



## Services NCO takes charge in Spain

by Senior Airman Chasity Johnson  
183rd Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. George Wilson, services technician for the 183rd Fighter Wing, returned home from a deployment to Morón Air Base, Spain.

Tech. Sgt. Wilson and two other airmen from the 183rd volunteered for the deployment, which was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. "I felt that my help and knowledge could be used in Spain," said Tech. Sgt. Wilson.

While there, Tech. Sgt. Wilson helped raise the morale of servicemembers on the air base by executing responsibilities as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Morón Air Base Community Center and by managing the base movie theater there.

"The deployment enabled me to utilize my management skills by implementing services and activities at a deployed location," said Tech. Sgt. Wilson.

When he was not facilitating the events and activities that took place at the community center and successfully running the movie theater, he found time to take in the monuments of the nearby city, Seville, Spain.

"I had a great time sightseeing and observing all of the architectures," said Tech. Sgt. Wilson.

He said viewing the Cathedral of Seville, the larg-



Tech. Sgt. George Wilson stands in front of a statue at the University of Seville, Spain. Wilson recently was deployed to Morón Air Base where he served as a non-commissioned officer in charge of the Community Center. *Courtesy Photo*

est Gothic cathedral and the third-largest church in the world, was one of his favorite experiences while there. Tech. Sgt. Wilson said that he was not only able to use the skills that he has accumulated during his nine years with the 183rd Fighter Wing while in Spain, but that his experience will enable him to enhance his job performance.

"The skills that I acquired as the NCOIC of the community center at Morón Air Base will assist me throughout the rest of my military career," said Tech. Sgt. Wilson.

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## Just the Facts

### Unit Training Assembly Schedule and pay dates



#### Duty Performed      Pays out (approx.)

MAR 6-7                      MAR 15

APR 10-11                   APR 21

MAY 1-2                      MAY 12

**PLEASE NOTE:** Duty hours for each UTA/SUTA will be 0800-1200 and 1300-1700 unless otherwise scheduled in advance. Mark your calendar! For more pay information, see the DFAS website at <http://www.dfas.mil/index.htm>. Pay information is under the Money Matters heading.

## Attention!

The deadline for the  
**APRIL** issue of the  
**Falcon's View** is **SATURDAY,**  
**MARCH 6, at 1700.**



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## 183rd Human Resource Advisor

### Change, SMART Goals, & Elevator Speeches

by Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Korte  
Human Resource Advisor

In February, the HRA office sponsored a “leadership”, “improve yourself”, “learn something new” seminar for members of the 183rd. Lt. Col. George Vukotich (pictured below) gave a presentation on the Sunday of February drill. The title of this learning event was “Change is Happening



Are You?” There were three opportunities to attend the seminar and grow in a professional manner. Topics of change, how you react to it, what you do with it, and how you can use it to better yourself were covered. The slides from the presentation can be found on the Wing CoP/Wing HQ/HRA folder. The video shown during the second and third session was titled “Did You Know?” and can be found on YouTube. I encourage you to check them out!

I would like to thank those that attended a session. Thank you for your participation and comments. Your support for such programs and your desire to improve



yourself and mentor others is inspiring. If you could not make it do to other commitments, check out the slides and the video. You are the reason we are a strong Air National Guard unit. You are the reason we move forward and continue to learn and grow. You are the reason we have a bright future! Thank you!!

# Becoming a spiritual leader

by Lt. Col. Robert Barry  
183rd ASUS Chaplain's Office

One of the most admirable characteristics of many young people today is their desire to "become a spiritual person". For many this is somewhat vague and ambiguous, and because of that I might be able to help.

A spiritual person, first of all, is one who believes we are subject to a divine power who watches over us and judges our action. Not self-evident, this divine power rewards our belief and our good actions and punishes in some fashion our misdeeds and unwillingness to trust. The divine subtly communicates itself to us either through our conscience or through prayer, revealing who and what it is and what it wishes and demands of us. To become a spiritual person, we first must believe in the mysterious character of the divine, confront the struggle to know and understand it and be willing to cooperate with it. The divine is so different from us that our knowledge and understanding does not come quickly and easily, but for most individuals, only after a serious and



deliberate search which may involve some suffering. For most spiritual people, this search for the divine calls forth a lifetime of prayer, meditation and reflection. The mysterious powers whom we seek to know and serve are hidden and mysterious, and they show themselves only to those who genuinely and seriously search for them.

But, to become a spiritual person, not only must one struggle with the mysterious divine touching our lives, but it also demands for most a new structure to our conduct. Jesus' Apostles declare that they must do God's will above everything else. Common to spiritual people is their concern for others. They are willing

to accept significant personal sacrifices to foster the well-being of others. Mother Theresa gave up a comfortable life for the slums of Calcutta. In the Gospels, the Good Samaritan not only helps the victim of bandits, but he pays for the victims healing from his own resources. In the story of Zaccheus, he pays back twice what he has stolen, and if he defrauded anyone, he pays them back fourfold. The truly spiritual person avoids actions that bring shame, that are unfair or unjust to others or that can be construed as malicious. They are almost generous to a fault, and their first thought is not for themselves, but for others. If a spiritual person is guilty of any of these actions, they are swift to ask forgiveness and mercy, and they genuinely and authentically try to reform.

