



SHARP News

SHARP Reorganizes, Salutes Area Coordinators

The SHARP **Area Coordinator** positions will be disestablished as of January of 2002.

SHARP Area Coordinator positions, organized regionally and staffed wholly by volunteers, were established in October 1999. The original SHARP Area Coordinators were the 10 charter members of a new network of Naval professionals volunteering their time and energy to espouse and promote responsible sexual behavior among Sailors, Marines, and family members.

Their mission has succeeded. Through them, this network has, in two years, grown to include 26 local SHARP Community Leaders covering most major installations and over 480 new SHARP Instructors. This increasingly robust network of concerned and engaged people improves our capacity to provide effective health education, and is the key to achieving the SHARP vision of a *DoN cultural norm in which sexual responsibility and safety is encouraged, supported, and expected, and a population in which all pregnancies are planned, Syphilis is eliminated, and other STDs, including HIV, are prevented.*

SHARP will now rely on **SHARP Community Leaders** to fulfill, on a smaller, local scale, what these SHARP Area Coordinators began on a regional scale. The Navy Environmental Health Center and SHARP are very grateful for the dedication of our Area Coordinators. Many will continue their SHARP work by serving as Community Leaders for their locale or command.

Previous volunteer Area Coordinators were: LT Mary Carlson (Area 1), LCDR Tommy Stewart (Area 1), LCDR John Buffington (Area 2), Ms. Ivette Dixon (Area 3), Ms. Veronica Hagan and Ms. Barbara Nelson (Area 4), Mr. Dave Reid (Area 5), Ms. Joy Hill (Area 6), HM1 Mike Grillo (Area 9-10), LT Celeste Santana (Area 11), LCDR Randy Johnson with the able assistance of Catherine Kuwazaki (Area 12-13), HM1 LT Lolita Brooks (Area 14), HM2 Barbara Matthews (Area 14), HM1 Phillip St. Onge and LT Rohini Suraj (Area 15), and HM1 Patricia Skinner (Area 15).

SHARP Community Leaders are still needed for some major bases and many individual commands and communities. For more information about the SHARP Community Leader role, see the SHARP Leaders Guide on-line at http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/downloads/hp/lead_sharp.pdf. Contact SHARP to volunteer!

