



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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2—6 April 2018

Priority Topic

of the
Week:

Key Spouse Program

We are the greatest Air Force in the world because of our Airmen and our families. To remain the greatest and restore our readiness, we must continue to care for our people and make our Air Force stronger and more lethal.

Key Spouse Program

The Key Spouse Program is an official unit/family program designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of Air Force community.

KSP is a commander's program that provides a volunteer opportunity for spouses interested in giving back to their communities. The program promotes partnerships between unit leadership, the volunteer key spouses appointed by the commander, families, the local Airman & Family Readiness Center and other community and helping agencies. The program has been standardized across the Air Force to address the needs of all military families with special emphasis on support to families across the deployment cycle and those PCSing.

Contact the A&FRC to find YOUR key spouse and for more information.

Training Curriculum Refresh

The Key Spouse Working Group recently announced several updates for 2018, based on feedback from current key spouses :

Virtual Training

- Work has begun on building a virtual training capability that will ensure spouses unable to attend traditional face-to-face training have access to initial key spouse training.

Sharing Success Stories

- We encourage KSP reps in A&FRCs to partner with their local public affairs offices to offer opportunities to share success stories and raise awareness about the how the program supports Airmen and their families.

Key Spouse Mentor Training

- Additional training has been developed to help provide clear guidance on the role of the KSM, to offer opportunities to share experiences and to foster relationships. This additional training can be accomplished virtually or face-to-face through the A&FRC.

Continuing Training Core List

- The KS working group expanded the list of core supplemental training available for volunteers that can serve as a baseline for installation training plans. Installations still have flexibility to offer community-specific training, as well.

Online Resource Library

- We are developing an online resource library as a companion to the virtual training that will include templates & resources for KS, KSM, and commanders.

Commander/First Sergeant Key Spouse Training

- The KSP will be incorporated into the required orientation content A&FRC Flight Chiefs provide to new commanders and first sergeants.



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Key Spouse Facts

- KSP materials (guides and standardized curricula) are in the process of being updated
- KS are responsible for attending continuing education, e.g., Heart Link, Resiliency, SAPR, etc.
- KS serve as unit representatives, role models & conduits of accurate information to unit spouses
- KS disseminate information on installation/community events and support services/resources
- KS/KSM must protect sensitive information/unit rosters and personal information
- KSMs do not supervise the KS but rather serve as advisors to the KS
- KSP promotes individual, family and unit readiness, which is vital to building strong Air Force communities
- KS volunteers are team players who should be active, visible and available
- MAJCOM KS of the Year Award recognizes 12 outstanding winners annually

Additional information

AFPC Key Spouse Program page:

<http://www.afpc.af.mil/Benefits-and-Entitlements/Key-Spouse-Program/>

Personnel Topics of Interest

- Airmen feedback critical to future of Air Force ([AF.MIL](#))
- Air Force implements Housing Early Assistance Tool to ease relocation process ([AF.MIL](#))
- AF selects 686 in CY17D captains quarterly selection process ([AFPC](#))
- Two cycle officer assignment system means more time for Airmen, families to make career decisions ([AFPC](#))

Commander's Call Topic Archive: <http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/CommandersCallTopics.aspx>

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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