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"I have not yet begun to fight!" USS BONHOMME RICHARD LHD 6

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)



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The Navy issued guidance this month for the awareness and prevention of sexual assault via command-level education. This year's theme is "Hurts one, affects all."

Prevention of sexual assault is everyone's duty." USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) is conducting training at the departmental level educating the crew on prevention efforts.

"Our goal this year is to heighten the awareness and prevention efforts of sexual assault and get the word out to every Sailor that this is a crime," said BHR's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) point of contact, Chief Intelligence Specialist Keith Van Hoosen.

This year's training will include resources, statistics, and by-stander tips as an effort to reduce the number of sexual assaults to zero.

"The Navy has zero tolerance for sexual assault just like it has for drugs and alcohol," said Van Hoosen. "Each member needs to understand that sexual assault is wrong and we are not going to tolerate it."

In addition to departmental briefings, BHR is also conducting training through

various other means.

"The ship's information channel and LHD 6 intranet home page will have sexual assault prevention facts and quotes from senior naval leadership," said Van Hoosen. "There will also be information booths set up on the mess decks twice a week during lunch time with SAPR leadership available to answer questions and educate the crew."

One of the major contributing factors in sexual assault cases is the use of alcohol because of the effect it has on a person's judgment.

"A majority of incidents occur between two acquaintances," said Van Hoosen. "We will teach that if you see a situation where someone is intoxicated, there are different ways you can be an active by-stander and step in to stop the crime before it occurs."

Van Hoosen went on to say there will be websites and phone numbers for people to call if they have any questions or concerns regarding the awareness and prevention of sexual assault and are uncomfortable speaking to their own leadership.



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NAVY FACTS:

- **As much as 80% of incidents of unwanted sexual contact are estimated to go unreported annually.**
- **One or more was reported daily in fiscal year 2010. 441 unrestricted, 170 restricted.**
- **Victims of sexual assault may suffer post traumatic stress syndrome, depression, and suicidal thoughts.**

"Sexual assault is a crime... It hurts a Shipmate and affects the readiness of the entire unit. Ultimately, our challenge to eliminate sexual assaults will be resolved by leadership - at the unit level."



*- Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert
Chief of Naval Operations*

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Movie Schedule
Thursday, April 5th



CH. 2 Command Information --- CH. 5 AFN Sports
CH. 6 AFN News --- CH. 7 AFN Prime

ch.3

0600/1800 Twins
0800/2000 Underworld 3
1000/2200 Wedding Crashers
1200/0000 Valkyrie
1400/0200 The Stepfather
1600 The Eagle

ch.4

0600/1830 Valentines Day
0800/2100 Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
1030/2330 The Sorcerers Apprentice
1230/0130 Tangled
1430/0330 Super 8
1630 Sorority Row

ch.8

0600/1700 Fight Club
0830/1930 Enter The Dragon
1030/2130 Shark Night
1200/2300 Puss In Boots
1330/0030 Jack and Jill
1500 50/50



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