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SAPR PROVIDES HOPE

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COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

Team Little Rock,
Some issues are too important to speak about indirectly. The straightforward, hard and unfortunate truth is that suicide is a threat to our mission that has to be dealt with head-on. And while this self-destructive behavior impacts our service as a whole – just as it does society in general – this is not an academic discussion for our team. I don’t need to tell you that it has directly impacted Team Little Rock, especially over the last few years.

America has entrusted us as commanders with the greatest treasure: our Airmen and their families. I believe that to my core, as do my fellow commanders all the way up to our Chief of Staff. Our job, then, is to ensure the success of the mission while caring for you. The two are inseparable. A loss of even a single teammate affects our ability to meet our

Nation’s mobility needs. One suicide is too many.

I have said this before, but it bears repeating: you – individually – are critical to the success of our Combat Airlift mission. Whether turning a wrench on the flight line, maintaining our base infrastructure, managing the contracts that enable our day-to-day operations, or any of the many other critical functions ongoing across Team Little Rock, you are part of our Herk Nation and our larger Air Force family. Our unique, collective focus on the C-130 mission gives us a common baseline from which we can build. Said another way, we are interconnected as a Herk tribe – let’s capitalize on that.

Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting individuals’ unique contributions to the winning team you have built at Little Rock AFB, as well as exploring some innovative ways we can

strengthen the bonds of community and connection that each of us needs. In addition to the host of resources we have available – the chain of command, Airman & Family Readiness, Military Family Life Counselors, mental health, the chapel – let’s not forget that we have each other. The help-seeking behavior and self-care that are needed to combat and defeat self-destructive behavior can only come from the culture we collectively forge. It will require leaders at all levels to foster cultures in which our Airmen feel connected and respected. This is a team sport, and we are all on the field. I look forward to working with you as we address the challenge before us and remain Ready Warriors!

Best,
Col Schutte

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COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK



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Staff Sgt. Sean Quintero

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Quintero exhibits all Air Force Core Values, but one that is most observed is Excellence in All We Do. As a C-130H instructor loadmaster, Quintero was selected to be upgraded to a formal training unit instructor, completing training ahead of schedule. His dedication to technical accuracy and student development led to his first student receiving an “Exceptionally Qualified” on his initial evaluation. Additionally, Quintero completed his Community College of the Air Force degree with a 3.62 grade point average. He has since enrolled to begin classes with Liberty University, with a concentration in Aviation.

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314th AMXS reconstitutes active duty squadron

By Staff Sgt. Dana J. Cable
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron marked the first step in reconstituting an active-duty maintainer force during an assumption of command ceremony at Little Rock Air Force Base on July 30. U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Lasher assumed command of the squadron during the ceremony.

"Although we are happy to have active-duty maintainers on the flight line, I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank the contractors, Value Services Engineers, led by Mr. Steve Wilson, for the amazing work they have done and will continue to do until their contract officially ends next year," Moore said.

Moore congratulated Lasher on his selection of what she considers the most challenging, yet rewarding, job in the Air Force – squadron command.

"With your leadership, and your 'mission first, people always' philosophy, I cannot be more confident in your ability to lead our group

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U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Lasher assumes command of the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Col. Argie Moore, 314th Maintenance Group commander, during a ceremony at Little Rock Air Force Base on July 30. The assumption of command marked the first step in transitioning the 314th AMXS back to active-duty maintainers.

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through a complex and challenging reorganization,” Moore said. “It is in the squadron that the missions of the Air Force succeed or fail. It is where lethality and readiness are generated, aligned and sustained, and where the command team will have the most profound impact on our most precious resource — our Airmen.”

According to Lasher, the Air Force’s efforts to revitalize the squadrons are

readily apparent at LRAFB.

“We intend to grow our squadron, to make them capable of not only executing, but enhancing the mission of training the world’s greatest C-130 airlifters,” Lasher said. “I am greatly encouraged by Team Little Rock’s remarkable reception of the squadron members here at LRAFB. I have complete confidence that your support of the 314th AMXS as we grow will enable us to achieve unprecedented mission accomplishment in the coming months and years.”

This is Lasher’s first time being part of a C-130 organization, but says that every

airframe or mission he has ever worked has depended on a C-130 at some point. Whether parts, people or even aircraft — C-130’s have delivered every step of the way.

“It is an honor to be here as we mark this milestone in the reconstitution of our uniformed Airmen back in to the aircraft maintenance squadron,” Lasher said. “I am incredibly proud and honored to be a part of Herk Nation, but also to be at the foundation of Herk Nation where it all starts -- enabling missions around the world.”

