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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2011 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) April 2011

1. Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) occurs in April and seeks to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through use of special events and public education. It also helps to enhance military readiness by establishing a culture free of sexual assault.
2. This Year's SAAM theme continues from last year and focuses on mission readiness: **"Hurts one. Affects all."** The theme addresses the damage sexual assault causes, not only to an individual, but also to overall readiness and unit cohesion. Every Service member has the responsibility to learn the signs of a potential sexual assault and to learn how to safely intervene to prevent it. Additionally, the National Guard's Service specific message is **"Don't Let Your Guard Down."** One sexual assault affects not only the individual, but the entire National Guard Family by destroying our sense of trust in our fellow Soldiers and Airmen. Leadership at all levels must remain diligent when it comes to this crime. We cannot afford to let sexual assault continue in our ranks.
3. Statewide Sexual Assault Awareness Month events scheduled for the month of April is posted in the SAPR Newsletter.
4. Point of contact is MAJ Beth Nielsen at 615-313-0736, elizabeth.nielsen@us.army.mil or Marlene Mansberry at 615-313-0949, marlene.m.mansberry@us.army.mil.


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