

## Sexual Assault Awareness - Prevention starts with you

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The U.S. Army War College recently welcomed its new Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, program manager Vanessa Pierce-Willis. Pierce-Willis arrived here in Feb. 2022 as the commandant's newest advocate for protecting sexual assault and harassment victims.

Pierce-Willis started her SHARP career in 2013 at Fort Drum, N.Y., with the 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain Division after serving in the Army for 21 years as Combat Engineer. Her previous assignment before starting here was with the 3BCT, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

"I am excited to be a part of the Carlisle Barracks and USAWC team," said Pierce-Willis. "I believe deeply in the U.S. Army SHARP program and the

continued support it gives Soldiers and their families. I hope to continue to make this program a place of support and empowerment," she said.

To contact Pierce-Willis, you can visit her office at Bldg. 48, Ann Ely Hall, room 207. Or email her at [vanessa.l.pierce-willis.civ@army.mil](mailto:vanessa.l.pierce-willis.civ@army.mil). By phone --

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Her arrival is significant to Carlisle Barracks as the Army kicks off sexual harassment and assault prevention month in April.

### *Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program*

The U.S. Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program is the Army's integrated, proactive effort to end sexual harassment and sexual assault within our ranks. Sexual harassment and sexual assault have no place in the Armed Forces. If you have been the victim of sexual harassment or sexual assault, you have a voice, you have rights, and we are here to help.

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment are incompatible with the Army Values and the Warrior Ethos.

The Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, known as SHARP, exists so the Army can prevent sexual harassment and sexual assaults before they occur. Our goal is to eliminate sexual assaults and sexual harassment by creating a climate that respects the dignity of every member of the Army family. Additionally, we strive to --

- Reduce the stigma of reporting
- Protect the victim
- Increase prevention, investigation, prosecution, and victim care capabilities
- Increase training and resources
- Refine and sustain response capability.

Sexual harassment and sexual assault are inconsistent with Army Values and will not be tolerated. One assault is one too many. We must foster a climate of trust that respects and protects our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members. We are aggressively implementing and expanding the Army's comprehensive Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and

Prevention Program. SHARP is a commander's program. We are committed to ensuring engaged leadership to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment.

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