

Victims' Rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice

Article 6b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice states that victims of an offense have the following rights. SVCs work to ensure that these rights are upheld on behalf of their clients.

1. The right to be **reasonably protected** from the accused.
2. The right to **reasonable, accurate and timely notice** of any of the following:
 - a. A public hearing concerning the continuation of confinement prior to trial of the accused
 - b. A preliminary hearing under section 832 of this title relating to the offense
 - c. A court-martial relating to the offense
 - d. A public proceeding of the service clemency and parole board relating to the offense
3. The right **not to be excluded** from any public hearing or proceeding, unless a military judge or investigating officer, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim...would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that hearing or proceeding.
4. The right to **be reasonably heard** at any of the following:
 - a. A public hearing concerning the continuation of confinement prior to trial of the accused
 - b. A sentencing hearing relating to the offense
 - c. A public proceeding of the service clemency and parole board relating to the offense
5. The reasonable right to **confer with the counsel** representing the Government at any proceeding described in paragraph (2) above.
6. The right to **receive restitution** as provided in law.
7. The right to proceedings **free from unreasonable delay**.
8. The right to **be treated with fairness and with respect for the dignity and privacy** of the victim.