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Bette Stebbins Inch is the Senior Victim Assistance Advisor for the Department of Defense, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. She is a subject matter expert on crime victim care in the military jurisdiction and has 17 years experience serving military crime victims. Ms. Inch holds a Masters of Science Degree, in Counseling Psychology from Chaminade University, Hawaii, and a Bachelors of Art Degree, Cum Laude, in Psychology from Hawaii Pacific University. She also holds a paralegal certification from Brigham Young University. Ms. Inch is a trained Department of the Army Inspector General, and a Credentialed Advanced Advocate with the designation of Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist from the National Advocate Credentialing Program.

Prior to joining the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office in 2007, Ms. Inch served as the senior victim specialist on two Congressionally mandated Defense Task Forces: Sexual Assault in the Military Services and Sexual Harassment & Violence at the Military Service Academies. She also served as the victim-witness assistance program manager and paralegal for nearly ten years with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii.

Ms. Inch is an expert in crime victims' rights and she is a national speaker on victim care in the military and an adjunct professor. She led the Department of Defense in several ground-breaking initiatives, to include, the development of the DoD Safe Helpline, the nation's first confidential hotline resource for military victims of sexual assault, and award winning Safe Helpline mobile app, the nation's first sexual assault response app, and a secure moderated online peer support forum; the Department's first sexual assault advocate certification program for individuals providing direct assistance to military victims of sexual assault; and Department-wide standards for all victim assistance-related services. Ms. Inch has received numerous awards over the years to include Federal Employee of the Year for the U.S. Army, Pacific Region, and Letter of Commendation from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. She currently serves as an advisor to several national organizations assisting military victims of crime, such as the National Victim Assistance Standards Consortium, and as a council member on the congressionally-mandated U.S. Peace Corps Sexual Assault Advisory Council.

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