The most important thing about spiritual people is that they are happy. Carrying no burden of guilt or shame, and having neither offended nor burdened people, they feel neither guilty nor useless, neither angry nor suspicious. More than that, discovering the mystery of the divine and overcoming spiritual people are usually eager to share with others their spiritual discoveries, their new life and their happiness.

One can see why many young people today are eager to become "spiritual people"!

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Catholic Mass:  
Saturday 1600hrs Chapel





# Communications Flight lands two LAN pilot projects

by Capt. Shawn Strahle  
183rd Communications Flight Commander

The 183rd Fighter Wing, Communications Flight has the honor of being selected to be the pilot unit for the testing and deployment of the Network Control Center Reconstruction (NCC-R) project and Desktop Alert Emergency Notification System for all Air National Guard units. This project is an exciting move forward in our existing server technology that brings our NCC server architecture up to speed with the latest advancements. The backbone of the project is the virtualization operating system, which runs our server operating systems. The use of virtual servers has been used in the IT industry and educational environments for the several years and has proven very effective. The basic virtual machine (VM) technology allows you to run multiple servers on a single piece of physical server hardware. For example, with one physical server and with enough resources (memory, hard drive space, and processing power) it can run 10-15 virtual servers. This results in increased server capacity for a reduced hardware investment. Reducing the physical hardware needs of the NCC also benefits the use of electrical consumption. Server rooms are known for their need of large amounts of cooling due to the fact that the servers put out a lot of heat. The NCC-R will make a large impact on the level of AC units needed to keep the server room at the proper temperature level.

The NCC-R project is much more than that though. We currently have 25 physical servers in our NCC. With the initial deployment of this project we are migrating 15 of them to the VM environment. NCC-R added a server rack of five servers with the latest physical design technology into a shared hardware

resource pool. This will provide our needed redundancy in the event we have a hardware failure with one or more servers, the VM servers will continue to operate as normal. With the amount of processor power, memory, and hard drive space we could easily run over 100 VM servers with the NCC-R. The new server technology in the VM environment will also increase the performance of applications. Web servers, database, and all of our applications that currently run on individual hardware servers, will benefit by the migration to the NCC-R. Along with the server hardware you need storage, so we have added two Storage Area Network (SANs) to the infrastructure. These are basically large hard drive storage devices in the multiple-terabyte range. One is located with the servers in the NCC as the primary storage array and the other is used offsite as a backup. The NCC-R project allows us to improve and fill out our Continuity of Operations (COOP) in

case of a catastrophic failure with the primary NCC. We are also putting into operation features in Microsoft server operating system that will make the recovery of deleted files easier for the base users.

The Desktop Alert System software will be hosted on our VM servers and is used to provide computer pop-up, email, text message, phone, and base paging alerts for various situations. This system is already used extensively by the Air Force for accountability and disseminating emergency information. It will increase our ability to communicate critical information such as: weather delays, force protection changes, base utility outages, and any other vital news to the wing personnel. The program uses a phased approach: the first phase is computer desktop implementation followed by telephone contact accountability and the last phase will be the base paging system..

Upgrading the Information Technology infrastructure for the 183rd will enhance our ability to support our new mission tasking and meet the any future growth.



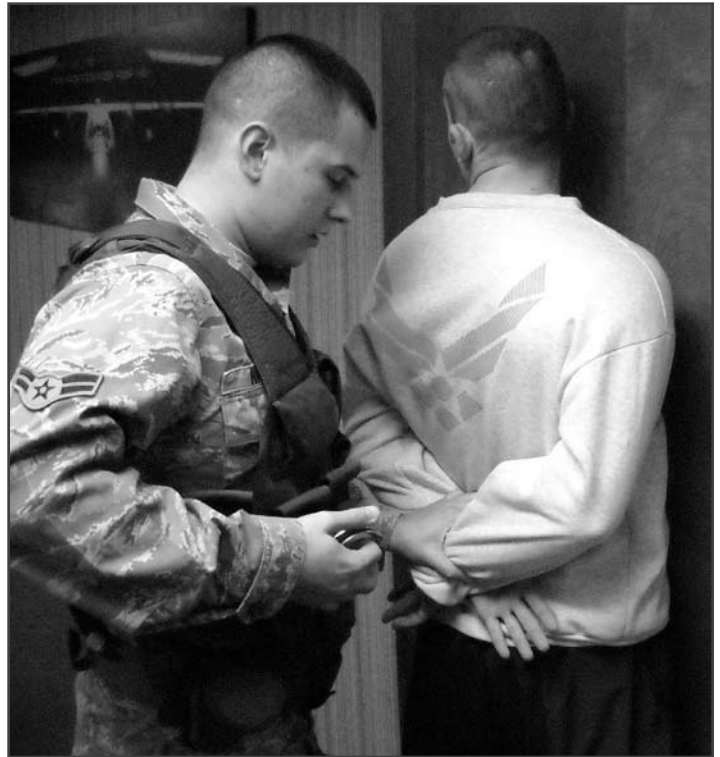
### Security Forces go south for training

