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# Barrier certification

by Staff Sgt. James Miller 183rd Civil Engineering Squadron

When the 183rd Fighter Wing changed from a flying mission to a phase plane maintenance mission it meant we got to keep our Aircraft Arresting Systems (AAS) that are maintained by the Power Production shop here on base. The Power Pro shop was set to take the systems out in FY10, but then the phase mission got extended for another year. This meant Power Production would have to do another annual certification and

Oct. 1 was that day. The day of the certifications was a typical rainy, fall day in Illinois, but without fail the team pressed on and completed the job with the help of the fire department.

For those who do not know what an Aircraft Arresting System is, it is the equipment used when fighter jets have a problem stopping on the runway. Brake failure, wet runway pavement, or other problems in stopping the aircraft can result in taking of the AAS.

A certification on an AAS requires that a jet weighing 20,000 pounds and a high speed taxi of 105 knots (121mph) with the tail hook down to engage the cable on the AAS. Immediately following

a successful engagement, the fire department has to get the jet out of the cable before the Power Pro shop can rewind the cable. To assist in resetting the cable, there are two Wisconsin gasoline engines that pull the cable back to the starting point. After the



(Photo taken by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr)

cable is pulled back, it has to be placed in the support blocks which elevate the cable to the 2-inch height that is required.

The certification performed on Oct. 1 may be the last one accomplished here at the 183rd if the phase aircraft mission goes away. It was a sad day when the Wing's last jet departed for another permanent station and it will likely be another sad occasion if we were to lose the AAS at our base.



(Photo taken by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr)

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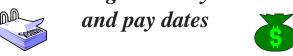
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#### Just the Facts

## Unit Training Assembly Schedule and pay dates



<u>Duty Performed</u>	Pays out (approx.)
NOV 7-8	NOV 18
<b>DEC 5-6</b>	<b>DEC 15</b>
JAN 9-10	JAN 20

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 **DECEMBER** issue of the Falcon's View is SATURDAY, NOV. 7, at 1700.

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Base Commander	. 219
Base Operations	. 202
217th EIS Commander	
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#### **183rd Human Resource Advisor**

# The leader in you

by Senior Master Sgt. Brenda Korte Human Resource Advisor

What does the HRA have to do with leadership? What qualities do successful leaders demonstrate? What can we do to enhance our leadership skills? In order to address these questions, the HRA theme for November is Leadership.

As the Human Resource Advisor (HRA), I have several roles and responsibilities. I communi-



cate with command leadership concerning Force Development and Force Management, and how to infuse diversity and mentoring into these areas. I approach these areas from a leadership perspective and how we can enhance our leadership qualities and increase the number of successful leaders we have at the 183rd Fighter Wing.

What makes someone a successful leader? Successful leaders instill confidence, earn lasting respect and create

willing followers who provide the foundation of professionalism at every

Remember the flywheel article from several months ago? Well, this month take the flywheel challenge for Leadership and ask yourself: "What

did I do today to push on the flywheel?"

- Do I lead passionately to inspire and empower Airmen to action around the enduring values of integrity, service, and excellence?
- Am I relentless in the quest to empower breakthrough in the daily pursuit to reach, to stretch, to lead?
- How do I challenge and develop Airmen and create change through them?

It is, ABOVE ALL, to lead: with purpose, with honor, with compassion. To stand for something, to have made some difference through the strength of our commitment to lead!

#### **Chaplains Corner**

# The coming of winter

by Lt. Col. Robert Barry 183rd AOC Chaplain

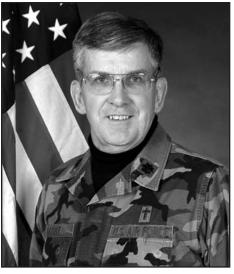
When all of us come together again for drill weekend it will be winter again and things will likely be quite different. Early morning joggers will be bundling up a little more each week and those days of warm sunshine will be getting shorter and shorter. Darkness will move in on us earlier and leave later. The season of night will be upon us. The bright colors of spring and summer will have given way to the dull grays and browns of a Midwestern winter. Doing day-to-day activities becomes more difficult and the ease of the warmth seems like a distant memory. The soil of the earth which grows our food rests, while all that is dependent on it waits. Although we may not experi-



ence any hunger in our lives, there is a great deal of hunger around us. These transformations in the seasons rarely go unnoticed and we should accompany them with changes in ourselves. Just as we await the arrival of the changing of the seasons and

the benefit to our surrounding environment, we should also prepare for the changes within each and every one of us. The change of seasons usually is a good time for us to adjust some of our habits which could ultimately prove beneficial for ourselves and others.

With the cold and dark closing in, our familiar daily routines will have to be revised and we should make sure the changes are for the better. As winter approaches and the cold sets in, it becomes easier to



slough things off, procrastinate and avoid responsibilities . . . just because the weather is bad! The coming of winter is a good time to get a jump on this and get into the practice of taking care of things earlier rather than later. The dark and cold often make people crabby and with

the coming of winter we can practice being cheerful and encouraging to others. In addition, winter cold and ice often make it hard to help others when they are in a bind. But as winter comes, we can practice giving a hand and develop our "helping skills."

It is easy to overindulge in winter and the coming of winter is a good time to work on keeping our cravings under better control. Are we keeping our cravings and desires under control?

The coming of winter can also be a time for more serious endeavors. Just as winter is the time to get your vehicle stuck, we often find ourselves "stuck" emotionally and spiritually. We try to improve and deepen ourselves and we just don't seem to be able to do it. Before we find ourselves "stuck" let's use the coming of winter to improve, deepen and develop ourselves. Use the coming of winter to "refocus" ourselves and get the serious and important changes moving.

