Sexual Violence Remains Pervasive
- 14,900 members (8,600 women and 6,300 men) were sexually assaulted in 2016. Rates of penetrative assault were unchanged from 2014.
- Most victims were sexually assaulted more than once, resulting in over 70,000 assaults in 2016 alone.
- Over 1 in 4 women and 1 in 3 men were assaulted by someone in their chain of command.

Vast Majority of Cases Go Un-Reported
- 81% of victims did not report the crime in 2016.

Retaliation Is the Norm
- 58% of women and 60% of men who reported a sexual assault face retaliation.
- 77% of formal retaliation reports were against someone in the victim’s chain of command.
- A third of victims are discharged after reporting, typically within 7 months of making a report.¹
-Victims received harsher discharges, with 24% separated under less than fully honorable conditions, compared to 15% of all service members.²

Low Trust and Satisfaction in System
- 1 in 10 victims dropped out of the justice process—a rate unchanged since 2013.
- Over 1 in 4 victims who did not report feared retaliation from their command or coworkers.
- Nearly 1 in 3 victims who did not report feared the process would be unfair or nothing would be done.
- 1 in 3 women and over half of men were dissatisfied with their treatment by their chain of command.

Sexual Assault is More Common in a Military Context
- In 2014, rates were 50% higher among active-duty women, and over 100% higher among men, than in the Reserves.

Conviction and Prosecution Rates
- Prosecution and conviction rates fell dramatically from prior years.
- In 2016, of cases where the military could take action, only 13% (389) were prosecuted and just 4% (124) of offenders were convicted of a sex offense.

High Demand for VA Care
- 1,307,781 outpatient visits took place at the VA for Military Sexual Trauma (MST)-related care in 2015.³
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 100 men veterans who use the VA screen positive for MST.iv
- 40% of women homeless veterans have faced MST.v

Sexual Harassment is Alarming High
- 129,000 service members (1 in 4 women, 1 in 15 men) faced severe and persistent sexual harassment or gender discrimination in 2016.
- The majority of victims were harassed by someone in their chain of command.

Good Order and Discipline at Risk
- Service members who are sexually harassed are at significantly greater risk of sexual assault.
- 1 in 4 survivors of either sexual assault or sexual harassment/discrimination took steps to leave the military as a result.

¹ Department of Defense (DoD) Inspector General, Evaluation of the Separation of Service Members Who Made a Report of Sexual Assault (2016), http://goo.gl/qUjZmm
³ Department of Veterans Affairs, Patient Care Services, Mental Health Services, MST Support Team, FY 2015 Summary of MST-Related Outpatient Care (2016)