by Capt. James Robinson  
Security Forces Commander

The 183rd Security Forces Squadron deployed for training (DFT) to Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida, Jan 9-23. The purpose of the DFT was to conduct SFS combat training at a southern tier active duty base so members could take advantage of a milder climate and active duty resources. Unfortunately for us, however, the entire Florida panhandle was experiencing the longest cold streak it had seen in over 20 years! However, we didn't have any complaints because the climate was definitely better than what Illinois was experiencing.

We arrived on a Saturday afternoon, got into our on-base billets, hit the chow hall, and prepared for the next day's training schedule. The training was intense, but the Security Forces defenders would not have it any other way. Even with the many bumps and bruises (unfortunately, we also had one broken bone), the feedback received by the team was overwhelmingly positive. I have learned over the years that SF defenders enjoy performing strenuous training that is relevant and prepares them for the unique challenges the SF career field faces – this DFT was no different. For this DFT, SF defenders received training in HAZMAT first responder, Lautenberg Act, blood borne pathogens, self-aid buddy care, use of force, introduction to knife defense, knife defense, ASP and OC (ASP is a brand name for a collapsible baton, oleoresin capsicum is OC) recertification training, introduction to intermediate weapons use, empty handed / expandable baton take downs, and ground avoidance/escape techniques. All of this training is vital for SF defenders as they perform their duties, both here and abroad.

Training topics such as knife defense, ground avoidance/escape, ASP and OC, may sound foreign, but they are important skills that SF defenders may have to use to protect oneself or others. For instance, knife defense training is law enforcement /civil disturbance based training that covers defensive tactics for peace keepers during a close proximity, edged weapon assaults. This training also includes instruction regarding how to disarm an armed assailant as well as how to get the assailant into a position to be detained. The ground avoidance/ground escape training covers tactics regarding how to avoid being taken to the ground by an assailant, and how to get off the ground should you be taken down. ASP and OC are commonly referred to as batons and pepper spray. These two items are additional tools located



Senior Airman Mike Gilreath apprehends an aggressive combative during recent training at Eglin AFB, Fla. *Courtesy Photo*

in the SF defender's tool bag that provides them with additional less than lethal force options at their disposal.

The DFT culminated in practical scenarios which included responding to calls for assistance to incidents such as fights in progress, domestic assault, suicidal subjects, and loud noise complaints. Scenarios required the responding officers to use good verbal skills to deescalate the situation, go "hands-on" with the offender, or a combination of both. During the scenarios, students were evaluated on maintaining reactionary gap, situational awareness, verbal communication skills, and the ability to move through all levels of the Use of Force model.

The team trained very hard, took the training serious, and are undoubtedly better prepared to defeat threats associated with SF duties both in-garrison and while deployed. Morale was high throughout the entire deployment and members stated this was the best DFT they had experienced. In short, the team trained hard, camaraderie grew, esprit de corps was strengthened, and SF defenders are better prepared today to meet the threats associated with their duties. If you would like to be a part of our top-notch, award winning Squadron, please contact me at 217-757-1392 to learn more about the duties of SF defenders.

## Spring semi-annual retirees luncheon planned

Retirees of the 183rd Fighter Wing will be getting together to share stories of days-gone-by and catch up on what is new.

Every retiree is encouraged to attend and bring someone with you.

If you need more information or have questions, contact the Public Affairs office at 217-757-1267 or Mr. Walt Pierce at 217-787-1226.

**What:** Semi-Annual Retiree Luncheon

**When:** Friday, Apr. 30, at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Diamond Buffet (formerly Shakey's Pizza and Buffet), 2441 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield.

**Cost:** \$7.50 per person covers a meal, drinks, dessert, and tax. (A gratuity basket will be available.)

## 183rd Fire Department Reunion

A reunion for all current, retired, and former 183rd Fire Department members has been planned. All past and present members are encouraged to attend and bring photos, stories, and a guest, if desired.

If you need more information or have questions, contact Mr. Jim Cribbett at [retms-gt1@earthlink.net](mailto:retms-gt1@earthlink.net) or 217-629-9811.

**When:** Sunday, Apr. 18, from 1-5 p.m.

**Where:** Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 940 W. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield.

**Cost:** Cash bar; everything else provided.

## Retirees breakfast gathering

Come join the retirees for breakfast. Some are new, some are old, and some are even older than that, but it's always an enjoyable way to start the day. The monthly retirees breakfast will be Tuesday, March 2, at King Pin Lanes on the corner of Sangamon Ave. and Dirksen Parkway. They say they meet at 8 a.m., but if you're not there by 7:30 a.m., the early birds have taken the good seats!

