

ARMY SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL (SVC) PROGRAM

What is the SVC Program?

The SVC Program provides a no-cost military attorney, a SVC, to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence who qualify for SVC services.

What does an SVC do?

SVCs provide legal representation to qualifying victims of sexual assault and domestic violence throughout the military justice process and answer questions about the process along the way. SVCs primary duty is to zealously represent clients' interests, even if these interests do not align with the interests of the government. SVCs accompany, advise, and represent clients during interviews, hearings, and courts-martial. Additionally, SVCs provide legal consultation about the various programs and services available to assist clients and provide legal assistance services as needed.

What are a victims rights in a court-martial?

- Right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy;
- Right to be reasonably protected from the accused;
- Right to be notified of and to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, with some exceptions;
- Right to confer with the government attorney in the case;
- Right to available restitution;
- Right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

Who is eligible for SVC services?

In general, if a victim of sexual assault (unrestricted report or restricted report) or a victim of domestic violence fits into one of the following categories, he or she may qualify for SVC services:

- Active Duty Soldier
- Adult or Child Family Member Dependents of an Active Duty Soldier
- Army DoD civilian employee under 5 U.S.C. 2105
- Some DoD Foreign National employees

Does the military have jurisdiction of over the offender? The offender must be subject to UCMJ action for the victim to qualify for a SVC. To qualify the offender must be:

- Active Duty Soldier
- Retired Active Duty Members and Reserve Service members
- National Guard Full time duty under title 32

If a Reserve or National Guard Soldier, he or she may qualify for services under his or her component's own SVC Program. I can provide information for a Reserve or National Guard Soldier.

If a Service member or Family Member of another branch of the Armed Forces is sexually assaulted by a member of the Armed Forces, he or she may qualify for SVC services through his or her branch of service (e.g., Navy, Air Force).

Confidential Communications!

A SVC is bound by rules of confidentiality. With limited exceptions, a SVC cannot share confidential information that a client provides him or her without the client's permission.

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