UNITED STATES AIR FORCE VICTIMS' COUNSEL



CAPT XINZHE ZHANG Victims' Counsel



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- What Victims' Counsel do for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence victims:
 - Provide <u>confidential</u> legal advice
 - Protect your rights and privacy interests
 - Advocate your voice & choice
 - Advise you on the investigation and prosecution process
 - Represent you in interviews, hearings, and military trials
- What Victims' Counsel do for Interpersonal Violence and Sexual Harassment Victims:
 - Provide <u>confidential</u> legal advice
- Who does the Victims' Counsel work for? <u>YOU</u>
 - Victims' Counsel <u>do not</u> work for anyone in your wing except you, and <u>cannot</u> be influenced by your or the offender's chain of command
 - Victims' Counsel have an independent chain of command in Washington, DC
- Contact SARC, FAP, VWAP Coordinator, or Legal Office to request a Victims' Counsel
 - Restricted reports: Go to the Victims' Counsel, SARC, Victim Advocate, Chaplain, or Health Care provider to ensure the report remains restricted

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