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Duty to **INTERVENE** We can stop
to **INTERVENE** DUs, Sexual Assaults & Suicides



COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Harry Brexel



NAME

Airman 1st Class John Butler

UNIT

96th Aerial Port Squadron

POSITION

Air Transportation Apprentice

HOMETOWN

Little Rock

TIME IN SERVICE

8 months

TIME ON STATION

4 months

SIGNIFICANT ACTION

- Completed three volumes of Air Transportation Career Development courses within two months and scored a 92 percent on the end-of-course exam.
- Met all 5-level upgrade requirements while assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base in Delaware during his training.

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Take Back the Night 2015: 'Shattering the Silence'

By Amber Baillie

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFNS) — Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, along with the first survivor to speak out nationally about date rape, spoke to cadets during the U.S. Air Force Academy's second annual Take Back the Night (TBN) event April 16 at Clune Arena.

Katie Koestner, the executive director of the TBN Foundation, recounted details of being sexually assaulted at 18 years old, encouraging cadets to know their part in ending sexual violence.

"I'm personally honored to speak and share my story with cadets because there is no more personal way to go about motivation than to say, 'This can affect real lives and real human beings in ways that don't heal themselves quickly or easily,'" Koestner said in an interview before the event.

At TBN, James told cadets that if a wingman is in trouble they have to say "no" to crude behavior, hazing and being silent.

"We need to rid of attitudes placing blame

on the victims and place responsibility on the shoulders of the perpetrator," she said. "Beliefs such as 'men can't be raped' or 'women who've been drinking are at fault for being assaulted' are myths that keep victims from reporting and keep us from achieving the goal of preventing sexual assault in the first place."

James asked cadets to make an equal commitment and assume responsibility, to defend each other against the crime of sexual assault.

"We're making progress in the Air Force but it's not good enough," she said. "Our work is not done and we need to keep the focus on prevention. We need to show persistent focus, leadership and action, and together we can make it happen. Together we can defeat sexual criminals, cultivate a culture of dignity and respect and an environment free from sexual assault."

In 1990, Koestner was a freshman at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, when a man she had been dating for less than two weeks assaulted her. In 1991, she appeared

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On the cover



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Uncovering the Dirt Boyz

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Scott Poe, 19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



The 19th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and construction equipment shop has the muscle to maintain 813 facilities, two aerial drop zones, two assault strips and 15.2 million square feet of airfield pavement. They manage this by using more than 40 pieces of heavy equipment at their disposal which includes bulldozers, excavators, dump trucks and other vehicles that push, haul, spread or load construction materials. In the late 1960's, they earned the nickname Dirt Boyz during the Vietnam War because they were always covered in dirt, mud or concrete. The Dirt Boyz keep their hands full when winter arrives. Keeping snow and ice off of all base pavements is no easy task but they take it on head first. Summer time is no vacation either. The Arkansas humidity, mixed with hot-mix-asphalt, makes for a scorching concoction. If not for this shop, the roads and runways would be impassable and unusable. Airmen, retirees, civilians and other base goers would be unable to go to work and aircraft would be grounded and unable to fly. The 19th CES pavements and construction equipment shop keeps Little Rock AFB smoothly expanding and concrete.



MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Senior Airman Marcus Tracy

19th Communications Squadron radio frequency systems technician

Why is your job important?

As an RF Transmission Systems Technician, I provide maintenance and sustainment capabilities for multiple radio systems to using organizations on base.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I like the fact I have the knowledge and experience to set up a link with a satellite in space that provides communication anywhere on the planet.

What is your most memorable experience working here?

My most memorable experience was when my squadron volunteered to help those that were affected by the EF4 tornado that devastated Vilonia. I will always remember seeing the devastation in person for the first time and helping those in need.

What is your most significant accomplishment at Little Rock AFB?

As a two man shop with my supervisor Staff Sgt. Kuryluk, to be able to maintain three radio systems, the base mass alert system, 52 land mobile radio accounts, 1700 man hours for Public Address, and supporting Fort Polk Green Flag TDYs. It is challenging at times, but it's significant to me to be able to effectively and efficiently accomplish all our tasks as a team.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Regina Edwards

SCORECARD: 314TH AIRLIFT WING

The 314th Airlift Wing is the nation's C-130 "Center of Excellence." The wing is responsible for training C-130 aircrew members from across the Department of Defense, to include the Coast Guard and 46 allied nations. Some of the ways the 314th AW tracks its successes are through measured aircraft availability and mission-capable rates. Those metrics as of Tuesday are:

Mission capable rate

C-130J: (standard 80%): 80.0%

Aircraft availability

C-130J: (standard 8.4): 10.2

C-130 SCHOOL GRADUATES

Number of combat aircrew members sent to the fight beginning Jan. 1, 2015 :

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Exceptional Airman wins AF honor

By Senior Airman Harry Brexel

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Each year the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award is given to an outstanding Air Force maintenance individual who demonstrates exceptional job performance, efficiency, knowledge and Airmanship.

