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SHARP Summit highlights Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Month

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Leaders from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's (CECOM) headquarters, Logistics and Readiness Center, and Software Engineering Center participated in Aberdeen Proving Ground's first leadership summit for sexual harassment/assault response and prevention (SHARP) April 16.

This one-day event, themed "Achieving Cultural Change: Strengthening Trust, and Supporting Victims," served as a forum for Aberdeen Proving Ground leaders and local community authorities to raise awareness and understanding of the systemic issues now being addressed in the Army as it relates to this critical issue. This event took place as a highlight of Sexual Assault Prevention Month aimed at promoting the prevention of sexual harassment and assault incidences for CECOM and all of the commands on the installation.

Ms. Carolyn Collins, deputy director for the Army's SHARP program, served as the keynote speaker for the event. Collins first emphasized the need for continued vigilance about SHARP. "The Army accounts for the largest number of sexual assaults in the DoD" she explained. She also said the reporting of sexual assaults grew "significantly higher" in fiscal 2013 from fiscal 2012. The reporting rate grew 51 percent in that year from 1,423 reported assaults to more than 2,100.

She described five lines of effort that are a part of the Army's SHARP program to achieve a

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