## A few tips for income tax preparation

*submitted by the Base Legal Office*

*from: [illinoislawyerfinder.com](http://illinoislawyerfinder.com)*

As April 15th approaches, taxpayers must decide whether they need help preparing their returns and, if so, who is best able to provide the help they need.

Many changes in the tax laws are passed each year. Taxpayers who are in doubt about both new and existing laws may decide to utilize a tax return preparation service. If confronted with complex tax issues, the services of a tax attorney or accountant may be needed.

For the income tax "do-it-yourselfer," obtaining the right forms and carefully reading instructions is the best place to start. Here are additional tips: review your checkbook and paid receipts for all possible deductions. Don't forget to include the amount you paid on last year's Illinois income tax and other deductible taxes.

If you paid maintenance (alimony), it is deductible, and if you received such payments, it must be reported as income. Child support payments, however, are not deductible for the person making them, nor are they reportable as income for the spouse receiving them on behalf of minor children.

When April 15th passes, most of us sigh with relief that our tax concerns are over for another year. However, some people may find themselves looking at tax issues later in the year if they become the subject of an Internal Revenue Service audit.

If you are notified that you are the subject of an audit, here are ways you can prepare for dealing with the IRS:

- Determine whether it is a civil or criminal inquiry;
- Clarify whether it's you or your business that is being audited;
- Know which year or years are in question and the particular deduction or income of concern to the Internal Revenue Service;
- Gather all relevant W-2 forms, receipts and other personal documents.

In all dealings with the IRS, remember to be as factual and complete in your answers as possible. An experienced tax attorney can help you prepare for your audit.

It is important for you to recognize that you have certain responsibilities as a taxpayer. Make sure you enter all information in a true and accurate way. Remember that you are ultimately responsible for information contained in your tax return, even if someone else prepares your return. If your return is successfully challenged by the IRS, you will have to pay the additional taxes due, plus interest and possibly penalties, regardless of how your return is prepared and filed. And, if you knowingly provide false information, you could also be subject to criminal penalties, including jail.

Note: This information was prepared as a public service by the Illinois State Bar Association and is a joint project with the Illinois Press Association. Its purpose is to inform citizens of their legal rights and obligations.



## World Kidney Day is March 11

by Tech. Sgt. Amy Murphy  
183rd Medical Group

Kidneys provide two major functions within our bodies. They remove waste products and excess fluids from the body. These waste products are removed through urine. Here is a list of the many functions of the kidneys:

- Remove waste products from the body
- Remove drugs from the body
- Balance the body's fluids
- Release hormones that regulate blood pressure
- Produce an active form of vitamin D
- Controls the production of red blood cells

Where exactly are our kidneys? You have two kidneys in your body, located on either side of your spine at the lowest level of the rib cage and are the size of your fist. They filter and return 200 quarts of fluid every 24 hours, with two quarts of that being urine. Isn't that amazing!

Chronic kidney disease include conditions that damage your kidneys and decrease their ability to keep you healthy by doing the jobs listed above. If kidney disease gets worse, wastes can build up in your body to high levels and make you feel sick. You may develop high blood pressure, anemia, (low blood count) weak bones, and nerve damage. Chronic kidney disease can be caused by diabetes, high blood

pressure, and other disorders. When kidney disease progresses, it may eventually lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant. Signs of chronic kidney disease include:

- Feel more tired and have less energy
- Have a poor appetite
- Have muscle cramping at night
- Have puffiness around your eyes
- Urinating more often

Dialysis is a treatment that does some of the things that are done by the kidneys. Dialysis is needed when your own kidneys can no longer take care of your body's needs and when you develop end-stage kidney failure. By this time you have lost eighty-five to ninety percent of your kidney function. Dialysis is usually done in a hospital setting but at times can be performed at the patient's home. Dialysis has been performed since the 1940s and been a regular treatment option since the 1960s. Dialysis will not cure kidney disease, and has to be continued until you could possibly receive a new kidney.

Twenty-six million American adults have chronic kidney disease and millions others are at risk. With early detection, you can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure. Heart disease is the major cause of death for all people with chronic kidney disease, so get an annual physical from your doctor! By getting these three simple tests, you can detect if you have chronic kidney disease:

- Blood pressure
- A urine test called urine albumin
- A blood test called serum creatinine

## SERVICES IS BACK COOKING. WELCOME HOME!



Served 1100-1300

### SATURDAY MAIN LINE

Fried chicken  
♥ Tilapia  
Mashed potatoes  
Gravy  
Rice Pilaf  
Broccoli  
Vegetable Blend  
Corn  
Salad bar  
Brownies

### SUNDAY MAIN LINE

Baked rigatoni  
♥ Lemon baked fish  
Oven brown potatoes  
Wild rice  
Asparagus  
Peas and mushrooms  
Salad bar  
Cookies

