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# Why is the word 'rape' no longer offensive?

By Senior Airman Nathan Dampf  
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It used to be that no one made jokes or even referenced the word "rape." Now, you can't watch a comedy without someone screaming "rape" in the middle of a comical fight scene or listening to a fellow Airman about how his last CDC exam or PT test "raped" him.

I served as an Airman leader at my technical training school. While there, we had a sexual assault incident between two Airmen. The dormitory went on lockdown until the commander and OSI could wrap their minds around it. Days later at an all-call, one of my fellow Airmen asked, "So does this mean the 'SARC-me-Sunday' jokes are over?"

I casually – but firmly – replied, "Yes. I think it does."

What I didn't explain at the time is how "SARC-me-Sundays," always offended me. When I was in high school, a close friend of mine was sexually assaulted. Just hearing the word made me think of her and what she went through. I hated hearing it.

But, it doesn't seem to bother other people. Why? Maybe it's because we live in a "rape culture" in America.

A "rape culture" is defined as one that ignores, normalizes, trivializes, or jokes about the act and blames the victim. I believe the reason it doesn't offend anybody anymore is because we do live in a "rape culture." And, here are four reasons why:

## So-called "Jokes" About Rape

Rape "jokes" are becoming far too common. Recently I watched "A Million Ways to Die in the West." It's funny at times, but actors in the film use the word rape several times throughout the movie, in some rather disturbing ways. One such instance had comedian Bill Maher delivering stand-up comedy in a bar. He ended his routine with a dark twist on the "thank you and don't forget to tip your waitress" line, with this: "thank you and don't forget to rape your waitress."

It's not just the movies either. Jokes about rape are now more common in social media. Facebook had a battle in 2013 where more than 80 human rights groups called for the removal of pages with titles like the "Kill a Slut Competition" and "Don't Wrap It and Tap It – Tape Her and Rape Her," just to name two.

Moreover, not only do jokes trivialize the act, they may also make it harder for males who may have been sexually assaulted. Most of the time, perpetrators of such jokes are male. If a male survivor is visiting with friends and one of them comments about how his car wreck "raped" his new paint job, they've just re-traumatized their friend, and shown that they feel rape is not an issue men experience.

## Victim Blaming

Secondly, more often than not, it is the survivor's credibility that comes into question, instead of the accused perpetrator's. We start by asking, "well, why was she by herself at night?" or "what was she wearing?" Some go as far as asking male victims,



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese  
Kyle Gese U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kayleen Moss, a 52nd Medical Operations Squadron pediatrics technician, and her husband, Brandon, pose for an anti-sexual assault campaign image at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, Aug. 13, 2014. The Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program provides services to assist victims and survivors of sexual violence. SAPR has an ongoing campaign to encourage people to step up and step in to prevent sexual assault.

"you're a dude. you should have liked it," instead of asking rapists, "why would you do that?"

Further adding to victim blaming is assertions of rampant false reports – which the facts on rape simply don't bear out. Based on research, false reports of rape are between two and eight percent of all reports – which is exactly the same rate of false reports for all other types of crimes.

## A One-Sided Upbringing

With our apparent "rape culture," we are raising a generation of girls to be suspicious and scared of every street alley or bar in America. We teach girls as they grow older to not leave drinks alone or to never go anywhere without a friend. This is prudent – but it's also one-sided, because we are not having corresponding conversations with boys, who are statistically the overwhelming perpetrators of sexual assaults against women.

I'd like to ask the parents of young men: When is the last time you instructed them to stop while in the heat of the moment in order to ask for consent? Did you instruct them they need a "yes" to move forward? Or, when is the last time you talked with your son about respecting a girl's virginity, and told him it is not a prize? There are important lessons that I have to teach my two young daughters. But I'm nervous that their future boyfriends are not taught what they need to know to respect and protect the basic human rights of my girls – and all women.

The reason this is important is because the culture is no longer one of the creepy man behind the bushes. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Crime Victimization Study, roughly 66 percent of rape cases happen between two individuals who know each other. Of that number, 38 percent are friends or acquaintances, and 28 percent are intimate partners.

So, rather than raise girls to be cautious, shouldn't we raise future generations – men and women alike -- to fully recognize and

honor an individual's right to consent?

