



## Hail to the Chief

by Tech. Sgt. Deb Schumer  
Base Legal Office

President Barack Obama made a stop in Springfield on Feb. 12 to make an address at the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission's dinner, just one of the area's celebrations commemorating Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Troops from the Illinois National Guard were on hand to welcome the President upon his arrival at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. After standing outside in anticipation, the troops were awarded when President Obama took time to greet them, many receiving handshakes and up close photo opportunities. This once in a lifetime experience will be remembered by all who were in attendance.

"This was, single handedly, the most amazing experience of my entire military career. I am so thankful to have had a part in this awesome and humbling experience." ~Staff Sgt. Bonnie J. Mosley, Mission Support Flight



(U.S. Army photo/Spc. Lalita Laksbergs, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs Office)



(Kelly J. Huff/Herald & Review)

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**What will be your legacy?**

*by Senior Master Sgt. Brenda Korte  
Human Resource Advisor*

The HRA poster/  
theme campaign is catching on and there have been several positive comments! Thank you. Remember, these materials center on a theme that promotes character and pushes the leadership and diversity flywheel. This month's theme is Legacy.

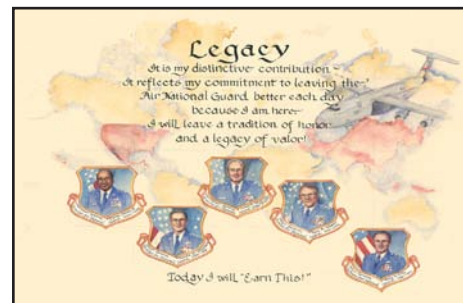


The legacy we leave is the life we lead. It is the result of determined doing when faced with choices and challenges that can make a difference for others. And that is how we will be remembered – by what we do for others, not by what we do for ourselves. Each of us can make a lasting difference in this life. It takes courage, but each day we are provided with countless opportunities to leave the world better than we found it.

The Legacy Challenge:

My legacy...I stand on the shoulders of those who have come before me – Each day, do I remind myself to be worthy of the sacrifice and to “Earn

This!”?



In leaving a legacy, you must consider where you have been, where you are now and where you are going.

Where are you on your journey from success to significance on your quest to leave a lasting legacy?

Thank you for your time and support. If you have any suggestions to help promote the word of the month or an example to add to the campaign, please contact me (email or ext. 450) and share your wisdom. Together we can make a difference!

## Presidential Visit Continued



Col. Michael A. Meyer (left), 183rd Fighter Wing Commander, Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Celletti (center), Assistant Adjutant General, Illinois Army National Guard, and Maj. Gen. William L. Enyart (right), The Adjutant General, Illinois National Guard, render a salute as President Obama arrives on Air Force One. (U. S. Army photo/Spc. Lalita Laksbergs, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs Office)

“It was a privilege to be selected to meet and welcome our new Commander in Chief.”

~Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Casson, Civil Engineering Squadron



(U.S. Army photo/Spc. Lalita Laksbergs, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs Office)

## Awards

The Michael F. Lynch (Firefighter of the Year) was awarded to Staff Sgt. Katie Maglia, now with the 182nd Airlift Wing. Staff Sgt. Maglia finished her second tour of duty in Iraq during 2008, volunteered to participate in the annual September 11 memorial ceremony at the 183rd Fire Department, and also assisted in the first ever Pink Ribbon Tour, in which 183rd firefighters coordinated with the community to promote breast cancer awareness. Staff Sgt. Maglia is an honor student at the University of Illinois and consistently demonstrates a positive attitude even during the BRAC process.

The Jake Lesson Award was awarded to Master Sgt. Kevin Schott. Master Sgt. Schott consistently supports the 183rd Fire Department training plan, helps coordinate training for his shift, and has sustained a positive attitude towards the future of the 183rd Fire Department.

## In Remembrance



On Feb. 17, the remains of Spc. Christopher P. Sweet, United States Army, were carried in a procession at the Abraham Lincoln Capital

Airport, after he made his journey back to his hometown of Springfield, Ill. Spc. Sweet died Feb. 6 in Kirkush, Iraq. Members of the Illinois National Guard were present to honor and pay respects to a fallen soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. (Photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr, 183rd Public Affairs Office)

## Security Forces answers the call, again

by Staff Sgt. Michael Shamma  
Public Affairs Specialist

“A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve. America was targeted for attack because we’re the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining.” President George W. Bush.