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY SHORT ORDER

Pizza  
Fries

\*Menu is subject to change  
♥ Heart healthy

### Mission Support Group – A Diverse Organization

by Col. Stephen Baggerly  
Mission Support Group Commander

The 183rd Fighter Wing's Mission Support Group (MSG) is a diverse organization charged with supporting the missions of the 183rd FW and the 217th EIS on a daily basis. The MSG touches every part of the base by providing support to the Wing in the areas of personnel, customer service, fire protection and rescue, security, background checks, logistics, installation deployment functions, transportation, travel arrangements, base services such as lodging and feeding, civil engineering (to include grounds maintenance, building maintenance and base master planning), communications, recruiting and retention, and lastly, contracting services. The MSG consists of both full-time staff and traditional guardsmen working to make the wing a safe, efficient place to work. There are five subordinate squadrons/flights within the MSG; each one with a commander who reports to the Mission Support Group Commander. For the purpose of this article, I thought I would give a brief overview of the MSG by describing the major squadrons and/or flights within the Group.

#### Communications Flight:

The 183rd Communications Flight (CF), commanded by Capt. Shawn Strahle, is comprised of 30 personnel, 15 full-time and 15 traditional guardsmen. It is responsible for providing the secure and reliable base communications infrastructure including computer networks; ground radios systems, base telephone systems, and all information technology assets. The personnel manage planning, acquisition, security and proper administration of the NIPRNet and SIPRNet computer networks. They provide ground radio programming, installation, and repair of the communications infrastructure of the wing and ILHQ/ANG.

They install and administer phone lines including standard analog and digital Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP).

CF also provides a vital Homeland Security mission for State and Federal missions in manning and operating the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC). This communication system is designed to provide first responder communications support. Further, CF supplies computer network, radio assets, radio frequency bridging, video teleconferencing, and satellite communities.

#### Logistics Readiness Squadron:

The 183rd Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS), commanded by Lt. Col. James Bentley, is comprised of 43 personnel, 22 full-time and 21 traditional guardsmen. LRS provides mobility, transportation, supply and fuels to move and sustain the Wing. LRS acts as the single authority for materiel and distribution management as well as managing the Wing's Installation Deployment Office and maintaining our deployment machine. LRS's mission is to provide overall direction and management of base logistics processes related to vehicles, cargo movement, supplies, equipment, deployment planning and operations, and fuels. The goals of the LRS are to be combat ready, support the wing's logistical needs, develop skill sets, provide for the professional development of our troops, improve customer satisfaction and maintain high morale.

The squadron is organized into five sections: Materiel Management Flight (LGRM); Operations Compliance Function (LGLO); Deployment and Distribution Flight (LGRD); Vehicle Management Flight (LGRV); and Fuels Management Flight (LGRF).

The Materiel Management Flight is responsible for stocking, storing, issuing, managing, inventorying, and inspecting DoD supplies and equipment. This flight is the primary liaison between customers and the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center (AFGLSC). The flight consists of three sections: Asset Management, Maintenance Support and Customer Support.

Customer Support.

The Operations Compliance Function is the squadron commander's single point of contact for "health of the squadron" issues. It provides oversight of squadron compliance, training, resources, accountability and analysis. This function provides interface with internal and external customers and monitors performance indicators and provides the Commander with internal compliance inspections while monitoring all related Air Force, Command, Wing and Squadron regulations to ensure quality service and accountability.

The Deployment & Distribution Flight is responsible for the centralized command and control, planning, and execution of all Wing deployment operations, the distribution of cargo and passengers and vehicle operations. The flight is responsible for the execution of Air & Space Expeditionary Forces (AEF) Management, Unit Type Code (UTC) Management, In-Garrison Expeditionary Site Planning, and Installation Deployment Planning. It operates a Deployment Control Center (DCC), Reception Control Center (RCC), and Installation Deployment Readiness Cell (IDRC), as necessary. This flight is also responsible for the management of the Wing's War Reserve Materiel (WRM) and Support Agreements.

The Vehicle Management Flight is the single authority and source for maintenance and management of the installation's motor vehicle fleet. It is responsible for the overall management and maintenance of the Wing's vehicle fleet and assign, account for, and maintain vehicle assets so they are safe, efficient, and environmentally sound and meet the Wing's needs.

The Fuels Management Flight is responsible to ensure quality petroleum products, cryogenics and other fluids are acquired and issued safely and efficiently to using organizations. They are responsible to ensure that the fleet of R-11 refueling vehicles and storage facilities are maintained in top-notch condition at all times. Laboratory personnel also con-



duct in-depth analyses of all petroleum products received to ensure that only the best products are issued to our wing customers.

### **Contracting Section:**

The 183rd Contracting Section (MSC), headed by Master Sgt. Brent Keller, is comprised of five personnel, three are full-time and two traditional guardsmen. The mission of contracting is to execute dual responsibilities: to meet mission requirements while serving as strong stewards of the taxpayer's dollars. The MSC provides the required goods and services necessary to accomplish the Air Force mission by obligating funds in a fair, equitable, and transparent manner. Many of these acquisitions include: tools, communication equipment, weapons, uniforms and office supplies, janitorial service, refuse removal, lawn care, contract employees, catering, utility repair, alteration of buildings, and new construction. In FY 2009 the MSC obligated by contract \$6.75M and \$1.1M by using the Government Credit Card system.

