

# Quarterly CTIP Newsletter

## **Agency Highlights**

On January 09, 2019, the Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Office will host an event for National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the Mark Center Auditorium, from 9:30-10:30 am.

Mr. William Booth, Director, Defense Human Resource Activity, will introduce Mr. James Stewart, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who will give the opening remarks.



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The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College provided 3 speakers to talk about human trafficking in the DoD community. To learn more about the perspectives of Kaleilani Grant, Lieutenant David Layne, and Josefina Sabori, please read their articles.

### **Featured Articles**



Realities of Human Trafficking: A Survivor's Perspective

Contributed by: Kaleilani Grant

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As a survivor of sex trafficking, my perspective and firsthand knowledge provides unique insight into combating human trafficking in and around military installations. I was lured into the world of sex trafficking by a man who befriended me, and after a period of time forced me

into the criminal enterprise of sex trafficking. Even though I refused and tried to escape, I was compelled to participate through extreme physical violence and threats against my child and family.

Sex traffickers operate on military bases and in the surrounding communities because of the continuous demand for commercial sex and a lack of awareness that trafficking happens here. With the accessibility of technology, social media sites, and internet-based escort sites, sex trafficking thrives through widespread advertisements, selling women and children and creating a sense of anonymity for the trafficker and the "john."

What could have been done differently to help me escape my captivity? It comes down to time and empathy. If those whom I came in contact with had just asked me questions about my well-being, they would have seen me as a person and I would have felt empowered to ask for help. Become aware of the dynamics of trafficking and if you suspect trafficking, report it. When reports are made, law enforcement needs to take time to understand what is happening. The message to send is: buying sex is illegal and perpetrators will be held accountable.

#### Combating Human Trafficking: A Military Prosecutor's Perspective

Contributed by: Lieutenant David Layne, Judge Advocate General Corps, United States Navy and Special Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia – Norfolk



A dedication to addressing human trafficking in a systemic, multi-faceted way is needed. Human trafficking is an issue involving military installations themselves, their surrounding neighborhoods, the cultures within which we operate, and service members who sometimes contribute to trafficking demand. If we do not combat this issue, we risk sacrificing our readiness, good order and discipline, and the legitimacy of our global operations.

An integral part of combating human trafficking is the criminal prosecution of perpetrators. Federal criminal law, at 18 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1591, "Sex trafficking of children, or by force, fraud, or coercion" and 18 U.S.C. 1589, "Forced labor" provide the primary statutes used to prosecute individuals who buy and sell men, women, and children, and otherwise benefit

from human trafficking. There are a number of other Federal statutes that criminalize discrete aspects of sex trafficking and forced labor. These include laws concerning the promotion of prostitution, use of the mail or computers to engage minors in prostitution, production of child pornography, involuntary servitude, immigration, labor, and document fraud.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) provides the means to prosecute trafficking cases within military jurisdiction. The UCMJ's General Article (10 U.S.C. 934), which is often used to incorporate Title 18 statutes, including those listed above, is the primary statutory mechanism with which to prosecute military cases. While "Patronizing a Prostitute" remains an enumerated offense under the General Article, and some cases may be prosecuted as an orders violation under Article 92, there is no standalone offense covering "human trafficking" specifically.

There are many challenges in prosecuting trafficking cases generally: an all-to-frequent unwillingness by victims to come forward or see a case through; language and cultural barriers; and jurisdictional concerns. Challenges specific to the military include insufficient statutory tools, logistics to secure witness attendance, getting foreign nationals to the trial, and choosing the appropriate jurisdiction for trial. Fortunately, the Military Justice Act of 2016, which will come into effect in 2019, may make certain aspects of military investigations easier, thereby enabling more prosecutions within military jurisdiction.

#### Raising Awareness about Human Trafficking in DoD Communities

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Trafficking in persons, especially sex trafficking of women and children, by its very nature is designed to be invisible, enabling this illicit conduct to operate on both sides of the military gate, affecting the surrounding civilian and military communities, including their dependents. There are human trafficking cases involving military members and their dependents as traffickers, victims, and buyers.



As with other forms of criminal activity which invade military establishments, the first line of defense is awareness that trafficking exists in our community. Recognizing this reality provides target hardening for both the military and surrounding civilian communities. Emphasis should focus on prevention, detection, and demand reduction. Through this awareness, community buy-in is achieved, enabling resource leveraging between military, civilian service providers, and law enforcement. This cooperation ensures an effective response in victim identification, restoration, and holding perpetrators accountable.

The Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs funds the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program of the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC). NCJTC focus groups and community assessments can show stakeholders how big the trafficking problem is in their area, where it is occurring, and who are the key perpetrators.

### **Interagency Activities**



On November 14, 2018, John Cotton Richmond was sworn in as the United States Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. He leads the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. Ambassador Richmond has worked for years to fight human trafficking. He co-founded the Human Trafficking



Institute and prior to that, he was a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Department of Justice's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. Read his biography <a href="here">here</a>.

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The U.S Department of Labor released two new reports. The <u>List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor</u> covers 148 goods, 76 countries, and 418 line items. <u>Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor</u> focuses on the efforts of certain U.S. trade beneficiary countries

and territories to eliminate the worst forms of child labor.

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## **DoD CTIP Program Office Updates**



Deputy Secretary of Defense (DSD) Shanahan, now Acting Secretary of Defense, represented the DoD at the President's Interagency Task Force meeting at the White House on October 11, 2018. DSD Shanahan highlighted DoD's

efforts to monitor service contracts, new Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) CTIP training for DoDEA personnel, and DoD's allied partner training on CTIP for military members from more than 50 countries. Click to <u>watch the meeting</u>.

CTIP Program Manager Linda Dixon represented the DoD at the Senior Policy Operating Group meeting on November 29, 2018, at the Department of State. Ms. Dixon talked about the CTIP PMO TIP awareness event on January 09, 2019, the new DoDEA training and the trailer video promoting the training, and the new DoD Outside the Continental United States CTIP PM in Afghanistan.



Check out the <u>3 new CTIP posters</u>! Print them out for display in your offices for January and year-round.

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