## The Power Game

Lastly, there are some in the media who say rape is about violence and brutality. One columnist wrote that we don't live in a "rape culture," because the statistics on rape are inflated to include girls who were drunk, drugged or pressured to have sex – he didn't count these acts as "rape."

That argument is flawed because violence is not the underlying issue. It is power. When a girl or guy cannot consent due to alcohol or being drugged, there may be no violence, but there is no power for her or him to give consent. Similarly, if a husband threatens his wife with taking the children in a divorce in order to get what he wants in the bedroom, he's taking away her power in the decision.

Our culture – and this includes some of us in the military – is taking away the power from rape survivors when we make "jokes" about it or when we educate teen females to be suspicious of every man she meets. And, we are taking away power when we question a victim's credibility.

So, yes, regrettably, we certainly do live in a "rape culture." But we each can improve this; here are some ways you can help change it:

- Try recognizing your own biases
- Don't laugh at rape "jokes." Have conversations with individuals who do make jokes, and explain it's no laughing matter
- Engage young men who are going to begin dating. Educate them on dating violence and what consent looks like in a sexual relationship
- Get involved in local efforts to educate and to change our culture

Lastly, if you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence / assault, know that the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office is here to support you. You can reach a trained victim advocate 24/7 on the Whiteman Air Force Base SAPR confidential hotline at 660-687-7272.

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## On the cover

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Airman 1st Class Jovan Banks

A firefighter from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron dons his fire protection gear before the start of a controlled burn at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 2, 2015. The exercise simulates conditions of a real-world aircraft fire.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Youth Employment

Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students and is offered through Whiteman AFB Teen Programs. This program, underwritten by the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS), is a joint effort between AFAS and Air Force Services to offer high school students an opportunity to learn valuable work skills, “bank” dollar credits toward their post-secondary education and have a positive impact on their base community.

Teen Programs is looking for teens that would like to volunteer and base agencies that would like teen volunteers to learn various skills that will help them in future careers.

Student volunteers are interviewed for positions coordinated by Teen Coordinator and base agencies appropriate for the YES Program. YES volunteers are not be placed in the following positions: thrift store, cashier positions, chapel positions, base retail operations, waitressing, school program or any Red Cross position.

If you are an interested agency or have a high school teen interested (teen must be a dependent of active duty Air Force sponsor) in volunteering for scholarship money, please call 660-687-5586.

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May has been officially proclaimed as the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. As we celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States, let's also recognize their hard work and dedication to the United States Armed Forces. This year's theme is “Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion.”

## May Events:

Proclamation Signing (509 Bomb Wing commander) – May 1, 2015

Youth Center Fun Run at Ike Skelton Park – 8 May 2015 (4:30 - 5:30 p.m.)

Reading at the Library – 20 May 2015 (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Annual observance event at the Whiteman Air National Guard Armory – 21 May 2015 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

## Spirit Café

If you are a young Airman, let your Spirit Café make your time at Whiteman more fun. Stop by after work to play some pool, darts, foosball, or the newest games on Xbox One or Playstation 4. The Café opens at 4 p.m. during the week and noon on weekends. There is free food every Friday at 4:30 p.m. There are also free premium snacks and Wi-Fi. Come for the free stuff, stay for the fun and friends.

Please like the Spirit Café on Facebook to stay up to date on special events and tournaments.

## WEATHER

Today	Saturday
Storms Likely	Chance of Storms
Hi 64	Hi 66
Lo 48	Lo 53
Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
Hi 65	Hi 66
Lo 45	Lo 47

## AF realigns B-1, LRS-B under Air Force Global Strike Command

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force have directed the realignment of the Air Force's B-1 bomber fleets and Long Range Strike-Bomber program from Air Combat Command to Air Force Global Strike Command, effective Oct. 1.

The move will realign the Air Force's core mission of global strike and all of the service's bombers under a unified command responsible for organizing, training and equipping Airmen to perform this mission.

“This realignment places all three Air Forces bombers under one command and brings the LRS-B program with it,” said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. “Consolidating all of our Air Force assets in this critical mission area under a single command will help provide a unified voice to maintain the high standards necessary in stewardship of our nation's bomber forces.”

Sixty-three aircraft and approximately 7,000 people will transfer from ACC to

AFGSC under the realignment. Since moving from Strategic Air Command in 1992, the B-1 has played an essential role in combating the nation's enemies, either projecting combat power from bases in the United States or from forward operating locations around the globe.

