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The Secretary of Defense directed a total of 54 initiatives since Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 to fundamentally reformed how the military prevents, responds to, and adjudicates sexual assault. Many of the Secretary of Defense initiatives have been codified in National Defense Authorization Acts and are tasks in the *Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Strategic Plan*. This section provides an update on the status of the three pending Secretary of Defense Initiatives entering into FY16. The Department worked diligently to comply with these remaining initiatives. All initiatives were completed within the FY.

Initiative	Summary	Completion Status
Ensure Victim's Rights	The DoD General Counsel, in coordination with the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, will develop a method to incorporate the rights afforded to victims through the Crime Victims' Rights Act (18 United States Code 3771) into military justice practice, to the extent appropriate.	● Complete
Improve Response for Male Victims	The Secretaries of the Military Departments, in conjunction with the Chiefs of the Military Services and National Guard Bureau (NGB), will report implementation plans and methods to improve reporting and enhance efforts to encourage male victims to seek assistance. The Military Departments are to solicit male victim input in the development of these methods.	● Complete
Enhance First Line Supervisor Skills and Knowledge	The Chiefs of the Military Services and the NGB will create a curriculum development plan to augment all supervisor training to address the role of the supervisor in unit SAPR programs. This training will apply to all junior officers, junior enlisted supervisors, and civilian employees that supervise military members. Curriculum will emphasize the importance of engaging with subordinates on SAPR, recognizing the signs of possible acts of retaliation, and provide the opportunity to practice leadership skills to promote a healthy command climate.	● Complete