

# Roll Call

Airmen: Winning the Fight. Strengthening the Team. Shaping the Future.

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## Commitment and Courage

Roll Call! Today we serve in the world's greatest Air Force. We're an agile force that responds in a moment's notice to national threats, provides global capabilities to the joint fight, and dominates in air, space and cyberspace. We are the best, because we have the best...*you*. We ***win the fight, strengthen the team and shape the future*** because our Airmen share a common commitment and the necessary courage to serve and sacrifice.

We commit to our core values. We commit to each other, our fellow Airmen...the men and women who share the same heritage, the same mission and the same passion to serve. We have the courage to face an enemy under fire, the courage to take on new roles and new challenges and the courage to step forward when others may step back.

Commitment and courage set us apart as Airmen. They are the traits we must rely on to conquer a terrible problem: sexual assault.

This month we have paused for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It's been an opportunity for us to break from the daily grind, to take a knee and to think and talk about sexual assault. We've come a long way over the last year, and yet we still have so far to go.

Sexual assault is a serious issue; it continues to destroy the lives of our fellow Airmen and weaken our force...yet make no mistake about it, we are good enough to overcome. We are the world's greatest Air Force and we have the world's greatest Airmen with the commitment and courage we need to succeed.

We must fully commit to eradicating the crime of sexual assault from the ranks. We must commit to creating an environment where every Airman is treated with dignity and respect. We must have the courage to admit sexual assault is happening and is a problem, the courage to act when a fellow Airman is in danger, and the courage to speak up when we hear or see something that just isn't right. We know what's right, and what's not.

Throughout history we have relied on our commitment and courage to conquer our enemies, foreign and domestic, seen and unseen. We have been brave in the face of danger, because of our unshakable pledge to our nation, to the mission and to each other. We cannot continue to win the fight if we choose to accept and ignore the reality. Sexual assault is a problem we must take on and defeat. We cannot allow this enemy from within to continue to exist and define who we are as an Air Force.

Every Airman must have the commitment and courage to conquer the enemy of sexual assault. Our greatest strength will be the cause of victory...that is *you*, each and every Airman.



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Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.