The reconstitution of the unit follows

a brief, planned stand down of active duty-maintainers in the squadron. To address a shortfall of maintainers, Air Force leaders made a critical decision to convert and redistribute maintainers from five non-deployable squadrons.

During that time, Air Force leaders directed that contractor maintenance personnel be used to fill the manning gap in those five squadrons. The 314th AMXS was one of those squadrons selected to transition to contractor maintenance personnel for three years from 2017-2020.

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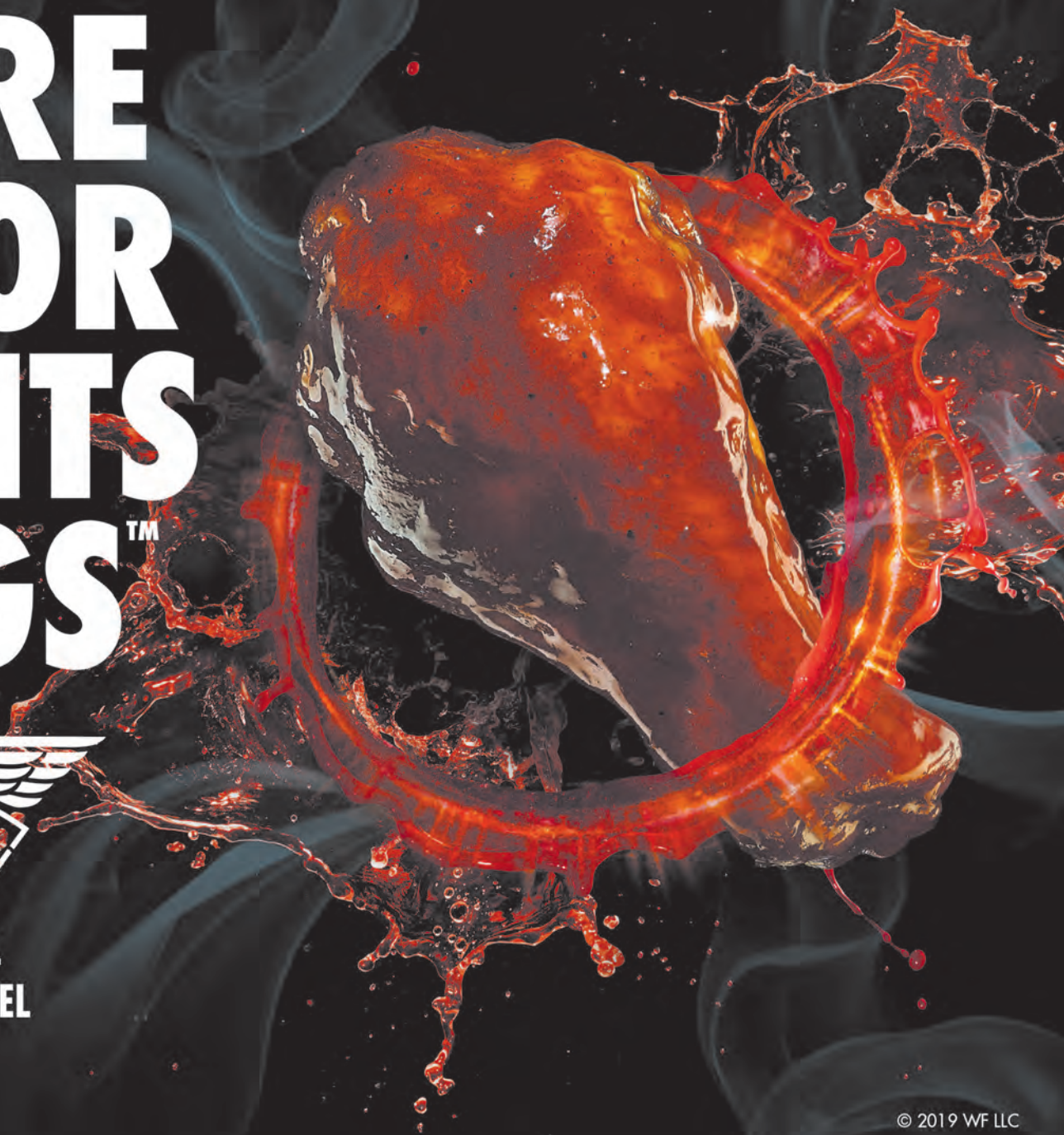
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Hope for survivors

By Airman 1st Class Jayden Ford
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Team Little Rock members have a variety of options to foster their emotional and mental health. Those looking to connect with others while learning healthy coping methods now have a new way to seek out care and support.

