

Interagency Task Force Releases Report on Human Trafficking

On April 9, 2013, the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF) released a progress report on their anti-trafficking efforts. *Progress in Combating Trafficking in Persons: The Obama Administration's Accomplishments* is a compilation of PITF's accomplishments as of February 2013.

The report focuses on achievements related to PITF's ten strategic objectives, which prioritized the prosecution of traffickers and the dismantling of trafficking networks, enhanced anti-trafficking training, increased public awareness, better victim identification and treatment, and expanded partnership and collaboration efforts of U.S. government and international entities, among others. The report details the combined efforts of the Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, and Labor in investigating human trafficking, as well as the formation and training of Anti-Trafficking Coordination Teams. The report also describes victim support and stakeholder training efforts by the Departments of State, Health and Human Services, Labor, Justice, Homeland Security, and Education, as well as those by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

PITF was authorized by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and established by Executive Order 13257 in 2002. PITF is comprised of various federal departments and agencies focused on a whole-of-government approach to address all aspects of human trafficking. **IAJ**

Davis-Monthan Hosts IA Personnel Recovery Exercise

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base recently hosted the world's largest personnel recovery exercise. Angel Thunder 2013 took place from April 7 to April 20, with various training scenarios located in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. Davis-Monthan conducted the first Angel Thunder in 2006 as a base-specific exercise, but Angel Thunder has since grown to become an international and interagency training opportunity for all personnel recovery assets.

Angel Thunder 2013 is the largest and most realistic search and rescue exercise designed to provide personnel recovery and combat search and rescue training for combat aircrews, pararescue, intelligence personnel, battle managers, and joint search and rescue center personnel. The exercise included personnel from the U.S. Air Force Rescue forces, as well as their joint, interagency, and international counterparts. Participants trained for full spectrum personnel recovery operations with ground recovery personnel, air assets, special forces teams, and federal agents.

Angel Thunder 2013 included a variety of training scenarios, including exercises in air-sea battle, security cooperation, interagency operations, and support to civil authorities focused on catastrophic incident search and rescue. **IAJ**