Airmen who drive B-1 operations have demonstrated the platform's long range strike capability, delivering its conventional weapons on target from home station, making it a perfect fit for joining the B-2 and B-52 under AFGSC, James said.

“With a single command responsible for the Air Force's entire long range strike fleet, the Airmen in AFGSC will benefit from better coordination and increased sharing of expertise across the five bomber wings,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. “Consolidating all conventional and nuclear capable bombers within the same command allows the Air Force to streamline the global strike and strategic deterrence missions, and create a lasting positive impact for the Air Force's global strike capabilities.”

Both the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and the 28th BW at

Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota will continue to serve as the host wings and provide installation support and services to other units on the bases.

“We expect the transfer to be imperceptible to the majority of Airmen at Dyess and Ellsworth as they will continue to work for the same supervisors and units,” said Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command who was recently nominated to serve as the vice commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb.

“The impacts of the realignment will become noticeable over time as crosstalk among maintainers and aviators increases across all three platforms, creating opportunities in training, tactics development, doctrine development, aircraft modernization and acquisition,” Wilson said.

The consolidation of the global strike mission under AFGSC follows the Air Force's plan to elevate the commander of AFGSC from a three-star to a four-star general officer position, which Gen. Robin Rand, currently the commander Air Education and Training Command, will assume.

## Maj. Gen. Clark assumes command of 'Mighty Eighth'

By Staff Sgt. Jason McCasland  
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- Maj. Gen. Richard Clark assumed command of the 8th Air Force during a change of command ceremony at the Weapons Load Facility here, April 17, 2015.

As the new commander of the “Mighty Eighth,” Clark is responsible for safeguarding America's interests through strategic deterrence and global combat power.

Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, Air Force Global Strike Command commander, was the presiding officer.

“I can't think of a better or more experienced commander to take the reins from General Vander Hamm and lead the ‘Mighty Eighth’ into the future,” said Wilson. “As my vice commander he seized every opportunity to travel to [AFGSC] bases, embrace our bomber and missile culture and promote force improvement, and many others.”

After accepting command, Clark addressed Airmen of the Mighty Eighth.

“I appreciate everyone being here today. This means the world to me and a dream come true,” Clark said. “I have been able to watch the men and women of the ‘Mighty Eighth’ every day, and it is my greatest honor to be back at Eighth Air Force.”

Clark also expressed his commitment to the men and women of Eighth Air Force and the bomber community.

“It's about the heritage we enjoy, the bombers we employ and the men and women of the ‘Mighty Eighth.’ I will be a great wingman to you just as it was shown to me as a young captain. It is my honor and privilege to serve you and be your wingman, to make sure that you have everything you need to do this mission and follow the footsteps of our forefathers... Let's go make history.”

Eighth Air Force reports to AFGSC, supports U.S. Joint Forces Command and is designated as U.S. Strategic Command's Task Force



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Janelle Dickey  
Maj. Gen. Richard Clark (right) assumes command of the Eighth Air Force, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, and Task Force 204 from Lt. Gen. Jim Kowalski, U. S. Strategic Command vice commander, during the Eighth Air Force change of command ceremony on Barksdale Air Force Base, La., April 17, 2015. The mission of the “Mighty Eighth” is to safeguard America's interests through strategic deterrence and global combat power. Clark previously served as the vice commander of Air Force Global Strike Command.

204, providing on-alert, combat-ready forces to the president. Eighth Air Force controls long-range, nuclear-capable B-2 Spirit and B-52H Stratofortress bombers for conventional operations and nuclear deterrence.

## Use or Lose Accrued Leave Over 60 Days Visible on April 2015 LES

Public Affairs staff report

Beginning Oct. 1, 2015, the total number of accrued leave days a member is authorized to carry forward to the new Fiscal Year (FY) will revert from 75 to 60 days. A Defense Joint Military Pay System- Active Component (DJMS-AC) system

change recently implemented will now calculate the correct number of accrued leave days over 60 days through Sept. 30, 2015. The number of leave days a member will accrue over 60 days through September 30 (use or lose leave) will be displayed on the DJMS-AC April 2015 Leave and Earnings Statement (LES).

