



*South Dakota*  
**NATIONAL GUARD**

**TAG Priority Card**









# SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

## SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

- Sexual Assault (SA) is a criminal offense that has no place in the military.
- SA is punishable under the UCMJ and other federal and local civilian laws.
- SA degrades mission readiness and unit cohesion, devastates trust within the unit and organization and impacts combat effectiveness.
- Don't remain silent; preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

### **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)**

The SARC assists commanders on the prevention and training requirements of the program and provides services to survivors.

### **Unit Victim Advocate (UVA)**

An advocate can provide non-clinical crisis intervention, referrals, information and ongoing support to survivors.



## HELPFUL RESOURCES

**DOD SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION  
AND RESPONSE** [myduty.mil](http://myduty.mil)

**SDNG SARC HELPLINE**  
**877-660-6711**

**114TH FW SARC HELPLINE**  
**605-212-8481**

**DOD SAFE HELPLINE**  
**877-995-5247 (confidential)**  
[www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org)

## REPORT A SEXUAL ASSAULT

### IMMEDIATELY

- Go to a safe place.
- Immediately call police, report assault to available resources (SARC/UVA/police/healthcare professional).
- Do not destroy evidence (cleaning up, showering, changing clothes).

# SDNG STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**MISSION:** The South Dakota National Guard provides ready forces to support global and domestic requirements under the direction of civil authority.

**VISION:** The most professional, competent and reliable state National Guard organization in the United States of America.

**VALUES:** The SDNG's primary values are loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage and excellence in all we do.

## **LOE 1: Provide Excellent Care for Service Members and Families**

- Objective 1: Develop and Maintain a Fit Force
- Objective 2: Develop and Maintain a Skilled-Resilient Force
- Objective 3: Develop and Maintain a Professional Force
- Objective 4: Develop and Maintain a High Level of Family Readiness

## **LOE 2 : Maximize Readiness and Relevancy**

- Objective 1: Ensure Personnel Readiness
- Objective 2: Ensure Training Readiness
- Objective 3: Ensure Equipment Readiness
- Objective 4: Ensure Relevancy

## **LOE 3: Develop Exceptional Leaders and Manage Effective Careers**

- Objective 1: Manage Effective Careers
- Objective 2: Develop Exceptional Leaders
- Objective 3: Ensure a Culture of Excellence – Innovation, Organizational Development and Continuous Process Improvement

## **LOE 4: Increase Diversity and Inclusion**

- Objective 1: Increase Diversity
- Objective 2: Ensure Inclusion



# COMMAND THEMES & MESSAGES

## TAG TOP-LINE MESSAGES

- The SDNG's foremost responsibility is to deliver ready, trained and equipped forces to meet the operational demands put before it and possess the capabilities to be prepared to fight across multiple domains.
- In times of war, the SDNG provides forces that fight and win as part of the Joint Force. In times of state emergencies or national crises, SDNG forces provide response and recovery assistance to federal, state and local governments at home and abroad.
- The National Guard provides trained and ready forces as the primary combat reserve of the Army and the Air Force.
- The SDNG is dedicated to leveraging the strength of its diverse force and understands that diversity makes our Army and Air Force stronger.
- Since 9/11, the SDNG has deployed more than 8,000 Soldiers and Airmen to locations throughout Europe, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries across the Middle East.
- Located in 22 communities across the state, we provide overwhelming capability and capacity to the governor before and after disasters strike.
- Civil authorities understand the unique capabilities of the SDNG when local and state assets are overwhelmed in a catastrophic incident or natural disaster; interagency training events provide opportunities to improve these relationships.
- Strengthening forces by embracing local, state, federal and global partnerships. Our State Partnership Program builds relationships, assures partners and deters foes.



# SDNG HISTORY & FACTS

## HISTORY

- The South Dakota National Guard originated in 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory Militia.
- Following statehood, formally became the South Dakota National Guard in 1889.
- South Dakota Air National Guard established in 1946 after World War II.
- Service in combat for Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operations Enduring Freedom/Freedom's Sentinel and Operations Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn/Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve.
- Called into federal service for Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis, Bosnia and Kosovo Peacekeeping Operations, Operation Noble Eagle.



## QUICK FACTS

- The SDNG is one of the largest employers in the state, with more than 1,000 full-time employees – includes AGR, technician and state employees.
- There are more than 3,100 traditional Army Guard members and over 1,000 Air Guard members in the organization.
- The SDNG is located in 22 communities throughout the state.
- Many Soldiers and Airmen train part-time while pursuing a career or civilian education.
- The SDNG had a statewide economic impact of more than \$171.7 million during Fiscal Year 2016 – includes wages, and funds contributed to facilities for operations, maintenance and repair.

