and education. For resources or information concerning sexual assault prevention or response, please contact Suzanne Holroyd, Communications Manager for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, (703) 696-8789, or visit www.sapr.mil.


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