Let's welcome the coming of winter!

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Religious Services Protestant Service: Saturday 1500hrs Chapel Catholic Mass: Saturday 1600hrs Chapel



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#### **Change of Command**

# Colonel Durbin assumes command of the Medical Group

by Senior Airman Chasity Johnson 183rd Public Affairs

Col. Patrick H. Durbin assumed command of the 183rd Fighter Wing Medical Group here in a change-of-command ceremony Sept. 13 in the base auditorium.

Col. Durbin came to the medical group from Scott Air Force Base where he served as the Chief of Aeromedical Services with the 126th Medical Group.

Although he is assuming a new position with the medical group, he is not new to the group itself. In 2002, Col. Durbin spent a year with the 183rd Fighter Wing Medical Group.

Col. Durbin was commissioned as an officer in May 1987 with the Missouri Air National Guard at Jefferson Barracks, where he served as a clinical physician and then a flight surgeon while simultaneously completing his cardiology fellowship in St. Louis.

Throughout his career thus far, Col. Durbin has taken on the responsibilities of a variety of positions. He directed the intensive care unit at Scott Air Force Base Medical Center while activated for Desert Shield/Storm in 1991. He chaired the Aerospace Medicine Committee while serving with the 183rd Medical Group. He also served as the solo clinical physician/flight

surgeon in 1994 at Jefferson Barracks.

Col. Durbin succeeded command of the group from Col. Amy L. Walker. Col. Walker is remembered by many as the ambitious commander who aided the medical group in achieving the highest score on a health services inspection in the guard in 2008 after the group had failed the previous inspection.

Following her victory with the Medical Group, Col. Walker said she felt that it was time to retire.



Col. Michael A. Meyer, left, presents the 183rd Medical Group guide-on to newly appointed Col. Patrick Durbin, right, at a ceremony held Sept. 13 on base. (Photo taken by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr)

"This is a great time to leave, on a high note," said Col. Walker. "When my family used to go on vacation, my mother would always say 'Hey. We're going to leave the cabin better then we found it.""

As the new commander of the Medical Group, Col. Durbin said he wants to adhere to the standards that Col. Walker has set.

"Given the fact that I am coming to the group at such a good time, I plan on maintaining the high standards of success in the group and building upon and improving those standards."

#### **November Lunch Menu**

#### **Saturday**

Fried Chicken

Au Gratin potatoes

Baked beans

Macaroni Salad

Southern style green beans

Tossed salad

Fresh fruit

Apple crisp

#### Catered Served 1100-1300



#### **Sunday**

BBQ pulled pork
Baked potatoes
Corn on the cob
Vegetable medley
Tossed salad

Fresh fruit Iced carrot cake

\*Menu is subject to change

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#### **Safety News**

# Deer season is here!

by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Rosser 183rd Safety Office

Illinois annual deer hunting season is here and I know many members are anxious to get in the field. But with the arrival of fall comes an increased risk of car-deer interactions. In 2007 there were 25,006 deer-car accidents in Illinois with 5 fatalities. The Illinois DNR compiles a list of total accidents annually. The greatest number of accidents occurs in the more populous northeast counties of the state. Locally, Sangamon County makes this dubious "top ten" list every year. But, when the numbers of vehicle miles driven are considered residents of Pike, Hardin and Greene are five times more likely to hit deer according to the IDNR. Over the next few months keep the following in mind when driving:

Be particularly cautious at dusk and dawn, when deer are most active.

Reduce speed and be prepared to stop on roads where deer may be present.

Deer may cross the roadway and double back across the road surface. Make sure deer have moved away, before proceeding.

Be mindful that several others may follow a single deer near or across a road.

Keep track of locations where deer have been seen in the past, to avoid being surprised by deer crossing roads.

Avoid swerving into oncoming traffic or off the road if deer are on the roadway. Instead, slow to a stop and wait for the deer to move along.

Drivers encountering deer on the roadway should try flashing their headlights from bright to dim or honking their horn to encourage the deer to move on.

Drivers can alert other motorists to the presence of deer by tapping their brakes.

Deer are plentiful throughout the state so everyone should be more vigilant right now. Enjoy the last of the fall weather and safe travels

#### **Legal News**

# Service members should discuss future during holidays

submitted by the Base Legal Office from www.illinoislawyerfinder.com

Members of the military reserve and National Guard who face the potential of activation, mobilization and deployment, should consider addressing personal and family issues as the holiday season approaches.

While some may argue that such a joyous period of the year is not the appropriate time to speak about such basic issues such as estate plans, wills, life insurance and powers of attorneys, the holidays are actually an opportune time for family and friends to talk about the future, especially when everyone is at the same location at the same time.

Reserve members who have children or significant assets, holdings or property, should consider having wills prepared. A will is a legal document that disposes of property upon your death. It covers such subjects as the naming of beneficiaries, guardians and personal representatives. Obtaining input from family and friends on these matters can help a service member determine who should receive an item or asset, who could serve as a guardian, and who may be willing and capable of managing the estate as a personal representative.

Power of attorney is no less important for service members, especially if there are responsibilities and obligations that must be fulfilled in their absences. A reservist needs time to consult with individuals prior to granting them such authority. This ensures that the individuals are trustworthy, and it affords the individuals being considered a chance to understand the service member's intentions, wishes and desires.

