**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 **41,000** 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 retaliation reports alleged that retaliators were in the reporter’s chain of command.
- A third of victims are discharged after reporting, typically **within 7 months** of making a report.Ⅰ
- Victims received **harsher discharges**, with 24% separated under less than fully honorable conditions, compared to 15% of all service members.Ⅱ

**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.Ⅲ
- Approximately **38% of female** and **4% of male** military personnel and veterans have experienced MST.Ⅳ
- **40%** of women homeless veterans have faced MST.Ⅴ Veterans with an MST history are **over twice as likely** to experience homelessness.

**Sexual Harassment is Alarmingly High**
- **129,000** service members (1 in 4 women, 1 in 15 men) faced severe and persistent sexual harassment or gender discrimination in 2016.Ⅵ
- **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.

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**Definitions:**

- **Sexual assault** in the survey corresponds to crimes defined by Uniform Code of Justice (UCMJ) Article 120 (rape & sexual assault) and Article 80 (attempts). **Sexual harassment** is defined in federal law and military regulations, and includes a pervasive and severe sexually hostile work environment that interferes with the ability to do one’s job and/or sexual quid pro quo. **Gender discrimination**, also defined in law and regulations, refers to gender-based mistreatment that results in harm to one’s career.

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Ⅲ Department of Veterans Affairs, Patient Care Services, Mental Health Services, MST Support Team, FY 2015 Summary of MST-Related Outpatient Care (2016)

