

# Commander's Call Topics



July 18, 2013

“We came in peace for all mankind.”

Neil A. Armstrong (1930-2012)

Astronaut

July 20, 1969

July is Eye Injury Prevention Month. See [the truth](#) about common eye myths.

## AF encourages Airmen to be key part of SAPR solution

In an effort to address the growing concern of sexual assault in the Air Force, the service has kicked off an initiative to give Airmen the capability for their voice to be clearly heard—called “Every Airman Counts.”

“I believe Airmen are a key part of the solution to this,” said Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward, director of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office. “They understand the problem, and they know what needs to be done to help conquer it. Now we need them to share those innovative ideas with us and each other. We need our Airmen talking about this issue.”

To enable this dialogue, the Air Force SAPR office designed a blog to share ideas, collect suggestions, concerns, stories, and questions for Air Force leaders and SAPR officials. The SAPR blog site asks Airmen to make inputs on how the service can better combat sexual assault.

“We can’t fix this issue sitting in the Pentagon,” said Gen. Larry Spencer, Air Force vice chief of staff. “We need each and every one of you to get engaged in addressing this issue...this crime, and it is a crime. We need to know exactly where you feel the issues are, so we can address them with laser-focus. I need every one of you helping us find ways to ensure dignity and respect are prevailing qualities in our daily relationships.”

Content on the site will be driven in part by Airmen making firsthand posts. In addition to the blog, the Air Force is

organizing web chats that will be moderated forums for real-time information exchange between Airmen, subject matter experts and senior leadership. Various experts in the SAPR area will host these discussions to gain a better understanding of the issues at every level.

“We’ve been doing a lot of talking on this issue,” Woodward said. “It’s important that we listen.”

The SAPR blog is just one of many actions the Air Force is pursuing to help address the issues sexual assault within the ranks, and to offer support for victims. Other actions include the creation of the Special Victims Counsel program earlier this year, which provides constant support to sexual assault victims throughout the legal process.

Airmen can view the blog and make posts by logging into the Air Force portal with their DoD Common Access Card, and clicking on the photo tab titled Every Airman Counts or go to <http://afsapr.dodlive.mil>.

“‘Every Airman Counts’ is about you, our Airmen, our most precious resource. Our strength lies in our people, so we’re asking all of our teammates to help us stop sexual assaults now,” Spencer said. “The American people place great trust and confidence in our military. We cannot and will not violate that trust.”

Staff Sgt. David Salanitri  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

### ► TRENDING ...

[“We can’t fix this issue sitting in the Pentagon. We need each and every one of you to get engaged in addressing this issue... this crime, and it is a crime.”](#) Air Force vice chief of staff Gen. Larry Spencer speaking about the initiative *Every Airman Counts*, which was launched in effort to address the growing concern of sexual assault in the Air Force.

## ► RESOURCES

**AF.mil**

<http://www.af.mil>

**Airman magazine**

<http://www.airmanonline.af.mil>

**Air Force Outreach**

<http://www.afoutreach.af.mil>

**Military OneSource**

<http://militaryonesource.af.mil>

**Military HOMEFRONT**

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod>

**Air Force Personnel Center**

<https://mypers.af.mil>

<http://www.afpc.af.mil>

**Air Reserve Personnel Center**

<http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil>

**Department of Defense News**

<http://www.defense.gov>

**Department of Veteran Affairs**

<http://www.va.gov>

**TRICARE**

<http://www.tricare.mil>

**U.S. Government Website**

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

**Employment Opportunities**

[www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)

[www.nafjobs.org](http://www.nafjobs.org)

**Air Force Association**

**Scholarships**

<http://www.afa.org/afef/aid/scholars.asp>

**Air Force Safety Center**

[www.afsec.af.mil](http://www.afsec.af.mil)

## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**July 18, 1967** - For the first time, an HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopter was refueled during a rescue mission. The helicopter was refueled by an HC-130 Hercules.

**July 19, 1957** - An F-89J fired the Air Force's first air-to-air nuclear defense rocket, the Douglas-built MB-1Genie, over Yucca Flat.

**July 20, 1969** - Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin,

Jr., flew the lunar module Eagle to the Sea of Tranquility, where Armstrong took the first step on the moon.

**July 21, 1994** - The last F-16 Fighting Falcon left the 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Ramstein AB for Aviano AB, Italy. This action ended USAFE fighter operations at Ramstein.

**July 22, 1950** - The aircraft carrier, the USS Boxer, arrived in Japan with 145 Air Force F-51s on board. The three

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

[Sequestration impact looms despite resumed flying operations](#)

Air Force leaders announced July 15 that flying training would resume at numerous units, bringing an end to the three-month halt that resulted from the budget sequestration reductions.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[10 special duties become developmental opportunities](#)

Selection for 10 special duty fields is now a nominative rather than volunteer-based process, Air Force officials announced today.

[SecDef details 'Plan B' should sequestration continue](#)

If sequestration continues into fiscal year 2014, the Defense Department will be forced to consider involuntary reductions-in-force for the civilian workforce, draconian cuts to military personnel accounts and a virtual halt to military modernization, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in a letter to Senate leaders today.

## ► ENVIRONMENT, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

[AF chief scientist addresses future](#)

The Air Force chief scientist addressed members of the Air Force Association about the Global Horizons study, which looks into the near and long-term application of science and technology in the force.

For more information on Air Force heritage, visit <http://www.airforcehistory.af.mil>.

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ARSq deployed the first H-5 helicopter in Korea to Taegu.

**July 23, 1995** - To ease economic suffering in Byelorussia, a 433 AW C-5 Galaxy airlifted in 28 pallets of medical supplies, blankets, clothes, furniture, and a military ambulance.

**July 24, 1917** - An appropriation of \$640,000,000 enabled the Aviation Section to expand to 9,989 officers and 87,083 enlisted men.