

“The Air Force **Office of Special Investigations (OSI)** is known for conducting thorough investigations that examine all charges in terms of evidence, not emotion. During the Hyten investigation, **53** OSI investigators interviewed **63** people and conducted forensic reviews of thousands of emails, travel records and other documents.

“The exhaustive probe found no evidence to corroborate accusations against Gen. Hyten, and multiple witnesses said they had never seen Hyten act inappropriate or unprofessionally toward his accuser.

“Instead, investigators confirmed a pattern of questionable and sometimes bizarre behavior on the part of the accuser, including a history of creating a ‘toxic workplace’ for her subordinates and filing unsubstantiated claims against supervisors.

“The CMR article [linked above](#) also reports on **Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand**’s ill-advised legislation to remove jurisdiction over sexual assault cases from the military chain of command and discusses techniques that skilled investigators use to distinguish truthful investigations from ones that may be initiated by persons with self-serving motives that are not uncommon.

“The Senate Armed Services Committee recommended approval of Gen. Hyten’s nomination on a **20-7** bi-partisan vote, but some activists still maintain that all accusations of sexual assault are true and must be believed.

“Because accusations of sexual assault are sensitive and often difficult, authorities must guard due process and always seek justice for both the accuser and the accused.

“If members of the Senate review all the facts, they will approve the nomination of General Hyten to be the next Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.”

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