The award is highly sought after in the maintenance community. From executing day-to-day operations, to exceeding standards in the workplace and off-duty, the Marquez Award portrays exceptional dedication to the mission and the Air Force.

Tech. Sgt. Eric Sims, a 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulic systems craftsman, received the 2014 Marquez Award. Sims rose above the ranks by performing above and beyond his duties.

Sims proved himself to be an excellent aircraft hydraulic systems specialist by solving issues with landing gears, brakes, flight controls, cargo door systems and more. He created innovative ideas which averted potential aircraft damage and

ensured the safety of C-130 aircrews.

Along with excellent job performance, Sims coached a local community's youth soccer team and helped Airmen improve fitness scores through becoming a certified cross-fit instructor and physical training leader.

Sims attributes his successes to his peers and mentors.

"I couldn't have done it without the guidance and support of Master Sgt. George Terrell [the 314th Maintenance Group plans and programs noncommissioned officer in charge], and the teamwork of the hydraulic shop, especially Staff Sgt. Tyler Mitsuyasu [a 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulic systems craftsman]," said Sims.

Sims has worked 13 years to master his craft. Now that he has been recognized as best of the best, he plans to pass on his skills to younger Airmen.

"I'm excited about the award," Sims said. "I look forward to teaching the less experienced Airmen everything I know."



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Harry Brexel

Tech. Sgt. Eric Sims, a 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulic systems craftsman, stands in the back of a C-130H on April 17 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Sims was awarded the 2014 Air Force Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Maintenance Award.

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Combat human trafficking

By Tech. Sgt. Emerald Manriquez

19th Force Support Squadron Base Training Manager

Have you ever really looked at a piece of fruit and wondered about the person that planted, harvested and packed it for you to purchase on your last trip to the grocery store? Probably not.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, approximately 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year, with most of the trafficked individuals in the U.S. coming through Asia, Central and South America, and Eastern Europe. Due to these inbound locations, many of them do not speak English well enough to report their situations to local authorities or other service providers to seek assistance.

Although most people have the image of commercial sex trades as being hot beds for trafficked individuals, the reality is, this is only a fraction of the industries heavily affected by trafficking. Large numbers are "forced laborers" that work in textile sweatshops, agricultural labor, janitorial services, food and other service-related

industries, and even begging and pan handling. So that fruit you're looking at, at one point or another could have passed through the hands of someone being forced to work and toil for cents or dollars as week at the hands of a trafficker.

Unfortunately, there is no real telling signs of someone being trafficked. The usual signs however, would normally be considered OK at a casual, first glance. Signs include isolation such as restricted movements, typically with escorts, and coaching from individuals when they are asked questions directly. Many are beaten or tortured to allow for control by the traffickers. Sullen overwhelmed looks and lack of enthusiasm with their efforts could also be seen in trafficked individuals. Many of these on first glance could be considered normal. A coach to "emphasize" the question being asked would be acceptable if you're speaking to a non-English individual. Normal bruising on farm hands, mechanics, and other laborers is hardly ever questioned. With the economic woes of the recent years, sunken, sullen faces are becoming a normal occurrence. So you can see how these may be overlooked.

If you suspect something of this nature is happening in or around you and your neighborhood and community, there are several actions you should take. First, try not to alert the trafficker that you are suspicious. This is a very fluid arena, and many can be moved practically overnight, with little or no traces to be found. Second, notify someone. You can contact the U.S. National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-(888)-373-7888. You can contact your local police department, Office of Special Investigations or your commander, first sergeant, or base point of contact for this program. The base POC is Tech. Sgt. Emerald Manriquez and can be contacted via email emerald.manriquez@us.af.mil or by phone at (501) 987-8453. Finally, do not on any occasion, and this must be repeated, DO NOT, try to solve the problem yourself. Not only is this a fluid environment for the traffickers, it is also a very large profit generating endeavor, and many are more than willing to protect their cash cows with many forms of violence to both you and the victims you are trying to help.

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Taking the short way around

By Tech. Sgt. Russ Scalf

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

“If it makes you laugh, if it makes you cry, if it rips your heart out, that’s a good picture.” — Eddie Adams

I am a sucker for a good quote and definitely appreciate an encouraging word from time to time. In fact, I used to task students with providing photography quotes during my time as a tech school instructor. If it was a particularly enlightening bit of advice, I would occasionally pass it along to others.

To this day I still try to incorporate inspirational quotes when teaching our young public affairs Airmen. Being the consummate professional that I am, I’m always sure to attribute the quote. As a journalist, words (and their source) are somewhat important to me.