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## Diamond Sharp award



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Jazmin Smith

Senior Airman Elisa Lewis, 509th Comptroller Squadron budget analyst, receives the Diamond Sharp Award April 15, 2015 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Lewis stepped up to fill a number of vacant roles, reducing the workload and stress from her fellow Airmen. She also volunteered as the public affairs and training officer for the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program, creating their new advertising pamphlet for distribution.

## Top III MVP recognized



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joel Pfiester

Airman 1st Class Tyler Jones, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, receives a Top III MVP award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 13, 2015. Jones was nominated for volunteering to be his flight's Air Force Assistance Fund representative, making 100 percent contact within two weeks and explaining the significance of donating. He spearheaded a flight run club which meets twice a week, after duty hours to help others achieve their running goals. Jones identified a supply document system deficiency that was not allowing an accountable audit trail to be left in the supply system and came up with a step-by-step process to fix the issue which was sent out to 110 units throughout the Air Force.

# Breaking a sweat at the fitness center

By Senior Airman Keenan Berry  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

When you first walk into the fitness center, you can hear sounds of equipment and enthusiasm echoing through the facility. People perform heart pumping, adrenaline rushing and sweat breaking exercises in order to maintain fitness standards and achieve set goals. Intense facial expressions are made as sweat filled with hard work and motivation descends to the floor. Dedicated personnel wait patiently behind their desk with a ready, steadfast attitude to ensure customers receives the necessary resources.

Fitness center personnel diligently work in the gym to help maintain the cleanliness of the facility, as well as provide assistance, fitness guidance, and medical response capability.

“We inspect and clean equipment to ensure they are in working

order,” said Airman 1st Class Jairzinho Chin, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness center specialist. “If we notice the equipment is not functioning properly, we will in put in a request to either repair or replace it.”

They also offer programs such as spin classes throughout the week to help the populace maintain fitness and morale.

“The spin class is a heart pounding and riveting program that gets the body moving into gear,” said Alicia Dannenberg, 509th FSS spin class instructor. “It can be made appropriate for beginners and all the way up to the advance cyclist. It’s nice way to get fit and have fun.”

The class is open three times a week on Monday at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., and Thursday at 11:15 a.m.

The fitness center organizes intramural sports to increase installation involvement with the gym.

“We do intramural sports for people to get out, relax and enjoy themselves as well as their wingman in a competitive environment to enhance fitness and morale,” said Staff Sgt. Brian Heim, 509th FSS sports manager. “Intramural sports occur in accordance with seasons year round. We host five sports: basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer and flag football.”

Injuries occur on a weekly basis and range from minor to serious. When a minor injury occurs, Fitness Center personnel log a report in a log book and handle the situation. If it is a serious injury, they will file a report and work with the 509th Medical Group to get an ambulance on-scene.



Airman 1st Class Jairzinho Chin, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness center specialist, performs head counts at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 7, 2015. This process is done to track customer time trends and patterns to determine manning and class time.

“On average, 4-6 injuries are recorded a month. In the event of an emergency, a customer will report it to us first; we will go and ask the injured customer if they need any assistance and we will operate based off their answer,” Heim said. “If we deem they may need help anyway, we will make the proper phone calls and inform the chain of command.”

In addition, fitness center personnel are required to be certified in CPR training within 30 days of working at the facility. It’s a one day course held in-house and consists of training videos, manikins and CPR tools used to perform the procedure.

In all, the fitness center is proud to serve Airmen and their families here at Whiteman by providing outstanding customer service, recreational activities and many events to get people active.

“I think the fitness center is beneficial to the Whiteman mission because it promotes fitness,” Heim said. “It’s cost free with convenient hours and a place where people can work up a good hearty sweat.”



Members from the 509th Force Support Squadron fitness facility watch a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) video at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 8, 2015. Every fitness facility member must be CPR certified in case of customer emergencies.



U.S. Air Force members perform sit-ups during a fitness assessment at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 7, 2015. PT test are done to ensure military personnel are in top physical condition to carry out strategic military operations.