Finally, life insurance is also a critical issue for reserve service members. The insurance will be more useful if a determination has been made about who the beneficiaries are and how much coverage is needed.

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.

#### **Promotions**

#### **Master Sergeant**

Rodney D. Bazzell Adam B. Blair

#### **Technical Sergeant**

Jerry W. Bonam Christina L. Cribbett Barry W. Edwards

#### **Staff Sergeant**

Cassandra L. Hampton Brent F. Mahan

#### **Senior Airman**

Warren W. Godfrey Jeffrey K. Hammitt Franklin L. Johnson Samuel C. Peabody David T. Schildman Justin B. Sipes Lindsay M. Smith Brittany N. Striplin Aaron L. Whitaker



#### **NCOAGA**

## Wreath laying ceremony thank-you

by Retired Senior Master Sgt. Theresa Snyder NCO AGA Chapter 75 President

I would like to start by thanking all the NCOAGA members that helped make the Wreath Laying Ceremony a success. I would also like to thank Col. Michael Meyer, Father Barry, the Communications Flight, Civil Engineering, and audio-visual for their support and setup during the ceremony. I would also like to thank the Air Force Associa-



tion, led by Chief Master Sgt. Vic Wurtzler, for the purchase of the forever wreath. The first ceremony was scheduled for July, but was rescheduled because of inclement weather. As a result, we went ahead and placed the fresh wreath we had purchased by the front gate, even though we had not conducted the ceremony. Due to poor weather and a variety of last minute issues, it was suggested that we purchase a wreath made of artificial flowers. This wonderful idea will allow the wreath to be used year after year. A special thanks goes out to Chief Master Sgt. Wurtzler and the AFA for purchasing our ceremonial wreath.

#### **Welcome Aboard**

#### **New Enlistees**

Airman 1st Class Jason A. McMullan	183rd Maintenance Squadron	September 3, 2009
Airman 1st Class Paul K.O. Odoom	Detachment 1	September 10, 2009
Tech. Sgt. David P. Wetherell	Detachment 1	September 10, 2009
Lt. Col. Charles T. Osum	Detachment 1	September 11, 2009
Maj. Todd D. Moore	Detachment 1	September 13, 2009
Maj. Robert W. Hollocher	Detachment 1	September 15, 2009
Staff Sgt. Lionel A. Suber	217th Engineering and Installation Squadron	September 17, 2009
Senior Airman James D. Hill, Jr.	183rd Security Forces Squadron	September 21, 2009
Senior Airman Mark T. Summer	183rd Security Forces Squadron	September 21, 2009
Staff Sgt. Russell C. Beck	183rd Fighter Wing	September 24, 2009
Airman 1st Class Nicolas R. Erjavsek	183rd Maintenance Squadron	September 24, 2009
Capt. Hesketh G. Miller	Detachment 1	September 25, 2009
Airman Samuel L. Dolbeare	183rd Medical Group	September 30, 2009
Airman 1st Class Andrew D. Stroupe	183rd Maintenance Squadron	September 30, 2009

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#### **Air Force News**

# Guard Medal of Honor recipients honored in Chicago

by U.S. Army Sgt. Kassidy Snyder Illinois National Guard

CHICAGO (9/23/09) - The annual Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention was held here Sept. 14-19 with the Illinois National Guard in support and at least three National Guard recipients in attendance.

Out of the 95 living Medal of Honor recipients, 57 of them attended the convention.

There are six surviving National Guard Medal of Honor recipients. The National Guard recipients who attended this year's convention were Sammy Davis, Allen Lynch and Alfred Rascon. The three unable to make it were Nicky Bacon, George Day and Frederick Ferguson. All six men received the Medal of Honor for valor in combat during the Vietnam War.

"To have you here in the land of Lincoln is very special indeed, we thank you for your service to our country," said Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn to the Medal of Honor recipients during the opening ceremony.

Four Illinois Air Guardsmen and eight Illinois Army Guardsmen accompanied the Medal of Honor recipients to all the events that took place throughout the week.

The opening ceremony at Soldier Field marked the beginning of the convention. The Illinois National Guard, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery based in Milan, Ill., presented honors with a three howitzer 21-gun-salute.

After the ceremony, the Medal of Honor recipients gathered inside the gates of Soldier Field for a live, face-to-face, autograph session with service members and civilians.

The following day, the Medal of Honor recipients participated in speaking engagements throughout the city. Jay R. Vargas of San Diego, Calif., visited the Illinois National Guard 404th Maneuver Enhancement

Brigade in Chicago.

"Regardless of how important you think you are, the troops come first," said Vargas.

On Sept. 17 the recipients were honored at Wrigley Field prior to the Chicago Cubs and Milwaukee Brewers baseball game. Recipients gave a traditional military coin to each major league player.

After the Star Spangled Banner, the Illinois National Guard's 106th Aviation Company based in Chicago provided a flyover with three UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. After being recognized on the field, the recipients enjoyed the game from the Batter's Eye Clubhouse in the outfield. Each recipient received a commemorative jersey with their last name on the back and the year they were awarded their medal.

A memorial service was held on Sept. 18 at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in remembrance of the Medal of Honor recipients who passed since last year's convention. The Illinois National Guard's 933rd Military Police Company in Waukegan performed taps and a 21-gun salute to conclude the ceremony.

This year's convention marked the largest gathering ever of Medal of Honor recipients at one location. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention flag was passed onto the new committee, which will be hosting the 2010 Convention in Charleston, S.C.