Little Rock Air Force Base's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team created an anonymous support group that provides resources to give people hope and help them cope with traumatic events that have taken place in their life. The group offers material to those who attend that could be useful in their healing process.

"We act as facilitators, not counselors, and we present topics that are important to most victims or that affect their lives," said Tiffany Clark, 19th Airlift Wing SAPR victim's advocate. "We provide coping skills that they can learn and use to create their own path to recovery."

The meetings, which take place every Monday at 4:30 p.m., rotate through a multiple-step process, encompassing many aspects of attaining the resolution one needs after a traumatic incident. The material is restarted upon completion of all the lessons allowing for members of the group to come and go when it's beneficial for them.

"We rotate through the 12 sessions, so you can come in at any time and leave at any time," said Linda Benjamin, 19th AW SAPR coordinator. "You don't have to start or stop at a certain time because we continually go over the 12 sessions."

Clark strives to make people feel included and encourages them to set goals, no matter how small, to help boost morale.

"We ask them to share one thing they can celebrate as a success for the week," Clark said. "Then they make small goals."

Clark emphasized that the camaraderie one can get from being a part of the group, which is the only SAPR-led survivor support groups in the Air Mobility Command, is seen as beneficial to developing a sense of belonging and makes the person feel like someone actually cares, which also provides connectedness with people during their recovery who share similar experiences.

"We are going to be there with them," Clark said. "Once they start coming to the group and making those friendships, they start to realize people care."

According to Clark, the SAPR team plays an essential role in the broader Herk Nation — one they take deep pride in, uplifting people with the knowledge they have.

"I feel like we are hope givers," Clark said. "That is kind of our mission because not having any hope is a dangerous place to be. We want to give that hope when people are starting to lose it."

The group also brings hope to Clark and Benjamin that the negative stigma involved with someone seeking mental or emotional help will be resolved by presenting an uplifting atmosphere for survivors of traumatic events.

For information regarding the meetings, contact Tiffany Clark at 501-987-2697 or the 24-hour hotline at 501-987-7272.

NEW DoD PROGRAM LE NOWHERE



A soldier wears a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program pin at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., on April 25, 2018. (Air Force Airman 1st Class Monica Roybal)

AVES SEXUAL PREDATORS E TO HIDE

By C. Todd Lopez

Department of Defense

A new Defense Department program called Catch a Serial Offender, or “CATCH,” aims to make it more difficult for perpetrators of sexual assault to evade identification and capture by law enforcement.

While the new tool isn’t good news for offenders, it’s expected to allow victims making a restricted report of sexual assault — a reporting mechanism that allows a victim to remain confidential — to help investigators do a better job of finding wrongdoers and bring them to justice.

“Victims of sexual assault deserve our best support and resources,” said Dr. Nate Galbreath, acting director of the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. “We’re excited for the launch of CATCH, which will empower victims to disclose information about their assailant or assault in a safe and confidential way.”

Sexual aggressors don’t always limit themselves to just one victim, said Galbreath, a forensic psychologist who has assessed and treated a variety of offenders. What’s more typical, he said, is that they tend to commit multiple assaults over time.

“Research suggests that some suspects commit multiple incidents before being reported or caught. With the launch of the CATCH Program, the department has a new tool to identify these

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The CATCH Program gives people making a Restricted Report an opportunity to anonymously disclose suspect information to help the Department of Defense identify serial offenders. CATCH allows sexual assault victims (Service members and adult dependents) to discover if the suspect in their Restricted Report may have also assaulted another person (a “match” in the CATCH website), and having that knowledge, decide whether to convert their Restricted Report to Unrestricted to initiate an investigation of the serial offender suspect. For more information, contact your local Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA). To locate a SARC or VA near you, [click here](#).

Quick Links

- DoD Instruction 6495.02
- Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Victim Info Sheet

CATCH PROGRAM

- 1 Submit an entry in the CATCH website
- 2 Military criminal investigators (NCIS, CID, AFOSI) at their Headquarters, **not at your installation**, analyze suspect information that victims submitted into the CATCH Program. If they get a “match,” this means that one victim’s submission on a suspect matches another victim’s submission. Then, the investigators will notify Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) personnel of the match.
- 3 A specially trained CATCH Program representative – which could be the SARC – will contact you. Your identity will remain confidential. The investigators working the CATCH Program do not know victim names and cannot contact you directly.
- 4 After being notified of a match, you can decide if you’d like to convert to an Unrestricted Report. If you decide to convert your report, tell your SARC. In addition, the SARC will check in with you in 30 days if you haven’t contacted him or her before that.
- 5a If you decide to **convert** your report to an **Unrestricted Report by re-signing the DD Form 2910**, the investigator is given your name at this time. A criminal investigation is now started, and the suspect’s commander and your commander are notified.
- 5b If you choose **not to participate**, you will be asked if you want to be contacted if there is a future match. If you agree, you may be contacted over the next 10 years. If you do not agree, you will not be contacted again.