This was a very powerful message delivered by our former commander in chief after the 9-11 attacks. The significance of those words is that the 183rd Security Forces Squadron has been on a constant push to defend this nation and live up to those words since that horrible day. No other squadron on base has more consistently and successfully, deployed and defended this nation since we went to

war against terrorism.

“Our Security Forces Defenders continue a proud legacy of service as they continually defend the democratic values so many citizens around the world enjoy today,” said Capt. James Robinson, 183rd Security Forces Commander. “The world is a better place today due to the sacrifices of those that came before us, as well as the sacrifices we continue to make with honor today. I couldn’t be more proud of the accomplishments this unit has made since heeding the call to duty by President Bush after 9/11! I humbly salute each and everyone one of them for their dedicated service!”

“Whenever our Security Forces have been tasked, they have answered the call,” said Col. Michael Meyer, 183rd Fighter Wing Commander. “We are very proud of the members of this team who follow in their squadron’s proud tradition,” he continued. “We are quite aware that we could not answer these numerous calls without the support and sacrifices

of their family, friends, and co-workers. We are committed as a unit to provide our deployed airmen and their families all of the support they need for the length of this deployment and beyond.”



For us to understand how important our Security Forces Squadron has been to the unit, here are some facts that everyone should know.

Since 9-11, Security Forces has been deployed overseas 19 times,

to 10 different countries, for 21,345 days. The average deployment length is 128 days and our squadron has spent 2,435 days in the AOR. They have received two bronze stars, one combat action medal and countless meritorious service medals, air force achievement medals and so on.

There is very little to say when you see those numbers other than, thank you. We are a better unit because of the ‘sky cops’ and we are a safer country because of their hard work. In the end, however, we are the 183rd. We wouldn’t have it any other way.

## NCOAGA News

### Capt. James E. Robinson receives NCOAGA I.G. Brown Command Excellence Award

by retired Senior Master Sgt. Theresa Snyder  
NCOAGA Chapter 75 President

The award is to acknowledge those Commanders who have performed in an exemplary manner during the prior fiscal year. Capt. Robinson received his award for the 2007 fiscal year. The award is given out each year at the NCOAGA annual seminar. This year’s seminar was held the first part of August in Knoxville, Tenn. Capt. Robinson was deployed and unable to attend the seminar to receive his award at that time and recently received it at a small ceremony held in the base auditorium. Congratulations to Capt. Robinson for his many accomplishments, his support of Chapter 75 and his dedication to the airmen of the 183rd.

The I.G Brown Command Excellence Award was presented to Capt. James E. Robinson (left), Security Forces Squadron Commander, by Chief Master Sgt. Victor M. Wurtzler (right), NCOAGA Chapter 75 First Vice President. The award was presented at a ceremony for his achievements held at the base on Jan. 23.



## Renewing ourselves as Spring comes!

by Lt. Col. Robert Barry  
183rd Fighter Wing Chaplain

As the procession toward springtime weather continues, we all take delight as the cold, the gray and the snow gradually recede. Nature, asleep for so long, seems at last to awaken with refreshing vigor. By the end of this month nature will renew itself, so also should we. Spring fever should be particularly strong, given the rough winter we have had, and this is indicative of the changes we need to make. We have had a difficult winter, and it was very easy to get down in the dumps. Spring is a time when the sun shines more brightly, and it is a time to clean out what has accumulated over time. Spring time can also be a time to be more reflective, to look into the shadows of our lives. The warm days and cool nights should be a time to look for dark places in our lives to bring light. Especially, if we need to pray and our prayer has declined, weakened or gone a way, this is a good time to give it again a new prominence in our lives.

Springtime is not merely a repetition of what went before us, for nature in every spring brings something new, and this is something we should strive for in these early weeks of spring. We should begin this from the outside in, and first focus our attention on do-



ing something new for ourselves and for others that is new and different. Spring acts differently from winter, and so should we.

Springtime is an occasion for us to look on others and treat others in a completely new way. The best example of this, surprisingly, comes to us from Paul in his admonition to Philemon. His slave, Onesimus broke away from bondage to Philemon in order to preach with Paul. But Paul sent Onesimus back to Philemon with the admonition to receive the slave as he would receive

Paul the Apostle and to treat him just as he would treat an Apostle who had seen the Risen Lord. A new attitude that treats all people with such respect and reverence is certainly a way to renew ourselves this spring.