It occurred to me the other day, after misattributing a quote; I can’t remember ever checking the facts first before sharing one of these scholarly gems. That was a real dilemma for me. My job requires that I get the facts right every time, while giving individuals credit for



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Russ Scalf

There are no shortcuts, no matter how small, to becoming the best at anything. Small shortcuts often lead to more shortcuts in other areas of our lives.

their thoughts. Not taking the time to ensure authenticity before I share a quote is just lazy. I’m cutting a corner at someone else’s expense, while helping to populate the internet with

another misattributed quote.

This very story will pass through multiple rounds of checks for grammar, security,

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accuracy, propriety and policy. If I have done an acceptable job at all of these things the story will be published. If I've done my job and said something very thoughtful, I may even be lucky enough to have my own words misattributed.

In the age of crowd sourced journalism and digital publishing it has become increasingly acceptable to go to print with rumors and issue corrections to the story later on. However, I'd like to think that I'm better than that.

"If yer' not first, yer' last." — Ricky Bobby

During a deployment last year I found myself on the receiving end of one these shortcuts. The publisher of an aviation magazine printed a story I wrote, however, it was credited to a staff writer for the magazine. This wasn't a case of forgetting to cite their source, or an arbitrary "U.S. Air Force" acknowledgment of the story's origin. Rather, my work had been plagiarized word for word and re-released to the web.

I am protective of my words. I've worked very hard to achieve a moderate level of success at

what I do for the Air Force. I didn't achieve that success by cutting corners along the way, but lately I've been drifting away from the positive behaviors that helped me realize several long-term career goals.

"Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest." — Mark Twain

When I returned from my deployment there wasn't much time for rest. At the end of each year we photojournalists begin the painstaking task of compiling our best work and assembling a portfolio. This usually involves sorting through hundreds (if not thousands) of photos and picking the very best images, and then taking the time to make each of them shine.

During my time at Little Rock Air Force Base I have twice been named the best photographer in Air Mobility Command. With a solid deployment under my belt, I was sure this year would be an easy three-peat. I quickly gathered a few of my favorites, put them in a folder with my official bio, sent the files to AMC and submitted leave. I probably spent a whopping 20 minutes on a task that probably required several days to do correctly.

"In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration." — Ansel Adams

Suffice to say I am no longer the AMC photographer of the year. That distinction now belongs to a promising young photojournalist at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, named Senior Airman Dennis Sloan.

I decided to head to the fitness center to work through this setback and accurately place the blame for my demise. There were plenty of worthy candidates; the judges who obviously didn't appreciate my greatness, my supervisor who wanted me to accomplish a myriad of more important tasks, my deployment for not producing enough quality photo ops—you get the picture.

As I headed toward the parking lot life provided me a moment of clarity. I was forced to dodge a patron who was utilizing one of the two "access trails" leading to the front door, and nearly knocked me down in their haste. The mirror couldn't have been clearer.

Senior Airman Sloan earned it by doing things right; while cutting corners earned me second place. There are no shortcuts, no matter how small, to becoming the best at anything.

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What is your favorite thing about Earth Day, and why is it important?



"I like taking care of the butterflies and giving them food."
— David



"We care about the earth and what it does for us. The trees, oxygen and water help keep us alive."
— Emmalee



"I like that we get to pick up trash and protect the earth. If people litter, it hurts the earth, but if people clean up, it helps the earth."
— Isabelle

By Senior Airman Regina Edwards

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 45th anniversary of Earth Day blossomed at Arnold Drive Elementary School on Wednesday.

The school invited 5th and 6th graders from Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School: Flightline Upper Academy and homeschool children to participate in learning about threatened and endangered animals as well as other environmental concerns.

"It's important to recognize Earth Day because I think a lot of times we take the earth and what we have for granted," said James Popham, the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron natural resources manager. "This is a good time for people to volunteer and reach out a little around base to build and strengthen our natural environment."

Throughout the day, children in Pre-K-6th grades, walked through a nature trail, stopping at several exhibits where they learned about the Monarch Butterfly, Nutria, preserving water and taking care of the earth to name a few.

Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog were in attendance to take pictures and educate the children about safety.

Team Little Rock Airmen also showed their appreciation throughout the week by planting and grooming in areas around the base, increasing not only its beauty, but the pride they have for their installation.

Did you know?

The first Earth Day took place April 22, 1970, and was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin and organized by Denis Hayes. Nelson said, "The wealth of the nation is its air, water, soil, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats and biodiversity... that's all there is. That's the whole economy. That's where all the economic activity and jobs come from. These biological systems are the sustaining wealth of the world."



