



Quarterly CTIP Newsletter

Afghanistan lessons in fight against human trafficking

Excerpts from article by Tonya Johnson, DCMA Public Affairs

Harvey Leake has seen up close the faces of human trafficking. Leake, who is a quality assurance engineer in Defense Contract Management Agency's Technical Directorate, deployed to Afghanistan from December 2015 to December 2016. During that time, he served as the Central Command's Combating Trafficking in Persons program manager.

Leake explained an example of human trafficking and its impact on the victim and her family.



There was a woman with four children who worked for a contractor and had not been paid in six months. Leake said she was also the victim of an unlicensed recruiter who threatened her for payment of illegal recruitment fees.

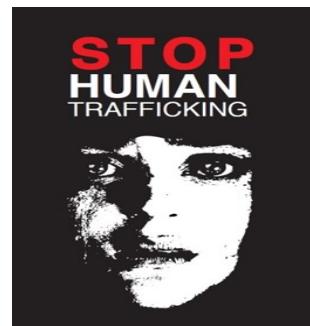
"I was able to immediately cite the contractor for violations of CTIP requirements and ensured that she and other workers were properly paid immediately," said Leake. "In addition, I was able to get the illegal recruiter barred from Afghanistan, which ended his threats and illegal activity. I will never forget her tears of joy from knowing all was made right for her. It was these types of events — making an impact in people's lives daily — that I will never forget." Click on the link to read more, ["Afghanistan CTIP deployment" engineer Human Trafficking quality assurance](#) (Aug. 10, 2017).



Leake was asked to return to Afghanistan in December 2017. [Photos provided by Harvey Leake.]

2018 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day Seminar

As part of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) hosted an event on January 11, 2018 for Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Mr. Anthony M. Kurta, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy, offered the welcoming remarks, telling the audience about DoD efforts to combat trafficking in persons. Deputy Chief William C. Lagasse of the Pentagon Police introduced the speakers who were: Ms. Tina Frundt, a member of the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking and the founder of Courtney's House; Supervisory Special Agent Robert E. Bornstein from the Crimes Against Children Division for the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and Ms. Staca Shehan, Executive Director of the Case Analysis Division at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Each speaker talked about human trafficking cases involving children, several of which occurred in the Washington, DC area, bringing the issue home for those in the audience. Mr. Jonathon H. Cofer, Director of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) delivered the closing remarks, mentioning how moved he was by the presentations. PFPA organizers have received positive feedback from attendees, many stating their views on this topic are forever changed.



National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Defense Media Activity (DMA) created a Web special for January, which is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month (NSHTPM). The page contains videos, interviews, infographics about human trafficking , White House links and official documents related to NSHTPM. Please

take a few minutes to check out the site [here](#).

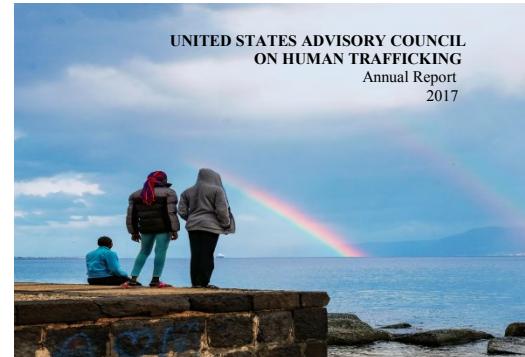
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Interagency Activities

The U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking released its Annual Report on January 5, 2018. The report acknowledges the engagement of federal agencies with the Council and their efforts to implement the recommendations in the 2016 report. Council members also traveled to Minnesota and Washington State to gather information and raise awareness about human trafficking and survivor engagement. Read this informative [report](#) on the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons website. [Photo credit: Ben Taub]



DoD CTIP Program Office Updates

As part of the Annual Report to the Attorney General, the CTIP Office is responding to the Department of Justice recommendations to the Department of Defense. They include:

- Identify ways to increase protections for foreign workers of U.S.-based companies and strengthen efforts to collaborate with the private sector to address human trafficking in global supply chains.
- Continue to implement and promote the policies and principles enumerated in the Federal Acquisition Regulation Ending Trafficking in Persons.
- Strengthen agencies' efforts to incorporate survivor input, including recommendations by the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, into anti-trafficking policies and programs.
- Enhance efforts to proactively detect, report, and prosecute labor trafficking cases. Develop awareness training and materials on working with labor trafficking victims.
- Increase public awareness and outreach to the public about human trafficking, as well as outreach to local communities and NGOs on available resources and the U.S. Government's response to human trafficking.

A summary of actions will be posted in next quarter's newsletter.

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