Illinois National Guard Master Sgt. Matthew Allen shakes the hand of National Guard Medal of Honor recipient Sammy Davis just before the opening ceremony of the Medal of Honor Convention at Soldier Field in Chicago, Ill. on Sept. 15, 2009. (Photo by Army Sgt. Kassidy L Snyder)

#### **Veterans Day**

# The history of Veterans Day

from Department of Veterans Affairs www1.av.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday - - a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after Ameri-

can forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, the President sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to insure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

#### **Family Readiness and Support**



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 183d Family Readiness and Support Group will be hosting a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Aerospace Dining Facility in building P-48.

The event is scheduled to run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is geared toward children ages 12 and under.

There will be games and activities for everyone. Refreshments will be available.

Of course, it wouldn't be the same without the big guy. Santa will be present to hand out gifts to all the children in attendance.

Please come and join in the fun and festivites. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Retiree News**

#### **New Retirees**

Staff Sgt. Douglas S. Hagen Master Sgt. Patrick Schad

183rd Maintenance Squadron 183rd Medical Group September 17, 2009 October 1, 2009

#### 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 retiree's breakfast will be on Tuesday, November 3, 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!

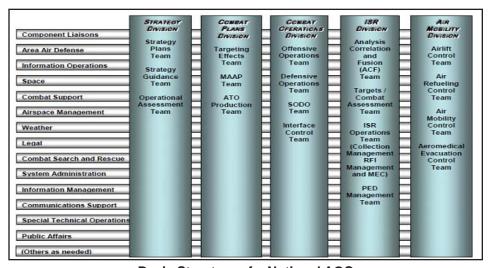
#### **Wing Organization Series**

#### Fly - Fight - Win

by Colonel Ricky Yoder AOG Commander

This past September the U.S. Air Force celebrated its sixty-second birthday. Relative to the other Armed Services, the Air Force is definitely the new kid on the block, if not a mere baby. Looking back on the history of, not only the Air Force, but on the development of Air Power as well, it is amazing how technology, along with organizational change and doctrine have transformed a second-rate air force which had to borrow hand-me-down aircraft in WWI to the premier, unrivaled air force that we are today. The technological evolution is easy to see – from rickety biplanes held together by baling wire, to the aluminum overcast of the Combined Bomber Offensive of WWII, to the hiperformance jet age working in conjunction with space and cyberspace systems of today. The organization and doctrine pieces are more difficult to see. In the early days, airpower theorists like the Italian Gulio Douhet said "the bomber will always get through." Based on his experience during WWI, you could not defend against hundreds of aircraft attacking your country. Without the ability to predict where and when they would hit or the ability to detect enemy aircraft, no country could ever mass their defenses against an enemy air attack. During the Battle of Britain in WWII, the Royal Air Force (RAF) proved this theory wrong with a little help from a new-fangled contraption called radar. While defending their hometurf, the RAF was organized under a single commander in control of all air defense forces and executed through their geographical sectors. Along with radar and centralized command and control of their air forces, the RAF was able to mass their air defenses against the German Luftwaffe at the proper time and place.

Some of you may be wondering what the point of this history lesson is during this second in a series of articles about the reorganization of the Wing. When people ask me what the AOC and AFFOR



**Basic Structure of a Notional AOC** 

augmentation mission consists of, I find it very hard to explain. More history - In 1986, the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act changed how the services organized to fight. It required all land, air, maritime and special operations forces to operate as equal members of a joint team commanded by a unified Combatant Commander (COCOM). All air forces assigned to the COCOM (including USN, USMC, USA assets) are operationally controlled by the Joint Force Air Component Commander (JFACC). The JFACC commands and controls the air forces assigned through his Air and Space Operations Center (AOC). If the JFACC is Air Force, he most likely holds the title of Commander, Air Force Forces (COMAF-FOR) and provides administrative support of the Air Force assets through his A-staff (A1 thru A9). To understand the AOC and AFFOR mission, you must understand that the JFACC achieves unity of command (Centralized Command and Control) of his air forces through the AOC Weapon System and AFFOR staff, and contributes directly to the joint team effort working for the COCOM and the President. The component Numbered Air Force (cNAF) staff consisting of the AOC and AFFOR is the critical link that allows the JFACC to orchestrate air, space, and information operations against an adversary or bring humanitarian aid to the scene of a natural disaster, anywhere in the world. Without the AOC and AFFOR, the U.S. Air

Force would be unable to provide global vigilance, reach and power, and protect America's skies.

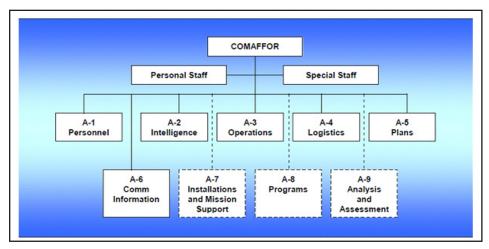
The AOC consists of five divisions. They are the Strategy Division (SRD), Combat Plans Division (CPD), Combat Operations Division (COD), Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance Division (ISRD), and the Air Mobility Division (AMD). The AOC also has multiple specialty teams and support teams, to include a Communications Support Team.

The AFFOR consists of the Commander's personal staff and the A-Staff (A1 thru A-9). While the AOC commands and controls the warfighting side of the theater, the AFFOR deals more with the support. The AFFOR is defined as the Air Force service support mechanism that establishes the bases and sustains the warfighters. It is the global support capability that enables the warfighter to deploy anywhere on the globe and stay for as long as the COCOM needs him/her to stay there. Another role that the AFFOR fills is the peacetime shaping and engagement activities of the COCOM within the theater. Depending on the theater, AFFOR augmentation troops could be more likely to be planning and executing humanitarian missions like building schools or deploying medical personnel to the scene of a natural disaster.

