

To eliminate military sexual assault in the United States military, respect for the role of female military members must be established. The most expedient way to eliminate the epidemic of military rape is to assign prosecutions to an impartial independent authority outside the chain of command. This has worked well in foreign military establishments such as Israel, Great Britain and Australia. In those military units, prosecutions are handled by outside authorities. Investigation and punishment are swift, sure, just and equitable. As a result, rape is no longer tolerated in those foreign forces.

Female soldiers in the United States military are often considered temporary and expendable. Too often a commander weighs the value of a veteran male soldier (and the training and investment in that man) to the young female enlistee who will probably marry or leave the service. In the United States military, the prosecution of sexual offenses results in no prosecution or ineffective prosecution simply because "the perpetrator was a good veteran soldier" or there was little or no impartial investigation. No man can be a good soldier if he is a criminal, whether or not he is prosecuted. Unprosecuted offenses encourage repeat future behavior.

Women usually do leave the service, bitter at the inequality of their treatment. A research study should be conducted to determine why women do not make the military a career or what percentage do make it a career, whether or not they are victims of sexual assault or not. The reason for the exodus of female soldiers should be evaluated and studied.