

United States Department of Defense
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO)

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Colonel Alan R. Metzler is the Deputy Director of the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO). SAPRO is the Department of Defense's single point of accountability for all sexual assault policy matters and reports to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. SAPRO develops policy and programs to improve prevention efforts, enhance victim support, increase system accountability, and collaborates closely with the Military Services and numerous outside organizations to fully implement those policies and programs.

Colonel Metzler is a career Security Forces officer and has served in a variety of command, operational, and staff duties. His operational experience includes command of an Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq and Kuwait, command of a Security Forces Squadron in Air Combat Command, and various positions in five operational wings. His staff tours include service on the National Security Council in the Executive Office of the President; in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs; on the Air Staff, where he served as the Speechwriter to the Secretary of the Air Force and as the Chief of the Communications Team for the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff; and as Chief of Security Forces for Air Combat Command.

Colonel Metzler was commissioned through the Air Force Officer Training School in 1987 after graduating with High Honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and is a distinguished graduate of the National War College and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Colonel Metzler has also completed the Air Force Enterprise Leadership Program at the Darden School of Business and the Senior Manager's Course in National Security at the Elliot School of International Affairs. He holds three Masters Degrees: National Security Strategy, Military Arts and Sciences, and Public Administration.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with device, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Armed Forces Service Medal. His other achievements include Best in Air Force, Large Unit Award, RAF Upper Heyford, UK (1991); U.S. Marine Corps Warfighting Writing Award, Marine Corps University (2000); DoD's Best Installation Antiterrorism Award, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC; (2000); and Best in Air Force, Medium Unit Award, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC (2001).