Strategy Division: The teams that decide how and where the air forces support the joint fight. They take the national

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political objectives of the President and the theater military objectives of the CO-COM and design the air campaign strategy to achieve the desired effects in support of the COCOM's overall strategy.

Combat Plans Division: Selects the best arrow from the JFACC's quiver to achieve the desired effects on the targets. The best arrow may be a bomb, a computer virus, a public affairs release, or a phone call to the enemy commander. After selecting the best means to service the target, they build the Air Tasking Order (ATO).

Combat Ops Division: Execute the current day's ATO. If changes or contingencies arise they make them happen on the operations floor. Changes/contingencies could be as simple as finding gas for fighter aircraft in the event of a tanker air abort, or scrambling fighters and search and rescue assets in the event of a shoot down.

Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance Division (ISRD): Interacts with all portions of the AOC. They have access to raw intelligence data and are tasked to analyze it and correlate it for customers throughout the theater. The targeteers analyze and identify targets and pull coordinates for engaging on a future ATO day or immediate attack in the case of time sensitive targets or high value targets. The Senior Intelligence Duty Officer (SIDO) team coordinates with units that are flying surveillance and reconnaissance assets to support air and space operations.

Air Mobility Division (AMD): Plans, coordinates, tasks and executes the theater air mobility mission. The Airlift Control Team (ALCT) tasks airlift operations within the theater as well as coordinating with Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC) on airlift movements into/out of the AOR. The Air Refueling Control Team (ARCT) plans and tasks air refueling operations to support air and space operations within the theater as well as coordinating with TACC on the air bridge for moving forces into/out of the AOR. The Aeromedical Evacuation Control Team (AECT) plans and tasks life-saving aeromedical evacuation missions to move wounded warriors to staging areas in the AOR and out of the AOR.

Break – Break! The Air Force cNAF is what was explained in the above paragraphs explaining basic functions of the AFFOR and each AOC Division. What follows are the actual organizations and units at the 183rd AOG that augment the Air Force cNAF.

183rd Air and Space Operations Group (AOG) is organized slightly different than the cNAF AOC and AFFOR that it supports, although it still has many of the same components. The AOG has a Standardization/Evaluation (Stan/Eval) function which works for the Group Commander and a Command Support Staff (CSS).

183rd Air Operations Squadron (AOS) is commanded by Col. Jonathan Payne. Components of the AOC Strat-

egy, Plans, and Ops divisions as well as multiple specialty teams (Weather, Space, JAG, Airspace) are all combined into the 183rd AOS.

183rd Air Intelligence Squadron (AIS) is commanded by Lt. Col. Vicki Davis. All of the AOC ISRD personnel and ISR teams belong to the AIS.

183rd Air Communications Squadron (ACOMS) is commanded by Lt. Col. Jon Bachtold. ACOMS is essentially the Communications Support Team (CST) and is the maintenance function of the AOC plus some knowledge operations and information warfare functions.

183rd Air Mobility Operations Squadron (AMOS) is commanded by Lt. Col. Chuck Osum. The AMOS contains the AMD augmentation personnel of the ALCT, ARCT, Air Mobility Control Team (AMCT) and the AECT.

183rd Air Support Squadron (ASUS) is commanded by Col. Steve Baggerly. This is the AFFOR augmentation squadron in the 183rd AOG. It currently has the directorates A-1 thru A-7. I will not explain the function of each directorate, since most of you deal with the A-staff of the National Guard Bureau (NGB) on a daily basis and have an idea what each directorate addresses.

The 183rd AOG is Air Combat Command (ACC) gained and AOR aligned. What this means is that ACC can mobilize us to support any of the CO-COMs in the world, but we are aligned to a specific region and cNAF for training. We are the first responders for the cNAF that we are aligned to, since we train to that region and are required to be familiar with the theater. The 183rd AOG is aligned to 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern), which is located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. The 12AF/AFSOUTH is the component NAF of the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) which is headquartered at Miami, Florida. The SOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR) includes South and Central America and the surrounding waters.

Next month: Maintenance Squadron

#### Wing Organization Series









# 183 AOG In motion (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Martin)





#### **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 at by email joe. ward.1@ang.af.mil or by calling 217-757-1569.

#### **HELP WANTED**

The 183d 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:	Email Address:
Name:	Specialty:
Address:	Phone Number:
City:	State & Zip Code

Please return to:

183d Family Readiness Group 3101 J. David Jones Parkway Springfield, IL. 62707-5001 or email it to:

joe.ward.1@ang.af.mil (217) 757-1569

- 1. AUTHORITY: U.S. Code: Title 10, Subtitle E, Part I, Chapter 1007, Section 10204, and other subsets of Title 10.
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#### **Announcment**

The Security Forces
Squadron has a First Sergeant
vacancy projected for May
2010. This is a position of
mentoring, guiding and helping
others to insure a more rewarding and satisfying career. The
First Sergeant works to meet the
needs of the troops - their job is
to take care of assigned "airmen." Health, welfare, and discipline are all facets of the First
Sergeant's job. The tour length
is a minimum of three years and
a maximum of six years.

Requirements:

GRADE: Individual must be a Master Sgt., or a promotable Tech Sgt.

PME: Applicants must have completed the NCO Academy in residence or through correspondence prior to submitting the application.

