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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, ARMY RESILIENCE DIRECTORATE
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY SEXUAL ASSAULT
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE
DIRECTOR, MARINE AND FAMILY PROGRAMS
DIRECTOR, 21ST CENTURY SAILOR OFFICE
DIRECTOR, AIR FORCE INTEGRATED RESILIENCE OFFICE
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU MANPOWER AND
PERSONNEL
DIRECTOR, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WORK LIFE

SUBJECT: Liz Blanc Exceptional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Liz Blanc Exceptional Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate, and Promoting Excellence in Prevention Awards Announcement

Every year we take this opportunity to recognize individuals (military and civilian) from each Service, the National Guard Bureau, and the United States Coast Guard, who provide essential sexual assault victim response in a military setting and for their significant efforts in promoting excellence in sexual assault prevention.

We are pleased to announce the 2023 Liz Blanc Award now effectively includes recognition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates who demonstrate exceptional sexual assault victim assistance in a military setting. Recipients of the 2023 Liz Blanc and Promoting Excellence in Prevention Awards will be recognized at a May 2023 ceremony in the National Capital Region. Attached are the guidelines for the 2023 Liz Blanc and Promoting Excellence in Prevention Awards. I request you disseminate this information throughout your respective Components.

Your Service will submit the selection package for each of the awards via email to DoD SAPRO (whs.mc-alex.wso.mbx.SAPRO@mail.mil) by February 10, 2023. SAPRO's point of contact for Liz Blanc Award is LtCol Aaron Lenz. He may be reached at (703) 679-2953 or aaron.d.lenz.mil@mail.mil. SAPRO's point of contact for the Prevention in Excellence Award is LtCol Corey Walters. He may be reached at 571-565-5248 or corey.p.walters.mil@mail.mil.

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As stated