

Roll Call

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

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We're Doing Better...But We Must Do Better

Roll Call! In the Air Force and our military at large, we rely on our brothers and sisters who serve by our side. We stand confident, knowing we'll each do our part to bring our powerful weapons and capabilities to bear around the world; we know we'll offer a helping hand of support in times of need; and we rely on our combined innovative expertise to carry our team forward. Together, we stand ready to *Win the Fight, Strengthen the Team and Shape the Future*.

Even with our various specialties, we know our strength comes from our ability to stand as one. It's the strength that has delivered the world's most powerful airpower, and the strength we need to eliminate an unfortunate but all too real enemy: sexual assault.

Last year at this time we released a Roll Call encouraging you to display the confidence and courage we need to eradicate this crime from our Air Force. It's clear you're doing that, and more.

The prevalence rate of unwanted sexual contact has decreased for both women and men. Reporting has increased over the last three years, a positive indication of confidence by the force. The decrease in prevalence and increase in reporting is an encouraging sign, but the crime still exists.

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We are strongest when every member of our Air Force family stands as one. Together, we must stand ready to protect our teammates and prevent this crime. We must know our part, and do our part.

As you gather with your team this month, consider how you can prevent sexual assault. What is your part? This isn't a problem one office can solve. We all must embrace our role to foster a culture of dignity and respect, an environment where it becomes impossible to commit this crime. Also, consider how you can act. What can you do? We all must sound off against this crime with commitment and courage. We'll soon release our future sexual assault prevention strategy that lays the framework we need to realize an Air Force free from sexual assault. I encourage you to take a look...read it, understand it, and embrace it.

It's tough to admit this problem, a horrific crime, exists in our Air Force. It's not what we want to believe...but we have to acknowledge facts. Sexual assault exists in our force. It rips us apart, and tears at the trust we need to fight and win our nation's wars. We're doing more to prevent this crime, but there is more we can do. We must do better, because we're better; our brothers and sisters who serve by our side are better. We are all part of our Air Force family,



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