



Community Awareness Newsletter

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- **Month of Military Child**
- **Sexual Assault Awareness**
- **Child Abuse Prevention**

April is a month dedicated to raising awareness and showing support for important causes.

We recognize Month of the Military Child, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Child Abuse Awareness Month.



Month of the Military Child:

Did you know that April is Month of the Military Child?

Established in 1986 by former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, this month recognizes the incredible sacrifices and challenges faced by the more than 1.6 million military children across the globe.

These resilient young heroes navigate frequent moves, deployments, and transitions with strength and adaptability. They are the heart and soul of military families, and their sacrifices deserve our recognition and appreciation.



Throughout April, take the time to thank a military child and their family. Their unwavering support allows our service members to defend our nation, and their sacrifices help keep us safe and free.

Facts about Month of the Military Child:

Purpose: To acknowledge and celebrate the resilience, sacrifices, and challenges faced by military children.

Flower: The dandelion, representing their ability to thrive in any environment.

Purple, signifying the combined colors of all military service branches.

April 15, 2025 is National Purple Up Day!

Resources:

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

<https://www.dodea.edu/>





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Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

24 Years Strong and Rooted in History
April 2025 marks the 24th anniversary of the NSVRC's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), but the movement's roots run much deeper. For decades, advocates have understood that raising awareness and promoting prevention go hand-in-hand in the fight against sexual assault, harassment, and abuse.

From Awareness to Action:

SAAM's history is intertwined with the tireless efforts of countless individuals and organizations: from the pioneers of the civil rights movement to the establishment of the first rape crisis centers. Every step forward, every piece of legislation, has brought us closer to a future free from sexual violence.

SAAMs Mission:

Increase Public Understanding: Shining a light on the realities of sexual assault and dispelling harmful myths.

Empower Communities:

Equipping individuals with the knowledge and tools to prevent sexual violence.



Sexual Assault Stats Camp Pendleton:

2024: CID referred 27 cases to NCIS. 16 reported initially to PMO.

2025: 6 reported to PMO. 4 CID assumed and referred to NCIS 2 were from warrants DBIDS scans.

Facts about Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

Purpose: To raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it

Flower: The lotus, representing purity, healing and enlightenment. This sense of purity arises from how it grows.

Teal: T.E.A.L. stands for Togetherness, Empowerment, Advocacy and Learning.

April 1st, 2025, which is the first Tuesday of April and the SAAM Day of Action, wear teal to show your support.

If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out:

Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line: (760) 500-1707

24/7 DoD Safe Helpline: (877) 995-5247

Visit www.nsvrc.org/saam for valuable resources and information.





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Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Understanding the Issue:

Child abuse and neglect can take many forms, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect. These experiences can have devastating and long-lasting impacts on a child's well-being.

Prevention is Possible:

The good news is that child abuse is preventable. By strengthening families, promoting positive parenting skills, and fostering supportive communities, we can create environments where children can thrive.

How You Can Make a Difference:

- **Learn the Signs:** Familiarize yourself with the indicators of child abuse and neglect.
- **Be a Supportive Presence:** Offer a listening ear and a helping hand to parents and caregivers in your life.
- **Advocate for Children:** Support organizations and policies that promote child well-being.
- **Report Suspicions:** If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, report it to the appropriate authorities.



Child Abuse Stats Camp Pendleton:

2024: PMO 47 calls for service for child abuse/neglect.
CID had 10 child abuse reports, 3 were unfounded, 6 were referred to NCIS and 1 is still an open case.

2025: 6 reports of child abuse to PMO:
2 were unfounded
2 PMO assumed
2 CID assumed
CID has 6 open cases of child abuse

Facts about Abuse Prevention Month:

Purpose: Raise awareness about child abuse and neglect, promote community collaboration for prevention, and support families and children in need.

Symbol: The blue pinwheel, representing innocence is a national symbol for child abuse prevention.

Blue: Originating from a Virginia grandmother who tied a blue ribbon to her car in memory of her grandson who died from abuse, intending to make people think about the issue.

Friday, April 4, 2025 "Go Blue Day".
Wear your favorite blue in honor of your commitment to preventing child abuse.

Resources for Help and Support:

- Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453
- National Parent Helpline: 1-855-427-2736
- Prevent Child Abuse America:
<https://www.preventchildabuse.org/>





Base Access

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Camp Pendleton
MCLEP Recruitment

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DBIDS Pre-enrollment

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