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Eradicating sexual harassment and assault is something Gen. Odierno, the chief of staff of the Army has said is the number one mission for the Army. Russell Strand is leading the charge by training Soldiers, civilians, and some of the most senior officers in the Army, including during a series of talks Sept. 24 at the Army War College.

Army War College students, staff, Family members and the Carlisle community will hear presentations from retired Army Criminal Investigation Command special agent Russell Strand on sexual assault and harassment awareness training **Sept. 24**.

Strand, chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division, has more than 30 years of law enforcement, investigative and consultation experience. His expertise and training includes domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support and sexual assault, trafficking in persons and child abuse investigations.

Strand will speak to first responders during a morning session, then address the War College Class in the afternoon. **A session for Family members and the general public will be held at the Army Heritage and Education Center at 7 p.m.**

Strand will discuss the senior leader role in promoting and advocating culture change in organizations in order to prevent sexual harassment and assault as well as prosecute offenders. The event is part of the Carlisle Barracks program on the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault, part of the larger Army focus on the issue.

Strand is no stranger to the war against sexual assault. As a recognized Department of Defense and international subject matter expert in the field of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer

support, sexual assault, trafficking in persons and child abuse investigations, he brings to the fight more than 36 years of law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience.

Having established, developed, produced, and conducted the U.S. Army Domestic Violence Intervention Training and Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation Techniques courses currently used by the Department of the Army to train CID Special Agents, he also supervised the development of the Critical Incident Peer Support course.

Strand also developed and implemented the DOD Special Victims Unit, or SVU, course and responded to the mass shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, to provide critical incident and trauma victim interview support. On Nov. 5, 2009, 13 people were killed and 29 wounded in what was the worst mass shooting to ever take place at an Army installation.

Strand appears as an expert consultant in the documentary, "The Invisible War" and recently spoke to the senior Army leaders at the June 2013 Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Summit.

In 2012, he received the Visionary Award for his part in the increased public awareness and improved criminal response within the military community. This is awarded by the End Violence Against Women International.

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