RETAINABILITY: Selected individual must have an ETS 3 years beyond assignment date. A reenlistment may be necessary.

MANDATORY AFSC ENTRY (ASVAB) SCORES: (A). Adminstrative: 41 (B). General: 62.

FIRST SGT ACADEMY (FSA): Selected individual must attend the FSA within 12 months of assignment.

FITNESS: Member must have a minimum score of 75 taken within the last 60 days.

If your are interested in applying, or have additional questions, please contact Command Chief Tom Hergenrother at ext. 578, or your assigned First Sergeant.

#### **Force Protection**

### Preventing credit card fraud

by Tech. Sgt. James Kavanagh 183rd Security Forces Squadron

As the holidays are fast approaching, individuals should become more aware of the dangers associated with credit card fraud. There are various ways people fall victim to this type of theft. Below are a few tips to help prevent this theft from happening.

For starters, you should be very careful to whom you give your credit card. DON'T EVER give out your account number over the phone unless you initiate the call and you know the company is reputable. You should NEVER give your credit card info out when you receive a phone call. For example, if you're told there has been a "computer problem" and the caller needs you to verify information, be weary as it most likely is scam. Remember, legitimate companies don't call you to ask for a credit card number over the phone. If you think that something fishy is going on you can call the Better Business Bureau and they can let you know if the company is legitimate.

Be aware to NEVER respond to emails that request you provide your credit card info via email. DON'T EVER respond to emails that ask you to go to a website to verify personal (and credit card) information. These are called "phishing" scams. You also want to be sure to keep a list in a secure place with all of your account numbers and expiration dates, as well as the phone number and address of each bank that has issued you a credit card. Keep this list updated each time you get a new credit card. Open credit card bills

promptly and make sure there aren't any bogus charges. Treat your credit card bill like your checking account; reconcile it monthly. Save your receipts so you can compare them with your monthly bills. If you find any charges that you don't have a receipt for, or that you don't recognize, report these charges promptly (and in writing) to the credit card issuer.

There are also a few tips that are definitely common sense. However, sometimes you just need to hear it again anyway. Be sure to sign your credit cards as soon as you receive them, shred all credit card applications you receive, don't write your PIN number on your credit card, and don't keep your PIN anywhere near your credit card (in the event that your wallet gets stolen). You should NEVER leave your credit cards or receipts lying around, and NEVER lend a credit card to anyone else.

These few tips should help prevent the possibility of someone using your credit card in a fraudulent manner. So remember, it's up to you to keep an eye on your credit card every time you use it. Try not to let your credit card out of your sight whenever possible, and stay vigilant. If your credit cards are lost or stolen, contact the issuer(s) immediately. Most credit card companies have toll-free numbers and 24-hour service to address these emergencies; they are eager to avoid credit card fraud. According to US law, once you have reported the loss or theft of your credit card, you have no more responsibility for unauthorized charges. Further, your maximum liability under federal US law is \$50 per credit card and many credit card issuers will even waive that fee for good customers. If you follow all these tips, it will go a long way in protecting you from credit card fraud.

#### **ATTENTION - PLEASE READ AND ABIDE**

The following information was taken from President Obama's Executive Order on reducing text messaging while driving.

- -- Federal employees shall not engage in text messaging (a) when driving GOV, or when driving POV while on official Government business, or (b) when using electronic equipment supplied by the Government while driving.
- -- Each Federal agency, in procurement contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements, and other grants to the extent authorized by applicable statutory authority, entered into after the date of the order, shall encourage contractors, subcontractors, and receipts and subrecipients to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving company-owned or -rented vehicles or GOV, or while driving POV when on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

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#### **Personal News**

# It's a great pumpkin

by Senior Airman Chasity Johnson 183rd Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Brexton J. Hall, an aircraft metals technologist with the 183d Maintenance Squadron, along with his two sons, grew a giant pumpkin in his backyard.

The giant pumpkin, which is widely known as the Atlantic giant, is in actuality a phenotype of a giant squash. They are commonly referred to as pumpkins because of their color and shape.

The pumpkin, weighing in at 687.5 pounds, took him and his sons, 5 year-old Connor and 3 year-old Owen, four months to grow, said Brexton

Although Brexton has dabbled in gardening before, he says his prior efforts were not as noteworthy as this one.

"I have gardened before," said Brexton. "I have grown tomatoes and corn, but never anything like this before."

Brexton's 5-yearold son suggested that they grow a giant pumpkin after seeing a 589 pound Atlantic giant when they visited the Morton Pumpkin Festival in 2008, said Brexton. Since there was already a hole dug in his backyard where the power company repaired a line, he agreed to his son's suggestion.

"I figured this *Hall*) would be a good way to get the kids out of the house," said Brexton. "We don't do a lot of TV and video games."

After researching on the internet and investing in numerous books and DVDs, Brexton said he and his sons began growing the pumpkin during the first week of April. They germinated the seeds inside of the house for one month, allowing them to sprout before planting them in the backyard.

Because the plant was grown organically, Brexton and his sons greatly leaned upon one of the three Air Force Core Values to successfully grow the pumpkin.

Excellence in All We Do, the third Air Force Core Value helped Brexton and his sons achieve their goal. "We spent one to two hours a night taking care of it and weeding it," said Brexton.



From left, Master Sgt. Brexton Hall, his son Owen, and his son Connor pose for a photo before driving to the schools and then to the weigh-in. (Photo submitted by Master Sgt. Brexton Hall)

In addition to learning the importance of attention to detail first-hand, Brexton's 5-year-old son was able to share the lessons he learned while growing the pumpkin with classmates. Since his son's class was learning about plants and growth, Brexton said he decided to bring the plant to his son's school for show and tell.

