



# Military Investigation and Justice Experience Survey (MIJES)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. Your feedback will help future Service members as they navigate the military justice process by identifying critical improvements to the military justice process. We also intend to use the responses to this survey to provide better support and improve resources for Service members in the military justice system. The *MIJES* is anonymous and responses will not be linked backed to you.

Like you, those who have taken this survey are uniformed military members who made an unrestricted report of sexual assault and have a closed case. This population includes members from all Military services including: active duty (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force), the Reserve (Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Air Force Reserve), and the National Guard (Army National Guard and Air National Guard).

## WHERE DO SURVEY RESPONSES GET SHARED?

RESULTS OF THE *MIJES* ARE SHARED WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF DOD LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS CONGRESS AND CAN MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON IMPROVING THE EXPERIENCE OF SERVICE MEMBERS WHO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.



## STRENGTH. DEDICATION. RESILIENCE. RESOLVE.

The *2015 MIJES* found that Service members were especially satisfied with their Special Victims' Counsel (SVC)/Victims Legal Counsel (VLC). This finding informed the Department of the importance of **continuing to sustain and expand the SVC/VLC program.**



The *2015 MIJES* represents an important new step in understanding the experiences of Service members who report sexual assault. **No other survey**, in either military or civilian contexts, has **studied participants' experiences** about the **investigative and legal processes** associated with sexual assault.



The *2015 MIJES* found that many Service members were not aware of the SVC/VLC program prior to making a report of sexual assault. This finding informed the Department of the need to provide **better education to all Service members** about support resources like the SVC/VLC program.



The *2015 MIJES* found that many Service members experienced negative outcomes associated with reporting sexual assault. This finding contributed to the Department developing a Retaliation Prevention and Response strategy to **combat retaliation in the military.**



HOW CAN I VIEW RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR?  
THE FULL SURVEY REPORT FROM THE *2015 MIJES* CAN BE ACCESSED AT

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