

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"Luck is what you have left over after you give 100 percent"*

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By Presidential Proclamation  
January is  
[National Slavery and Human  
Trafficking Prevention](#)  
Month

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## Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

The most insidious trait of human trafficking is not the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat or use of force.

It's not the other forms of coercion—abduction, fraud, deception, the abuse of power or the exploitation of another human being's vulnerability that makes human trafficking such a menace.

It is not the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another, for the purpose of exploitation, that makes human trafficking so destructive.

Nor is it the sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery, servitude, or the illegal harvesting of organs that makes human trafficking so toxic.

The most insidious, menacing, destructive, toxic trait of human trafficking is that it hides in plain sight.

Most of us deny or ignore its existence. Some don't even know what it is and what it means. Is it surprising to know that trafficked persons live and work in our communities, producing the goods and services we use every day? Human trafficking isn't a border problem. By definition, trafficked persons don't need to be transported from one place to another. By definition, trafficking is forced labor. Persons are enslaved and can't leave because of threats, physical and sexual abuse, imposed debts, fear of law enforcement and immigration consequences, unpaid wages and shame.

According to the U. S. State Department's 2013 *Trafficking in Persons Report*, "Social Scientists estimate that as many as 27 million men, women and children are trafficking victims at any given time." Of these 27 million, less than one percent is identified.

Human trafficking can be overwhelmingly complex in terms of human rights, organized crime, international economics and homeland security. Its detection can be as simple as [recognizing the indicators of human trafficking](#), posted on Department of Homeland Security website, and alerting the authorities.

A non-profit organization, [Global Freedom Center](#) is advancing the cause against human trafficking throughout the world. The Air Force, with bases and installations worldwide, is uniquely positioned to impact human trafficking prevention through training to recognize human trafficking, by knowing how to help trafficking victims without endangering oneself or the victim, and by knowing each link in the supply chain that provides food, clothing and daily services.

### ► TRENDING...

"That's why General Welsh directed the senior enlisted leadership of our Air Force to look at this and make recommendations to transform the enlisted evaluation into something that, first and foremost, values performance." – [Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody](#) addressing upcoming changes to enlisted performance reports and effects of force management during his [2nd worldwide CHIEFchat](#), January. 9.

## ► 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

<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>

### Employment Opportunities

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

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

### TRICARE

<http://www.tricare.mil>

### U.S. Government Website

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

### Air Force Association Scholarships

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

### Air Force Safety Center

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

## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**Jan. 23, 1961** - The last Atlas-D launch from Cape Canaveral, Fla., was a success. Altogether, there were 35 completely successful launches, eight partial successes, and six failures in the program.

**Jan. 24, 1946** – Gen. Carl Spaatz is named the first chief of staff of the Army Air Forces.

**Jan. 25, 1990** - A Titan II booster launched Clementine I, a space probe to the moon. This mission was the first American lunar effort since Apollo 17 in 1972.

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

### [DOD releases new religious accommodation instruction](#)

New policy will consider each accommodation request individually, keeping military mission accomplishment, unit cohesion, and good order and discipline in mind.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

### [AF uniform policy update: welcome back morale t-shirts, badges and limitless athletic shoes](#)

Expanding the policy of Every Dollar Counts, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III approved many changes suggested by Airmen and has made several updates to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force Dress and Appearance.

### [Nominees sought for 2014 SAIGE Award](#)

The Society of American Indian Government Employees honors male and female military members and Department of Defense civilian employees who support the DOD global conflict and humanitarian missions.

### [Nominations due for Asian Pacific American Award](#)

There's little more than a week left to submit nominations packages for the Federal Asian Pacific American Council Military Meritorious Service Award.

## ► FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

### [FEMA seeks applicants for its Youth Preparedness Council](#)

Youths between the ages of 12 and 17 who are interested in expanding their impact as national advocates for youth disaster preparedness, may apply to serve on FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council.

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**Jan. 26, 2004** - The Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif., carried out the first mission its new KC-135 "rain and ice" tanker. The aircraft could replicate rain, snow or icing conditions through a four-foot shower head, with 100 air and water nozzles, mounted at the end of its refueling boom. In the mission, the tanker produced a saturated cloud for an F-22 *Raptor* performance test.

**Jan. 27, 1967** – Air Force lieutenant colonels Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and Edward White, and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee died when their Apollo spacecraft caught fire at Cape Kennedy, while rehearsing for a 21 February flight.

**Jan. 28, 2003** - The Air Staff waived the U.S. Air Force General Flight Rules to allow Air Combat Command to deploy the RQ-4A *Global Hawk*. At the time, the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif., still had the *Global Hawk* in developmental testing.

**Jan. 29, 1915** – The first 20 aviation mechanics received their designations after passing exams.

For more information, visit [Air Force Heritage](#) on the web.