The pumpkin was also entered in the same festival that inspired the growth of their plant. Although they did not win first place in the festival they still achieved their own victory by exceeding the goal that they set for themselves which was to grow a 500-pound giant pumpkin, said Brexton.

Brexton and his sons are currently growing more giant pumpkins and are planning to compete in the competition next year. Brexton says he is not sure if he and his sons will make a tradition of growing giant pumpkins and entering them in contest, but that he loves the opportunity to bond with his children by engaging with them in a constructive pastime.



Master Sgt. Brexton Hall gets some help from his friends to load the pumpkin onto a pallet for placement into the back of his truck. (Photo submitted by Master Sgt. Brexton Hall)

#### **Base Honor Guard**

## An opportunity of a lifetime

by Master Sgt. Debra Schmitz 183rd Honor Guard

How many people can say that they have actually met a true American hero? I, for one, can say that I have. For six days in mid-September, I had the unique opportunity as a military escort to spend time with more than 75 American heroes during the 2009 Medal of Honor Conference held in Chicago.

The Medal of Honor was established by a joint resolution of Congress on July 12, 1862. It is awarded to a person, while a member of the armed services, distinguishes him or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States. The President, in the name of Congress, has awarded only 3,448 of these medals to our nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. Currently there are only 95 living members of this elite group.

Being one of only four females to get an opportunity to represent my branch of service and attend the Medal of Honor Conference was truly inspirational. Sgt. 1st Class Sammy Davis, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, affectionately referred to as the "real" Forrest Gump," said it was harder to wear his medal then it was to earn it. The actual picture of Davis receiving his medal from President Lyndon Johnson was in the movie Forrest Gump and the citation for Gump's award was loosely based on Davis' real one. Meeting Davis and his wife, Dixie, was an awe-some experience and will not be soon forgotten.

In every word, every gesture, and throughout all of the different engagements and opportunities to meet and speak with the medal recipients, it was easy to see their sincere heroism, humility, dedication, sacrifice, and love for their country.

As I sat listening to the stories of treatment from the Prisoner Of War (POW) panel, I recall the flash of memories relived by Col. Leo Thorsness, an Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam, who shared his experiences as a Prisoner of war at the Hanoi Hilton for six years and his conversations with his daughter about growing up without a father. The power and emotions of the moment were overwhelming, often leading to tears which seemed to flow continuously.

Then there was my time spent with Cpl. Rodolfo Hernandez, an Army veteran of the Korean War. As we stood on the grass at Wrigley Field awaiting the introduction and comments in recognition of the honored guests, a moment of clarity overcame me and the tears would flow once again as the magnitude of what these men had done for their country and the great tribute which was being bestowed upon them. If I were to give you one moment, this would be the one. Words cannot capture the moment, nor can they convey the emotions I felt in the stadium that day; feelings of shock and awe to witness the events and feelings of sadness and sorrow for those heroes that could not be in atten-

Master Sgt.
Debra Schmitz
(left) poses for
a photo with
retired Sgt. 1st
Class Sammy
Davis (right),
during the



Medal of Honor Patriot Awards dinner ceremony held in Chicago on Sept. 19. (Photo submitted by Master Sgt. Debra Schmitz)

dance for this glorious moment. Proud to be an American is how I would describe my feelings as the grateful crowd of baseball fans gave a standing ovation until every Medal of Honor recipient had exited the field.

I could go on telling you stories about all of America's heroes I met in Chicago. There was Maj. Bruce Crandall, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, whose mission and citation were later dramatized in the movie "We Were Soldiers." Then there was Lt. Col. Joe Jackson, an Air Force pilot and veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Finally, there was Col. George "Bud" Day, an Air Force pilot trained in 14 different fighter aircraft, who I was scheduled to escort and ended up being unable to attend due to illness, but with whom I am still in contact with today. He served in World War II, Korea, and the Vietnam War and was a POW for over five years at the Hanoi Hilton along with a Navy pilot by the name of Lt. Cmdr. John McCain, III. Day is an author of several books regarding his captivity and treatment while a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In addition, he is an attorney and the reason there is a Tri-Care for Life program for retired military service members. Day is also known as one of our nation's most highly decorated military members since Gen. Douglas MacArthur, receiving more than 70 decorations, with more than 50 for his actions in combat.

In addition to the Medal of Honor recipients, I can also tell you that some of the escorts themselves warranted a hero status. Escorts included a 22-year-old man who earned a Silver Star and a Purple Heart, to many more young men wearing hard-earned war medals on their chests from our current campaigns around the world

Alas, I cannot share every hero's story. However, I can leave you with these closing thoughts on my experience as a military escort at the Medal of Honor Conference. It is a moment like this that changes a person; opening your eyes to see what is really important, encouraging you to stand up for what is right, believing in yourself, standing by your decisions, putting others before yourself, and most importantly, staring down to the face of adversity and overcoming whatever obstacles life throws your way. I am honored to serve with each and every one of you.

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#### In The Spotlight

## In The Spotlight



Who: Tech. Sgt. Michael Daniels What: Egress Systems Mechanic

When: Enlisted September, 26th 1990

Why: Continuation of the military traditions of

his family and service to his country.

Civilian Employment: Software Engineer, SyllogisteKs, St. Louis.

Civilian/Military Correlation: None but does create a balance of interests.