Betty Coors, an Arkansas State Parks representative, students a state park pin Wednesday. The school celebrated Earth Day by having the students walk through a nature trail with



The 19th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday at Little Rock Air Force Base. Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Regina Edwards

shows Arnold Drive Elementary School celebrated Earth Day's 45th anniversary by several learning exhibits around.



answers questions about fire safety and case. The event also featured visits by

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Silence

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on the cover of the magazine TIME, publicizing her experience. In 1993, HBO produced a movie about her story and since, Koestner has shared her story worldwide at thousands of schools, organizations and military bases to inform and empower others to put an end to sexual assault.

"As an Air Force Academy cadet, you don't ever leave an Airman behind," she said. "It's having the courage of shattering the silence and speaking up when silence would be the easiest way out. I don't want anyone to ever say 'It doesn't fit in my schedule,' to spend five minutes to intervene. Saving a life doesn't just mean saving someone from bleeding to death or who can't get enough oxygen. It includes saving someone from a lifetime of not being able to be in healthy relationship again because their trust is so broken."

It's important to focus on how men can make a difference, Koestner said.

"It's not just a women's issue," she said. "It's a people issue and it's one that we need to be united on. One of the catchphrases for TBN is, 'The people united will never be divided.'"

TBN is the Academy's centerpiece for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. At the end of the evening, cadets raised glow sticks to shine light on their role in eliminating sexual assault and supporting victims of the crime.

Nearly 400 red glow sticks glistened to represent sexual assault victims here in the last 10 years.

"We want to allow individuals to proclaim that they have the right to walk freely within their communities day or night without any harassment or sexual assault in their way," said Col. Carrie Bausano, the vice commandant of culture and climate. "We want them to feel empowered to take these education pieces and let victims, whether military or civilian, know they can come forward to report sexual assault."

Cadet squadrons, athletic teams and other units here designed T-shirts campaigning against sexual violence, including slogans such as "Hurts one, affects all," "Stand up, speak out," and "H.O.P.E."

-- Hold on, pain ends."

"It's our chance to step up and highlight the institution's efforts as a whole year and throughout Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)," said Cadet 1st Class Avery Larkin, a cadet wing personal ethics and education representative. "It's a chance for us to come together and reflect on what our role is to prevent sexual assault and actively support victims. It also gives cadets a chance to come together as a cadet wing and be reminded of an issue that affects everyone."

The event was open to all Academy personnel and Defense Department ID cardholders. This year's SAAM theme is: "Know your part, do your part."

All are affected by sexual assault regardless of race, religion, social background or gender, Koestner said.

"It's important to paint an inclusive picture about the problem," she said. "No one should ever threaten your right to feel comfortable here. There is no alternative Academy to go to. It's even more important you all hold each other to the highest standards of respect because respect is so critical to helping us solve this problem."



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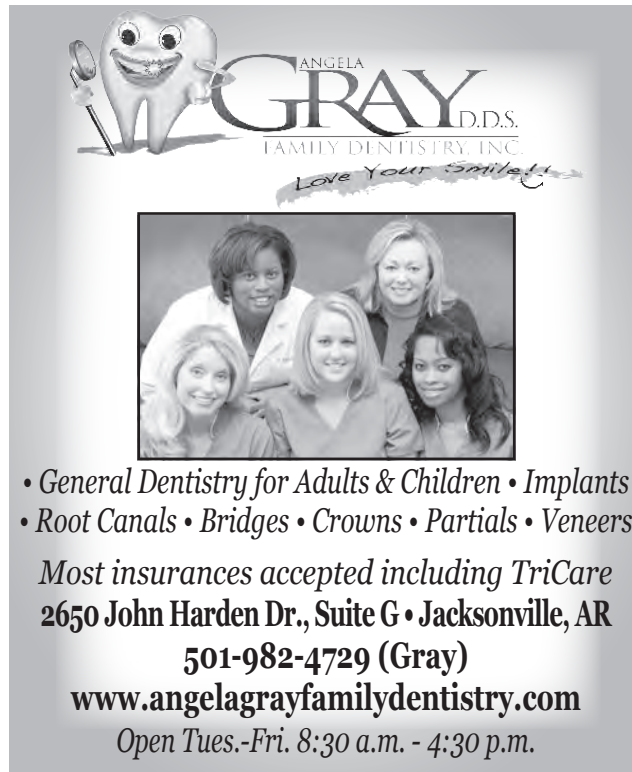
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Calendar of Events

Tuesday

50th Airlift Squadron change of command, 10 a.m.

Hangar 1080

May 5

Deployed Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Hangar 1080

Munitions Storage Area closure May 4-May 8

The Munitions Storage Area will be closed May 4 to 8 for the Change of MASO 100 percent stockpile inventory.

During this time, the MSA will only process emergency requests. Please forward all questions to Master Sgt. Dunlap at 501-987-6031.

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