Beyond that, we need renewal within ourselves. Springtime is an occasion for us to bring something new into our lives, our outlook, our values and our understanding. It is a time to purge the old and troublesome habits and views and bring what is new and refreshing into bloom within our selves. We can take our tips from spring itself, and make this time a time to refresh and rejuvenate our spirits. If winter is a time for sullenness, spring is a time for play, recovering our strength and energy and reconnecting with others. If winter is a time in which the weather keeps us separated, spring draws us out of ourselves and toward one another. It is a time to reconnect with others. As a new season comes upon us, let us all be new persons to greet it!

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Saturday 1500hrs Chapel  
Catholic Mass:  
Saturday 1600hrs Chapel



# Introductions and observations

by Master Sgt. Brian Willoughby  
183rd Safety Office

Hello 183rd. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brian Willoughby and I am the new Safety and Occupational Health Manager for the Wing. I am trying to fill the shoes of my predecessor, Pete Lewis, and finding this to be quite a task. Let me take a moment to tell you a little bit about myself.



I enlisted in the active duty Air Force in 1979 as an Armament Systems Specialist. I served in the Air Force through June 1985.

In December 1985, I joined the 183rd Fighter Wing as a traditional guardsman and was assigned to the Weapons Loading section. I was selected to become a full time technician in the weapons section in August 1986.

I was selected as a Quality Assurance Weapons Inspector in February 1999 and had been in that position through November 2008 when I was selected to be the 183rd Safety and Occupational Health Manager.

Now that's enough with the introductions so let's get on with the observations. As I take on this new position I find myself looking at things about this unit in a little different light. I know that in the past several years, especially last year, the 183rd Fighter Wing has gone through many changes; old missions leaving, new missions coming on line, old friends leaving whether by retirement or relocating for another job opportunity. And these changes are continuing to develop. Some people on base have moved to new positions, new buildings, working in a new unfamiliar environments. With the new positions may come retraining. You may not know what tech school and other training you need to attend yet. With some of our facilities, plans are being made for remodeling and to construct new buildings. I know that I am telling you things you already know. My point is that we currently have a lot of "stuff" on our minds --- more than usual. Sometimes we can

get lost in the land of stress, frustration and uncertainty, even during routine day-to-day activities. Doing normal everyday activities requires "attention to detail". We sometimes lose sight of safety when performing routine tasks such as driving to work, walking across the "icy" parking lot, working at our jobs, etc.



As our unit undergoes an "extreme makeover", let's keep safety foremost in our minds in everything we do. We should do this not only for ourselves but for our fellow coworkers and for our families. Staying alert and avoiding potential hazards should be our priority all of the time.

My new job will offer many new challenges. Safety is not just the responsibility of one person in one shop but it is the responsibility of everyone in our unit, from commanders on down through the ranks. Hopefully, together, we can meet the challenges before us and promote a continually evolving "safe" environment for everyone.

## March Lunch Menu - served 1100-1300



### Saturday

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Italian sausage with peppers and onions  
Parsley buttered potatoes  
Peas and mushrooms  
Corn  
Salad bar  
Cookies

### Sunday

Pork chops with mushroom gravy  
Lemon baked fish  
Lyonnaisse rice  
Green beans  
Glazed carrots  
Salad bar  
Brownies

### Short order - Saturday

Pizza  
Soft tacos  
Fries  
Chili  
Salad bar  
Cookies

\*Menu is subject to change

### Short order - Sunday

*served 1000-1200*  
Scrambled eggs  
Biscuit and gravy  
Sausage links  
Hash browns  
Salad bar  
Brownies

**New Retirees**

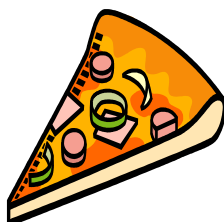
**Master Sgt. Karen L. Woods**, 183rd Maintenance Squadron, January 23, 2009  
**Master Sgt. Russell A. Weller**, 183rd Civil Engineering Squadron, January 25, 2009  
**Lt. Col. Sharon G. Star**, State Headquarters, February 1, 2009

**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. 24, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

**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, March 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!

**Captain**

Clint A. Nauta

**Senior Master Sergeant**

Paula J. Schou

**Master Sergeant**

Austin C. Dearing  
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**Technical Sergeant**

