# SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR SPECIAL DUTY IDENTIFIER EFFECTIVE 30 APR 20



# What does a SARC do?

A SARC manages the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program by serving as the single point of contact for coordinating care for adult, non-intimate partner victims of sexual assault and executing associated program management functions.

### What does the newly-designated SARC Special Duty mean?

In order to enhance SAPR services within the Department of the Air Force, a SARC is now designated as a special duty. This opens up the SARC career field to numerous AFSCs, which were only previously allowed in limited career-broadening opportunities. This change will attract a more diverse and larger pool of candidates, affording them a unique leadership opportunity to manage a wing-level program as a Company Grade Officer.

### Is there any special education or training required?

There is not any special training required for hiring. However, upon being selected for a SARC position, individuals will need to attend the Air Force SARC Course at Maxwell AFB, AL (offered quarterly) and must also obtain and maintain credentialing through the Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP) for the duration of their SARC assignment.

#### How can I become a SARC?

SARC assignments and hiring will be managed by the AFPC Special Duties Branch (AFPC/DP2OSS). SARC positions are a 24-month tour, and positions will either be filled by PCS or by local-hire. Regardless of the fill method, the assignments will require candidates to send an application to AFPC/ DP2OSS along with a recommendation letter from their Wing Commander or equivalent. Additionally, candidates will need to complete an interview. Candidates with quality force indicators and derogatory information will require a waiver Once a selection is made, AFPC/DP2OSS will load the assignment.

# Will SARC positions fall on a VML cycle?

No, like other special duties, SARC positions will be advertised as vacancies become available. This will not necessarily line up with VML cycles.

### Are all career fields eligible?

Because career field release is needed for this special duty, eligibility will depend on each career field's ability to release candidates based on manning and career progression or professional requirements.

# What will happen to incumbent SARCs?

Those serving in SARC positions will keep their positions through their pre-established tour lengths, but they must have their Duty AFSC (DAFSC) update to 88C0. Please work with your servicing MPF to ensure this update is made in your records.

# The Department of the Air Force SAPR Program Strives To:

Close the gap between the prevalence of sexual assault and reporting, while driving incidents down to zero. When sexual assaults do occur, SAPR provides victim-centered, gender-responsive, culturally competent and recovery-oriented care.