

# THE CONNECTION



WPAFB Resiliency Center Quarterly Newsletter

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## WPAFB's Integrated Resilience Office

This quarter, the WPAFB Integrated Resilience Office (IRO) would like to introduce you to three more of their staff members. Each play an integral part in providing training and assistance for the Wright-Patt community!

Melinda Jessup is the Prevention Coordinator. Melinda has been with IRO since October, and she has a background in Child and Youth Programs and the Exceptional Family Member Program. Melinda's specialty is community outreach and community partnerships. She is a Mental Health First Aid instructor and a Resilience Training Assistant and will become certified to teach all IRO classes.

Stephanie Sund is the Prevention Analyst. She takes the lead in collecting and analyzing data gathered from DEOCS and creating the biannual Comprehensive Integrated Primary Prevention Plan. Stephanie brings extensive and diverse knowledge to IRO as an Air Force veteran and experience working with military interpersonal violence and sexual harassment/sexual assault programs.

Our Prevention Specialist, Shelly Scantling, takes the lead in managing our education and training program. She ensures that our classes are continuously available to the Wright-Patterson community by posting, publicizing, and ensuring that participants receive credit for attendance. A Master Resiliency Trainer, Shelly plans and teaches Resilience Skill Training, SafeTALK, and will become certified to teach all IRO classes.

To view or sign up for any of our classes, check out our Tockify calendar at [tockify.com/88abwipro/pinboard](https://tockify.com/88abwipro/pinboard). If you have questions about any of the courses IRO offers or about Suicide Prevention annual training, please reach out to the org box at [88abw.cvb.integratedprevention@us.af.mil](mailto:88abw.cvb.integratedprevention@us.af.mil).

## Victims' Counsel: Protecting Victims' Rights

Protecting victims' rights during a military investigation and military justice process ensures justice and fairness, encourages reporting, and promotes trust and accountability. Ultimately, protecting a victim's rights ensures that the military justice system is not only effective in prosecuting wrongdoers but also compassionate and responsive to the needs of those who have been harmed.

Section 806b in the Manual for Courts-Martial, also known as Article 6b, outlines the rights victims have during the military justice process. These rights include:

1. Being reasonably protected from the accused.
2. Being timely notified of various proceedings.
3. Being present at any public hearing or proceeding related to the offense.
4. Being reasonably heard.
5. Being able to confer with government counsel.
6. Receive restitution.
7. Proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
8. Being informed in a timely manner of any plea agreement, separation-in-lieu-of-trial agreement, or non-prosecution agreement relating to the offense.
9. Being treated with fairness and respect.

Victims of sexual assault and domestic violence may be eligible to be represented by a Victims Counsel, an experienced military attorney who will work to protect the rights of the victim during the investigation and military justice process. Those not eligible for a Victims' Counsel will be advised on their rights as a victim by the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) coordinator at the base legal office.

# Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Every April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), and this year the Wright-Patt SAPR office decided to focus on going out and meeting the Wright-Patt population where they are, visiting various units, buildings, work centers, and social spots throughout the installation. SAPR staff passed out 50 Starbucks gift cards and 10 dozen teal ribbon cookies along with lots of promotional items to those wearing teal on Tuesdays or denim in honor of Denim Day (a worldwide day of protest against misconceptions around sexual assault).

SAPR also partnered with the USO, the Chaplains, and the Integrated Resilience Office to put together goodie bags for the dorm residents. Along with volunteers from the USO, SAPR Victim Advocates hung 330 bags with snacks and promotional items on the dorm room doors in honor of SAAPM.

Throughout the month of April, several units invited SAPR staff to visit, walk around, and connect with their personnel. SAPR believes these connections can make it easier for someone to call or walk in to the office when they have questions or need advocacy services. SAPR staff hopes these invitations to visit units and meet people across the base don't end with SAAPM. All are welcome to reach out to SAPR and invite them to your all calls, training days, or just to walk around and meet people in your work centers. To request a visit or a briefing, please email [88abw.sapr.orgbox@us.af.mil](mailto:88abw.sapr.orgbox@us.af.mil) or call 937-257-7272.



*Project coordinator,  
Brooke*



**SAAPM 2025!**



*Hanging dorm bags!*

## Chapel Community Worship Schedule

### Catholic Services

#### **Weekday Mass**

Monday, Wednesday: 1100 @ Hospital Chapel

Tuesday: 1130 @ AFIT Chapel

#### **Saturday Mass**

1700 @ Prairies Chapel

#### **Sunday Mass**

0900 @ Prairies Chapel

### Protestant Services

Sunday Service: 1100 @ Prairies Chapel

### Muslim Prayer

Friday: 1200 @ Hospital Chapel and AFIT Chapel

### Buddhist

Nichiren (SGI) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1100 @ CCC

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Chapel Info



## Useful Numbers

AFOSI.....	937-257-1680
Chaplain.....	937-257-7427
Command Post.....	937-257-6314
Employee Assistance (EAP).....	866-580-9078
Equal Opportunity.....	937-257-2789
Family Advocacy.....	937-257-4608
Legal Assistance.....	937-257-6142
M&FRC.....	937-257-3592
Mental Health.....	937-257-6877
MFLC.....	937-972-1054
SAPR.....	937-257-7272
Security Forces (LE Desk).....	937-257-6516
Victims' Counsel.....	937-522-3333
WPAFB Emergency.....	937-257-9111

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