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suspects,” Galbreath said.

DOD’s new CATCH Program allows victims of sexual assault who’ve opted to file a restricted report to anonymously put the details of the assault into an online repository. Details can include such things as the name of the perpetrator, rank, height, tattoos or other distinguishing factors. Both recent victims and those from years past can participate in the program, Galbreath said.

“What’s great about this new program is that both currently serving and veteran service members who made a restricted report can participate,” he said. “We hope that those who have since left the service will consider contacting a sexual assault response coordinator and opt into CATCH.”

The CATCH Program database is accessible worldwide. As a new entry into CATCH is created in one location, the details regarding the perpetrator can be compared to the details of other unrestricted reports of sexual assault that have happened elsewhere at other times.

Victims of sexual assault remain anonymous when they volunteer to add information into the CATCH Program. After details of an alleged assault are entered into the system, it’s criminal investigators at the headquarters of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the Air Force

Office of Special Investigations — not agents at local installations — who analyze suspect information that has been entered. These investigators will never know the name of the victim.

If those agents find a “match,” which means that one victim’s submission describing a suspect matches the submission of another victim’s suspect — then those investigators will notify Sexual Assault Prevention and Response personnel of their findings.

Once that notification is made, a CATCH Program representative or a sexual assault response coordinator will contact the victims to let them know. Victims can then use the new information to decide whether they want to convert their restricted report to an unrestricted report, which will allow a criminal investigation into the assault allegations to go forward.

If victims choose not to convert their restricted report to an unrestricted report, they continue to be anonymous — their names are never revealed. CATCH submissions remain in the system for up to 10 years.

“We are constantly looking for new ways to empower victims to participate in the military justice process through our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs,” said Elizabeth Van Winkle, executive director of DOD’s Office of Force Resiliency. “We encourage greater reporting to connect victims with the care they need and as a way to hold offenders appropriately accountable.”

For more information on the CATCH program, visit www.sapr.mil/catch.

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314TH AIRLIFT WING

How LRAFB became 'Home of Herk Nation'

By Senior Airman Kristine M. Gruwell
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The C-130 has a legacy dating back to World War II when the C-47 Skytrain was used to airlift supplies to troops during the war. Lessons learned from the C-47 informed the design of what would become the C-130. Almost 80 years later and after constant improvements to the airframe, the Herk is still being utilized for numerous missions across the Air Force and around the world.

Little Rock Air Force Base is known as the 'Home of Herk Nation' and is steeped in mobility heritage. Regardless of component, total force pilots, loadmasters and maintainers assigned to the C-130 all complete initial training at the 314th Airlift Wing, creating a center of gravity for combat airlift.

“Airmen always remember their original training function, so this being the original training function for the entire C-130 enterprise, Herk Nation really does start here,” said Ben Herrington, 314th AW historian.

In 1970, the 64th Tactical Airlift Wing arrived at Little Rock AFB as the host unit, bringing the first C-130 as both a training function and operational function for Combat Airlift. Before completing a full year, the 64th TAW was de-activated and replaced by the 314th TAW returning from Taiwan where they were supporting U.S. military operations in Vietnam.

The 314th TAW became the 314th AW in 1991 and was transferred across

multiple major commands over the course of approximately 30 years. Despite having numerous operational squadrons, the 314th AW's primary mission was training aircrew for the C-130. As such, it was finally nested under Air Education and Training Command in 1997.

In 2008, Air Mobility Command assumed all operational components of the 314th AW, which led to the activation of the 19th Airlift Wing the current host unit of Little Rock AFB.

Regardless of the many changes to the base structure, the 62nd Airlift Squadron, the only flying squadron in the 314th AW, has remained the constant foundation for training pilots and loadmasters in excellence.

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Historical photographs from archived issues of the base newspaper when the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing was the host wing at Little Rock Air Force Base. The 314th TAW returned from Taiwan where they supported U.S. military operations in Vietnam to become the host of Little Rock AFB. In 1991, the 314th TAW became the 314th Airlift Wing whose primary mission is building professional, combat-minded C-130 crewmembers.



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