



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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We must protect our mission readiness by ensuring everyone within the Air Force is committed to advancing an environment where sexist behaviors, sexual harassment, hazing, bullying, and sexual assault are not tolerated, condoned or ignored.

Protecting our people...

- The majority of Airmen will not commit sexual assault or be victims of sexual assault; however, sexual assault in the Air Force is a problem for and affects all Airmen.
- Every Airman who enforces professionalism in their workplace and insists their Wingmen treat each other with dignity and respect is taking action to eliminate sexual assault and support survivors.
- Understanding how to recognize opportunities for intervention is vital to stopping unsafe behavior, to include any form of retaliation.
- Leadership does not require rank or position. Any Airman can and should take action to lead their peers and set an example.

Protects our mission!

- Airmen are the heart of the Air Force—with them, the mission can't fail; without them, the mission can't succeed.
- Sexual assault can have devastating impact on an individual and also can severely impact a unit's ability and capability to perform its mission.
- A whole team, effectively preventing and responding to sexual assaults is critical to the health, morale and welfare of Airmen, and ultimately essential to Air Force readiness.
- Leaders must foster and encourage positive behaviors by recognizing acts that contribute to a supportive command climate.
- Commanders are charged with setting a professional atmosphere and enforcing the standards of conduct all times, while Wingmen are the foundation of restoring and establishing their unit climate and are vital to supporting victims of sexual assault.
- Eliminating sexual assault in the Air Force requires Airmen to be engaged all year—not just in April. **Airmen are the Air Force's best asset in preventing sexual assault.**

Priority Topic of the Week

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month
#NotJustApril

Topics of Interest

- 51 more military jobs open to Reserve/Guard members for 3-year active duty tours ([AFPC](#))
- Civilian Developmental Education applications due to AFPC on 1 May ([AFPC](#))
- AF seeks 2017 Gen. Mark A. Welsh III One Air Force Award submissions ([AFPC](#))

April Observances

Talking points on the subjects below available on the [Tell the Air Force Story site](#)

- Sexual Assault and Assault Prevention Month—#Not Just April
- Month of the Military Child
- Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Medical messaging on Military Children's Health, Trusted Care & Autism Awareness

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Submissions should include:

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

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