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Senior Airman Keenan Berry*

# Crew Chief of the Year



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Keenan Berry

**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brian Schroeder, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, receives the Air Force Global Strike Command Thomas N. Barnes Crew Chief of the Year award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 13, 2015. Schroeder epitomizes the dedication, leadership and superior maintenance skills required to earn the coveted award across the command. He is currently competing at the Air Force level.**

# Tame the flame: Firefighters conduct fire pit training



Firefighters of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron prepare for fire pit training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. April 2, 2015. The exercise is held monthly to ensure Airmen are familiar with aircraft fire procedures.



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Firefighters of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron examine each other's gear during a fire pit training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. April 2, 2015. The exercise uses controlled burns to simulate conditions of a real-world crash site.



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Airman 1st Class  
Jovan Banks

## Enlisted members selected for promotion to get EPR on “select” grade closeout date

By **Debbie Gildea**

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS)** -- In line with a recent update to the Air Force policy on enlisted performance report static closeout dates (SCOD), effective immediately, all future EPRs for promotion-selectees will close out on the date of the promotion-select grade.

At the direction of Headquarters Air Force, Airmen promoted to technical sergeant between Dec. 1, 2014, and Jan. 31, 2015, and to staff sergeant between Feb. 1, 2015, and March 31, 2015, will receive an EPR with an April 30, 2015, closeout date.

These HAF-directed EPRs will serve as a one-time transition to ensure the impacted staff and technical sergeants have current evaluations on file, given their promotion-grade static closeout date has already passed.

“We received feedback from the field that there were many tech and staff sergeant selects who did not receive an EPR based on timing of their promotion and SCOD dates,” said Col. Joe Atkins, the AFPC Operations Division chief. “The Air Force established a one-time EPR SCOD so these impacted Airmen who sewed on during those four months would not go almost 23 months without a performance report.”

All other enlisted members with line numbers for promotion will have EPRs on the SCOD of the grade to which they will be promoted. As an example, a staff sergeant with a line number for promotion to technical sergeant will get an EPR on the Nov. 30 technical sergeant static closeout date, rather than on Jan. 31.

EPR SCODs are among changes to the enlisted evaluation promotion systems which have been implemented in stages since July 2014. Implementation will continue for the next year to two years for regular and Air Reserve Component forces.

Those Airmen impacted by the April 30 closeout date include 1,374 new staff sergeants and 1,086 new technical sergeants. Personal notifications to affected Airmen and their commanders are complete, and Air Force Personnel Center officials are working with military personnel sections to inform affected members’ supervisors and commanders to ensure evaluations are completed.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs go to myPers.



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# AFGSC recognizes best in the command



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Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, Air Force Global Strike Command commander (far left,) and Chief Master Sgt. Terry West, AFGSC command chief (far right), recognized the Air Force Global Strike Command Outstanding Airmen of the Year during a banquet at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, April 16. From left to right: Senior Airman Mason Meherg, Outstanding Airman of the Year; Master Sgt. Nancy Auger, Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Aaron Porter, Outstanding Honor Guard Manager of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Shonta Simes, Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Richard Scavola, Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year; and Senior Airman Jeffrey Scolley, Outstanding Honor Guard Member of the Year.

By Air Force Global Strike Command  
Public Affairs

**BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La.** -- Air Force Global Strike Command announced its 2014 Outstanding Airmen of the Year here April 16 at the 12 OAY Banquet.

Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, AFGSC commander, recognized the nominees and the accomplishments that distinguished them from their peers.

"They did everything expected plus a little bit more," Wilson said. "That's what separated them; they did a little bit more."

The nominees and winners were selected by their squadron, group, wing, and Numbered Air Force leadership as the top enlisted Airmen across the 25,000-member command.

"I'm looking at a bunch of leaders for our command and I'm really proud to be serving with you all," Wilson said.

Congratulations to the 2014 AFGSC Outstanding Airmen of the Year:

**Outstanding Airman of the Year:** Senior Airman Mason S. Meherg, 509th Comptroller Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

**Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:** Tech. Sgt. Shonta C. Simes, 509th Force Support Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

**Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year:** Master Sgt. Nancy K. Auger, 5th Medical Operations Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota

**Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year:** Master Sgt. Richard D. Scavola Jr., 341st Maintenance Operations Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana

**Outstanding Honor Guard Member of the Year:** Senior Airman Jeffrey R. Scolley, 341st Maintenance Operations Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana

**Outstanding Base Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year:** Tech. Sgt. Aaron J. Porter, 2nd Force Support Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

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