### **Force Support Squadron:**

The Force Support Squadron (FSS), commanded by Lt. Col. Kevin Mulcahy is a multi-faceted squadron that encompasses many duties and functions across the wing. When the Military Personnel Flight (MPF) joined together with the Services Flight, the new organization was renamed the Force Support Squadron (FSS). While many of the old duties of the MPF remain the same, you may not recognize the new titles and office symbols, so the following information may be of assistance.

The Command Staff heading up the FSS includes the Commander/Director of Personnel (Lt. Col. Mulcahy) and the Force Support Squadron Superintendent (Chief Master Sgt. Pier). These two positions are responsible for managing the subsequent sections. The Force Development Flight (FSD/ FSDE), was once known as the Base Education and Training Office. This office is the go-to staff that can answer all questions pertaining to formal schools, testing, airman and officer classification actions, professional

military education and Student Flight training issues. They also are responsible for providing guidance to the Unit Training Managers as changes occur. The Military Personnel Section (FSMP) are the individuals that you interact with the most. Customer Support (FSMPS) has gone virtual with their records but still issue ID cards or help you update your SGLI insurance. They also handle questions regarding Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) or DEERs. The Career Development Branch (FSMPD) was previously known as Career Enhancements. They will guide you through the promotion process, Officer Performance Reports and Evaluations, the awards and decorations process and give advice/direction on administrative discharge procedures. Force Management (FSMPM) is the latest buzz word and what used to be called Employments is now combined under this new title. All manning assignments, accessions, selective retention, reenlistments and extensions, retirements and separations are this office's focal point. The last section, Manpower & Personnel Flight (FSM) includes both the Personnel Systems Manager and the Human Resource Office (HRO) Remote Designee (RD). All roster and system requests are sent through this office and any full-time manning issues are the responsibility of the RD. One of the busiest sections is Readiness, now called Operations Readiness and Plans (FSOX), the personnel staffed here ensure that members are ready and able to deploy. They work with your Unit Deployment Managers and the Installation Deployment/Plans office to verify that all reporting instructions are complied with and that the deploying members have fulfilled all deployment obligations. All of these functions could not be complete without our Recruiting and Retention Office personnel. This valuable staff enlists, appoints and maintains the high quality members that have made this unit a success.

Lastly, what was once just known as Services is now the Sustainment Services Flight (FSV). The Fitness and Sports section (FSVS) is still responsible for

the work-out equipment that is available to every base member. The Lodging (FSVL) section manages the new reservation system while the Food Operations section prepares and serves the outstanding healthy, well-balanced meals you have become accustomed to here on-base and at our summer camps of the past. The last section in the FSV (Readiness) is responsible for all the behind the scenes duties involving Funeral Honors, Mortuary Affairs, Search & Recovery and MWR funding.

### **Security Forces Squadron:**

The Security Forces Squadron (SFS) has a unique force structure. Due to the requirement to constantly provide base security here at the 183rd, the SFS has personnel working 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Security forces squadrons across the Air National Guard have a demanding full-time mission of securing buildings, personnel and equipment found on airbases across the United States and Puerto Rico. This career field has been in high-demand since the tragedy of 9/11 in New York City. The SFS, commanded by Major James Robinson, includes 74 authorized positions of which two of those positions are officer positions. There are 30 full-time positions within SFS and 44 traditional guardsmen in the squadron.

The mission of the SFS is to plan for and employ the core competencies of security and air provost operations to protect and defend Air Force installations, activities, infrastructure, resources and personnel at home station and in deployed locations by controlling the Base Security Zone. SFS directly contribute to the installation's Integrated Defense via Air Provost Operations which encompass many other special disciplines such as crime prevention, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, and access control. SFS also provide weapons qualifications training, forecast for sufficient ammunition in support of training, inspect and service small arms and crew-served weapons for Security Forces and Air Force personnel IAW applicable directives.

SFS is the lead security forces Quick Reaction Force (QRF) for the State of Illinois in times of natural disasters and man-made tragedies when additional security assets are needed and authorized by the Adjutant General and Governor of Illinois.

### **Civil Engineering Squadron:**

The 183rd Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) has two overarching missions in the Illinois Air National Guard: 1) Provide ready and adaptable engineering, fire fighting, and emergency management forces in support of State and Federal taskings, and 2) Sustain, repair, and modernize Base facilities, infrastructure, and services to support the 183rd Centralized Intermediate Repair Facility (CIRF), Component Numbered Air Force (cNAF) and Expeditionary Combat Support Units.