James R. Bryan  
 Christian S. Schweitzer

**Senior Airman**

Michael B. Gilreath  
 Tiffani A. Williams



Welcome Aboard

Staff Sgt. Aaron R. Boyles	Detachment 1	Dec. 6, 2008
Airman 1st Class Justin A. Masten	183rd Security Forces Squadron	Dec. 11, 2008
Airman Devin C. Bergschneider	183rd Maintenance Squadron	Dec. 11, 2008
Airman Michael A. Gochanour	183rd Security Forces Squadron	Dec. 11, 2008
Senior Master Sgt. Jonathan A. Wheeler	Detachment 1	Dec. 16, 2008
Airman 1st Class Jereme F. Groeninger	Detachment 1	Dec. 17, 2008
Airman 1st Class Aindrea N. Schneider	183rd Security Forces Squadron	Dec. 18, 2008
Airman 1st Class Adam B. Wilde	Detachment 1	Dec. 18, 2008
Airman 1st Class Dezire G. Renfro	Detachment 1	Jan. 8, 2009
Airman 1st Class Jordan Hudgins	Detachment 1	Jan. 8, 2009
Airman Basic Hailey M. Long	Detachment 1	Jan. 15, 2009
Airman 1st Class Jacob L. Peterson	Detachment 1	Jan. 22, 2009
Staff Sgt. Devin R. Kaiser	Detachment 1	Jan. 22, 2009
Airman 1st Class Ian T. Braden	183rd Security Forces Squadron	Jan. 22, 2009
Capt. Rodney E. McCraine	Detachment 1	Feb. 1, 2009
Major David T. Cox	183rd Air Support Squadron	Feb. 7, 2009

**183 FIGHTER WING 60th ANNIVERSARY (Please include payment)**  
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60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COOKBOOK - \$20: NUMBER OF BOOKS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed Forms with payment (payable to 60th Anniversary) need to be mailed to:**  
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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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# Practice OPSEC

Be careful what you post on any website - You never know who is reading your thoughts.





# Air Force Portal

by Chief Master Sgt. Victor Wurtzler  
Information Systems Branch  
Chief

As I have written about in previous articles, we are continuing to centralize IT services in the Air Force just like the rest of the world is doing. I talked about the fact that our web pages would start to migrate to the Air Force Portal. Well, that is now finally happening.

For the last year we have held back on making any drastic updates to the Vipernet web page on base because this was the future and because our missions and structure were in flux. As I write this in early February, we have deployed the 183rd's pages on the Air Force Portal. Most of the content from the local current "Vipernet" webpage is there in a new format that meets the Air Force criteria. The really nice thing is that these pages can now be accessed from anywhere that you can log into the AF Portal.

In order to find this page, first log into the Air Force Portal. Then look for the blue bar across the top of the portal content. When you move the mouse over the area that says "Bases-Orgs-Functional Areas" a drop down will appear with choices. Pick the one that says "Org A-Z listing" Once that page comes up, the organizational pages will be listed starting with the letter A. Ours is named "183 FW - 183rd

Fighter Wing - IL" so you will need to select the 0-9 under Air Force Organizations A-Z Index. Then scroll down to our listing and click on it. Once it comes up, you will see our main page. There is also a button that says "Save as my Org". From there on, you can get to the page easier.

Please go look at it. It has our drill schedule and other useful information that we all always wished we could get to from home or deployed locations. Not everything is assessable from off base, but most of it is assessable from anywhere. Our local Portal/Web team has gone out of their way to make our pages some of the best I have seen!

Please remember that this is setup as an organizational page. So you are looking for Org's and not Bases. We will also be creating content for the "My Base" page for the 183d but it will be minimal and mostly links to some information about the Springfield area and a link to the My Org page where our

content will be.

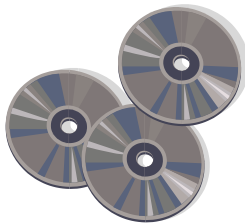
Also, in the future, network drives and public folders will all transition to that same higher level. They will more than likely reside on a Microsoft SharePoint server at a regional or national network center. We have few details about this change, other than the fact that it is going to happen, and more than likely in the next six to 12 months.



As all of this data is moved off of our network, the NCC will have less and less control over the size limits and configurations of systems. Doing some cleanup and organizing now is the best favor you will do for yourself and us over the next year.

If you have questions about this or anything else Communications related, call the Helpdesk at 241!!!! Or, you can always call me at 576!

**Reminder: The following removable media are unauthorized on all Department of Defense information systems until further notice:**



- Memory Sticks
- Thumbdrives
- Camera Memory Cards
- Portable Hard Drives
- Personal Electronic Devices



**Official CDs, Floppy drives, and DVDs are approved via your CSR once they are scanned**

## Ramstein Airmen show C-130 capabilities to Polish military

by Senior Airman Nathan Lipscomb  
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

2/4/2009 - POWDIZ AIR BASE, Poland (AFNS)  
-- As the U.S. and Polish celebrate 90 years of diplomatic relations this year, members of the two countries' air forces strengthened their bonds by way of the C-130 Hercules in late January here.