Recent/Favorite Deployment: Recent: Tyndall Favorite: Balad felt all of his past training culminated in a very rewarding call to action.



#### **Announcements**

# For your information - Uniform updates

- Wear of the Cold Weather Parka is authorized with the ABU
- Sage green or black fleece pullovers are authorized under the ABU
- Wear of the BDU "Woodland Gortex" as an over garment with the ABU is authorized through May 2010
- Wear of the sage green fleece as an outer garment with the ABU
- Wear of black boots with ABU only authorized in industrial areas
- Wear of the 50% acrylic/50% wool pullover, V-neck sweater (50/50 pullover sweater) is authorized
- Cell phone usage while walking in uniform is authorized, use of hands free devices while walking in uniform is prohibited

\*\*If you have any further uniform questions or need any clarificiation, please refer to AFI 36-2903 or speak with your supervisor or First Sergeant.

WANTED: Seeking motivating and entertaining speakers with a message. Have you heard a dynamic speaker in the military or on the civilian side of the house? Do you think the Airmen of the 183rd would benefit from hearing this person? I am looking for quality speakers to bring to the 183rd. If you have any information, please contact me at Brenda. Korte@ang.af.mil or 217-757-1450.

## 2010 UTA SCHEDULE

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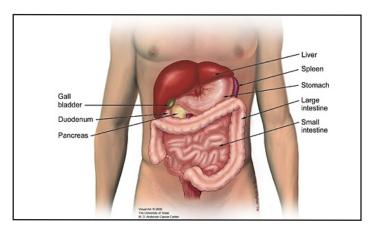
#### Clinic News

#### Pancreatic cancer - the facts

by Tech. Sgt. Amy Murphy 183rd Medical Group

The pancreas is a gland (six inces in length) located in your abdominal region. It is surrounded by the stomach, small intestine, liver, spleen and gallbladder. It is shaped like a flat pear. The pancreas has two main functions, which are the exocrine function and the endocrine function. Exocrine cells of the pancreas produce enzymes that help with digestion. When food enters the stomach, exocrine cells release digestive enzymes into a system of ducts which lead to the main pancreatic duct. The pancreatic duct empties the enzymes into the first portion of the small intestine called the duodenum, where the enzymes aid in the digestion of fats, carbohydrates and proteins in foods. The second function of the pancreas is the endocrine function, which involves the production of hormones. Hormones are substances that are made in one part of the body and circulate in the bloodstream to influence a different part of the body. The two main pancreatic hormones are insulin and glucagon. Islet cells (endocrine cells) within the pancreas produce and secrete insulin and glucagon into the bloodstream. Insulin serves to lower blood sugar levels while glucagon raises blood sugar levels. Together, these two main hormones work to maintain the proper level of sugar in the blood.

All types of pancreatic cancer begin when abnormal cells grow out of control within the pancreas. There are two types of cells in the pancreas, the exocrine cells and endocrine cells. These cells also have different functions. Ninety-five of pancreatic cancers are classified as exocrine tumors because they begin in the exocrine cells that produce enzymes to aid in digestion. Cancer of the pancreas is sometimes called a "silent" disease because symptoms are not usually present in early stages. Many patients have advanced disease by the time it becomes noticeable to the patient and the doctors. Symptoms that do develop are often vague. Individuals may experience different symptoms depending on the location, type and stage of the tumor. Symptoms that commonly lead to diagnosis include: jaundice, abdominal and/or back pain, unexplained weight loss and loss of appetite. A person with advanced pancreatic cancer may experience all of these symptoms and others including ascites (which is abnormal fluid buildup in your abdominal region.) and blood clots. Blood clots most often form in the legs and may easily go unnoticed. Symptoms such



as fatigue, weakness, digestive difficulties, and depression may occur at any time. Diagnosing pancreatic cancer can be difficult. Symptoms are not always obvious and usually develop gradually. If an individual has symptoms that suggest pancreatic cancer, a variety of tests may be performed to make an accurate diagnosis. However, there is no standard diagnostic test for pancreatic cancer.

The doctor will ask about medical and family history and will perform a physical exam. The doctor will examine the patient's body, including skin and eyes, and feel the abdomen to check for changes in the area near the pancreas, liver and gallbladder. Blood, urine and stool tests may be ordered. The visual information of a pancreatic tumor is often first noted on a radiographic study such as a computed tomography (CT) scan or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

There are several methods of treatment for people with pancreatic cancer, depending on the type and stage of the cancer. The patient may be treated with surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, biological therapies and/or complementary and alternative therapies. Some patients may receive one or more of these treatments. Clinical trials in pancreatic cancer are also available and should also be considered when selecting a treatment option. Let's discuss some common side effects from these treatment options. These would include:

- Changes in how food tastes
- Constipation
- Diarrhea or abdominal cramping
- Fatigue
- · Hair loss
- Loss of appetite
- Mouth sores
- · Skin redness or irritation

As you can see, pancreatic cancer can cause devastating effects to your body. By becoming aware of this disease, you will have the tools necessary to educate yourself and possibly others about pancreatic cancer.

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#### **Holiday Party**

# 183D HOLIDAY CELEBRATION - 2010 "80'S THEME"

Date: 9 January 2010

Time: 1900hrs – 2400hrs

Place: Springfield Eagles Club 2700 East Ash Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Finger foods, soda, water, coffee, tea and beer provided Festivities will include a cash bar

Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing

MSgt and above: \$10.00 per person TSgt and below: \$5.00 per person

Ticket sales start Nov. 2009 Drill



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