

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains,  
but to live in a way that respects and enhances  
the freedom of others."*

Nelson Mandela  
South African Statesman  
(1918-2013)

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

## Now You See Them, Now You....

They're almost everywhere, and yet we never see them as human, if we see them at all. The United Nations has set their numbers at 21 million people worldwide, or roughly the population of the state of New York, but other reputable organizations have set the number as high as over 80 million (add the populations of California and Texas to the New York number). Truth is, there is no way to accurately count people who are being exploited for sex, forced into hard labor or used as organ "donors" without their knowledge.

According to federal legal definitions, both sex trafficking and labor trafficking involve the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or sexual services, in which the person is induced by force, fraud or coercion. It is a relatively low-risk, high-profit criminal enterprise.

While we would all like to think that those who prey upon the distress of others have always lived beneath the underside of the humanity rock, there is no denying that there have been cases involving predators who are retired and current military, DOD civilians and contractors, and ex-pats. Such cases will not be tolerated.

According to the [National Security Presidential Directive-22 \(2002\)](#), "The policy of the United States is to attack vigorously the worldwide problem of [human trafficking], using law enforcement efforts, diplomacy, and all other appropriate tools. Those who patronize this industry debase themselves and deepen the misery of others."

In human trafficking cases, the Department of Defense mission is to provide military forces needed to deter war and to protect the security of the U.S. Further, engaging in human trafficking jeopardizes DOD's mission by hurting the credibility, integrity and reputation of the U.S., which, in turn, adversely affects individual security and diplomatic relationships.

DOD's jurisdiction extends to every employee, dependent and contractor, and if they engage in human trafficking, they are subject to criminal penalties under the [Uniform Code of Military Justice](#), Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, the [U.S. Criminal Code](#) and the individual state criminal codes.

There are specific steps one must take if a human trafficking incident is suspected. First and foremost, do not get directly involved. Contact the chain of command, the local military police or investigators or the [National Trafficking Resource Center](#) at 1-888-373-7888. As always, if imminent danger is sensed, call 9-1-1.

While many dismiss the problems of human trafficking as "so much urban legend," a well-annotated website called [Random Facts](#) relates 55 little-known facts about the shameful, illegal practice of human trafficking. It casts the invisible domestic, farm laborer or sex slave in a whole new light.

*Martha J. Lockwood  
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### ► TRENDING...

"Think you have an idea that can make our Air Force better? If so, we want to hear from you, because every Airman and every dollar counts," said [Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry O. Spencer](#) in a video discussing the [Airmen Powered by Innovation \(API\)](#) program that has reviewed nearly 3,000 ideas since last April that have the potential to save American taxpayers nearly \$35 million.

## ► RESOURCES

Website access to the following resources can be gained by clicking on the name.

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[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

[Air Reserve Personnel Center](#)

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## ► CURRENT ISSUES

[Two C-17 squadrons to be inactivated over next two years](#)

Balancing readiness, capability and capacity, while meeting the President's Defense Budget for fiscal year 2015, has resulted in the [Air Mobility Command's](#) plan to inactivate two [C-17 Globemaster III](#) squadrons during the next two years.

[Modernization is a must for the nuclear enterprise](#)

Modernization and continuous improvement in the nuclear enterprise were the focus of a recent presentation by [Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak](#), stressing the relevance of the nuclear deterrent.

## ► FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Free tax preparation, advice available to military families](#)

Military OneSource and H&R Block are combining efforts to offer no-cost tax consultation, preparation and filing to service and family members, reservists, survivors and some separated service members.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Some temporary, seasonal, intermittent employees eligible for FEHB](#)

Expanded coverage allows some temporary, seasonal and intermittent employees can attain essential healthcare and long-term care coverage.

[Air Force BMT introduces innovative Capstone Week](#)

The final week of basic military training (BMT) reinforcing the core values of integrity, service and excellence by emphasizing character development, the profession of arms and the Air Force heritage is the focus of Capstone Week, a new five-day BMT graduation requirement.

## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

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

**Jan. 30, 1951** – KOREAN WAR. The 61st Troop Carrier Group's C-54s were the first USAF aircraft to land at the recaptured Suwon Airfield, Republic of Korea. They delivered 270 tons of supplies for the advancing United Nations forces.

**Jan. 31, 1997** - An Air Force Flight Test Center crew from Edwards AFB, California, conducted the first live launch of an AGM-142 Raptor missile from a B-52 at the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

**Feb. 1, 1950** - Continental Air Command was directed to set up a civil air raid warning system.

**Feb. 2, 1983** - F-16 pilot training began at Luke AFB.

**Feb. 3, 2007** - The F-22 Raptor flew in its first Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

**Feb. 4, 1985** - After studying the abilities of women in missile crews, the Strategic Air Command decided to employ gender-specific (all-female) crews in Minuteman units.

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