Members of the 86th Airlift Wing from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, visited Powdiz Air Base by way of Warsaw to show off the aircraft's capabilities to Polish military members.

Poland is expected to receive five C-130E models from the U.S. Air Force in the near future. The new airframe is expected to expand Poland's cargo and troop moving capabilities while allowing seamless co-operation between the two countries in contingency operations anywhere in the world.

The C-130 will be the biggest of the country's aircraft, said Polish Brig. Gen. Tadeusz Mikutel, the 33rd Air Base commander.

During the visit, members of the 86th AW demonstrated low-level flying, mission planning, standard maintenance and loading procedures, and had a chance to exchange ideas with the Polish military.

"One of the things we are able to do while we are here is to be able to partner and work with the Polish Air Force to demonstrate some of the capabilities of the C-130's that they will soon have in their inventory," said Brig. Gen. William J. Bender, the 86th AW commander. "I hope that we will continue to have a great working

relationship between our Air Force and the Polish air force."

While addressing the local Polish media, General Bender reassured the press and the Polish air force that they will be receiving a quality aircraft despite the E models age.

"The models the Polish air force will be getting will have some modifications, and many components will be changed, so now you are looking at year 2000 technology instead of 1960 technology," General Bender said. "It has great capabilities that I believe the Polish air force should be excited to have."

C-130 trained members of the Polish air force had the chance to watch and discuss what their U.S. Air Force counterparts do in their every day jobs on the C-130.

"They have received the same training that we have as members of the U.S. Air Force," said Tech. Sgt. Jay Mitchell. "With the demonstrations here, they get to see how things work outside of the classroom environment."

Through the training and teamwork, the U.S. and Polish air forces will continue to strengthen the bonds they have helped establish through the C-130.



*Ramstein Airmen show C-130 capabilities to Polish military  
An Airmen from the 86th Airlift Wing from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, talks with a Polish air force member about C-130 Hercules procedures Jan. 28 at Powidz Air Base, Poland. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nathan Lipscomb)*

**Illinois CPA Society provides free tax return preparation to members of the armed forces**

*submitted by the Base Legal Office from: www.icpas.org*

Chicago (December 18, 2008) – In a show of appreciation to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families for their dedicated service, the Illinois CPA Society is once again partnering with the Internal Revenue Service to offer the Military Service Tax Preparation Project. The program, now in its sixth year, provides free personal income tax return filing assistance to members of the U.S. Armed forces who have recently returned or are still serving in a combat zone or qualified hazard-

ous duty area.

Preparing to file your taxes can be stressful enough under ordinary circumstances. But for military personnel and their families already coping with high levels of anxiety, the expertise of program volunteers can help alleviate at least one concern. Military personnel and/or their families are matched with CPA volunteers in their area who help make sure they take full advantage of tax benefits, exclusions, and filing and payment extensions available to them.

The Military Service Tax Preparation Project is designed to help those who don't have a relationship with a CPA and who would otherwise have few resources for financial advice and information on IRS guidelines for military personnel. To qualify for free tax preparation

assistance, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Be an Illinois resident; and
- Be a member of the U.S.

Armed Forces having served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area (either currently or in the last six months);

- Be a member of the U.S.

Armed Forces serving in a contingency operation.

Family members – spouse, son, daughter or parents – can request assistance on behalf of military personnel. For more information about the Military Service Tax Preparation Project or to arrange for assistance from a volunteer CPA, visit the Illinois CPA Society's website, www.icpas.org or contact Jill Wiles, Community Service Manager, at 312-993-0407, extension 277 or via e-mail at wilesj@icpas.org.

**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 let Mr. Joe Ward, Family Readiness Manager, know. He wants 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 him at: 217/757-1569 or at joe.ward.1@ilspri.ang.af.mil



The 183d Family Readiness 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? It is a brand new day, with a brand new guy (new but not a rookie). So, let's band together, combine our ideas, and build a Family Support Group that we all will want to participate in. Our first meeting will be Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m., in the Aerospace Dining Facility. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer Sign-up Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:  
183d Family Readiness Group  
3101 J. David Jones Parkway

or email it to:  
joe.ward.1@ilspri.ang.af.mil  
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