The CES is comprised of 70 traditional guardsmen and 41 full-time staff members consisting of federal technicians, State employees, AGRs, and contract employees. The 183rd CES is the type of civil engineer units know as a Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF). The squadron is capable of supporting all base operating missions and their "go to war" tasking is centered around the construction, sustainment, and demobilization of an airbase. In addition to air field and base support, the squadron is also capable of supporting recovery operations after a man-made or natural disaster and specializes in the emergency-response to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents.

The squadron is comprised of 14 Air Force specialties:

1) Civil Engineer Officer: Leads, develops, and implements civil engineering force employment and provides staff supervision and technical advice to support the facilities and infrastructure of the combatant commander.

2) Engineering Assistants: Directs and performs field and technical investigations, drafting, mapping, surveying, contract management, and engineering design. Prepares plans, specifications,

drawings, and programming documents.

3) Electrical Systems: Installs, inspects, maintains, troubleshoots, repairs, and modifies high and low voltage, electrical distribution systems and components; airfield lighting systems; fire alarms and intrusion detection systems.

4) Electrical Power Production: Installs, operates, and modifies electrical generating power production plants and equipment, and aircraft arresting systems.

5) Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning: Installs, operates, maintains, and repairs heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC/R) systems, combustion equipment, and industrial air compressors.

6) Pavements/Construction Equipment: Manages, constructs, maintains, and repairs pavement and other surface areas, airfield mats and membranes, aircraft revetments, sub-grades, and drainage structures.

7) Structural: Manages, constructs, repairs, and modifies structural systems and wooden, masonry, metal, and concrete buildings. Fabricates and repairs components of buildings, utility systems, and real property equipment.

8) Utility Systems: Installs, inspects, repairs, and manages water and wastewater distribution systems and components, storm and sanitary sewage collection systems, and gas distribution systems.

9) Liquid Fuels System Maintenance: Installs, inspects, maintains, troubleshoots, repairs, and modifies liquid fuel storage, distribution, and dispensing systems.

10) Operations Management: Responsible for activating and managing civil engineer command and control centers during peacetime, wartime, and contingency operations. Processes and controls work requirements in contingency, wartime, and peacetime situations for work performed by civil engineer work forces.

11) Chief Enlisted Manager: Supervises general engineering activities related to all construction and utility

operations. Manages and directs personnel resource activities.

12) Environmental Management/Pest Management: Manages, evaluates, and executes pest management techniques, hazardous waste, and associated environmental compliance.

13) Fire Emergency Svcs: Protects people, property, and the environment from fires and disasters. Provides fire prevention, fire fighting, technical rescue, and hazardous material responses.

14) Emergency Management: Prepares, maintains, and monitors civil engineer operations plans and supporting documents for mobility, response, and recovery operations. Prepares, reviews and provides input to installation contingency plans. Monitors Prime BEEF training, air base operability, hazardous materials emergency response, and disaster preparedness programs, and conducts and schedules associated training.

In summary, you can see the Mission Support Group in an extremely diverse organization with squadrons/flights and functions that touches the entire base populace. The MSG recruits personnel, sends them to training schools, helps manage their training through the training office. The group secures the wing and its assets, maintains the roadways and buildings on base, pays the bills for utilities, protects life and property through the security forces, fuels the Centralized Intermediate Repair Facility (CIRF) and our fleet of GSA vehicles, maintains our long-haul fleet of trucks and vehicles, fixes the fire department's vehicles, feeds the troops, handles hotel reservations, enlists personnel to our wing – well, I hope you get the picture by now! As the newly named Mission Support Group Commander, I am proud of the work we do every day here at the 183rd Fighter Wing. The MSG has extremely dedicated members working in it with new challenges facing them each drill. I am certain we are up to the challenges and will work hard to meet all of your expectations as we go forward into the future together here at the wing.

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## Family Readiness News

If you have a member of your family that is a past or current member of the 183rd, or have information that a current or past member of the 183rd has passed away recently, please contact Mr. Joe Ward, Family Readiness Manager. We want to ensure that no one is forgotten for the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating all past and current members that have lost their lives each year. The Family Support Group is still sending sympathy cards to all deceased members' families, as well, but once again, we need the information. You can contact Joe by email at joe.ward.1@ang.af.mil or by calling 217-757-1569.

## HELP WANTED

The 183rd Family Readiness and Support Group needs your help. We are trying to recruit members, both new and old. I would like to have your input. From previous members, what worked and what didn't. From new members, what do you have to bring to the group and what you would you like to see incorporated into the group? So, let's band together, combine our ideas, and build a Family Support Group that we all will want to participate in.

## Volunteer Sign-up Form

Unit:

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Address:

Phone Number:

City:

State & Zip Code

Please return to:

183d Family Readiness Group  
3101 J. David Jones Parkway  
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## Promotions

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Mark D. Griffin

Harry R. Humphrey

James P. Kavanagh

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Michael R. Gensler

## Welcome Aboard

## New Enlistees

Lt. Col. Dennis E. Baker,  
Det 1, January 31, 2010

Maj. Jon D. Brown,  
Det 1, January 9, 2010

Maj. Scott A. Lemaster,  
Det 1, January 7, 2010

1st Lt. Mark J. Remspecher,  
MSG, January 9, 2010

Staff Sgt. Jacob M. Weiss,  
EIS, January 17, 2010

# Scholarships available to military members and their dependents

by Senior Airman Chasity Johnson  
183rd Public Affairs

Different people join the Air National Guard for different reasons. Some people feel inclined to perform a patriotic service to their country, while others acknowledge how the benefits of the service can enhance their professional and personal lives.

