Defense Logistics Agency Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) Event





Dana Bandish

- Who: DLA personnel
- What: Guest Speaker Sexual Trauma and the Aftermath
- When: April 10, 2024 11:30 am 12:30 pm
- Where: Microsoft Teams
- Why: To bring awareness to sexual trauma

Ms. Dana Bandish is a survivor of three sexual trauma incidents. Two of her sexual assault incidents occurred in her childhood, and one while serving in the military. Joining the U.S. Army at the age of 18, she served six years on Army active-duty status, and eight years on Army Reserve status. During her years of military service, she faced many obstacles. The biggest obstacle being a Military Sexual Trauma that occurred early on in her career. Although tragic, she did not allow that to define her. After many years of avoidance and then finally seeking healing and therapy, Dana has been able to share her story helping to spread awareness and educate others on sexual violence and the healing process.

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Dang has shared her life story over two hundred times to many different audiences and on many different subjects related to trauma. Besides public speaking, she also began a blog sharing her life story titled "From Victim to Victorious." Being an advocate for survivors of trauma remains to be her passion.

Dana is currently living in Norfolk, VA and working as a Nanny. She has two adult children and two amazing grandsons.

Dana is currently a member of the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) Speakers Bureau, and has worked with many other organizations such as the Montgomery County Speakers Bureau, Hope in The Valley Equine Rescue Sanctuary, and the Dayton Correction Institute. She has also participated in a few televised interviews regarding topics such as "Rape Kit Backlog" and "Striking Back."

This event is not intended to be an endorsement of RAINN by DLA or DoD.