Regardless of the motivational factors that influenced you to join the Guard, there is an assortment of resources available to you as a servicemember and to your dependents, like scholarships for school.

The following is a list of some scholarships cited for military members and their dependents.

### **Military.com**

Website: <http://www.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do>

Description: The Military.com Scholarship Finder allows users to find various scholarships by using a customizable form.

### **Fastweb**

Website: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Description: The Fastweb.com allows users to find various scholarships by using a customizable form.

### **Scholarships for Military Children**

Website: <http://www.militaryscholar.org/>

Description: Program is open to sons and daughters of active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military commissary customers. Recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a four-year undergraduate college or university, accredited in the U. S. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 basis.

### **AMVETS**

Website: <http://www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships.html>

Description: AMVETS annually awards scholarships to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grand-

child of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education.

### **Air Force Association**

Website: <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/scholars.asp>

### **Air Force ROTC**

Website: <http://afrotc.com/scholarships/>

### **American Legion Auxillary**

Website: <http://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/index.aspx>

### **The American Legion**

Website: <http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

### **Veterans of Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom Scholarship**

Website: <http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/veteran.asp>

Description: These \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to active-duty and honorably discharged U.S. military veterans of the Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom operations who are currently pursuing an undergraduate degree at accredited institutions in the United States.

### **Fund for Veterans' Education**

Website: <http://www.veteransfund.org/eligibility.php>

Description: This scholarship is for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom who have been deployed for at least 60 days.

### **Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program**

Website: [http://www.collegezone.com/416\\_964.htm#How\\_to\\_Apply](http://www.collegezone.com/416_964.htm#How_to_Apply)

Description: This scholarship is for enlistees or company grade officers, up to the rank of captain, in the Illinois National Guard who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at an Illinois public college or university that is approved by the ISAC.

### **Ladies Auxiliary VFW**

Website: <http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/html/scholarships.html>

\*Please be advised that this is not an inclusive list of scholarships available to military members and their dependents.

# Tis the season— Tornadoes, Flash Floods & Lightning

by Tech. Sgt. Chris Rosser  
Base Safety Office

Do you know what to do and where to go during a tornado, flash floods or lightning? The following are pointers and tips for the upcoming storm season.

**Tornadoes:** Tornadoes are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200-300 mph can occur with the most violent tornadoes. The following are instructions on what to do when a tornado warning has been issued for your area or whenever a tornado threatens:

**In homes or small buildings:** Go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect you from flying debris.

**In schools, hospitals, factories or shopping center:** Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses.

**In high-rise buildings:** Go to

interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.

**In cars or mobile homes:** ABANDON THEM IMMEDIATELY!! Most deaths occur in cars and mobile homes. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter.

**If not suitable structure is nearby:** Lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

**Flash floods:** Do you know what to do if you see water crossing over a roadway? Flash floods and floods are the #1 weather-related killer with around 140 deaths recorded in the U.S. each year.

**When Inside:** If ordered to evacuate or if rising water is threatening, leave immediately and get to higher ground!

**If caught outdoors:** Go to higher ground immediately! Avoid small rivers or streams, low spots, canyons, dry riverbeds, etc. Do not try to walk through flowing water more than ankle deep! Do not allow children to play around streams, drainage ditches or viaducts, storm drains, or other flooded areas!

**If in a vehicle:** DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED AREAS! Even if it looks shallow enough to cross. The large majority of deaths due to flash flooding are

due to people driving through flooded areas. Water only one foot deep can displace 1500 lbs! Two feet of water can EASILY carry most automobiles! Roadways concealed by floodwaters may not be intact.

**Lightning Safety:** Do you know what to do if you are caught in the open during a thunderstorm or you feel tingling or your hair standing on end? Lightning causes around 100 deaths in the U.S. annually (more than hurricanes and tornadoes combined).

**General lightning safety rules:**

**When inside:** Avoid using the telephone (except for emergencies) or other electrical appliances. Do not take a bath or shower.

**If caught outdoors:** Go to a safe shelter immediately! Such as inside a sturdy building. A hard top automobile with the windows up can also offer fair protection.

If you are boating or swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a safe shelter away from the water! If you are in a wooded area, seek shelter under a thick growth of relatively small trees.

If you feel your hair standing on end, squat with your head between your knees. Do not lie flat!

**Avoid:** isolated trees or other tall objects, bodies of water, sheds, fences, convertible automobiles, tractors, and motorcycles.



## Practice OPSEC

Deny the adversary pieces of the puzzle.  
Know the threat. Protect the information.



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