



Joint Task Force-South

A new mission unfolds

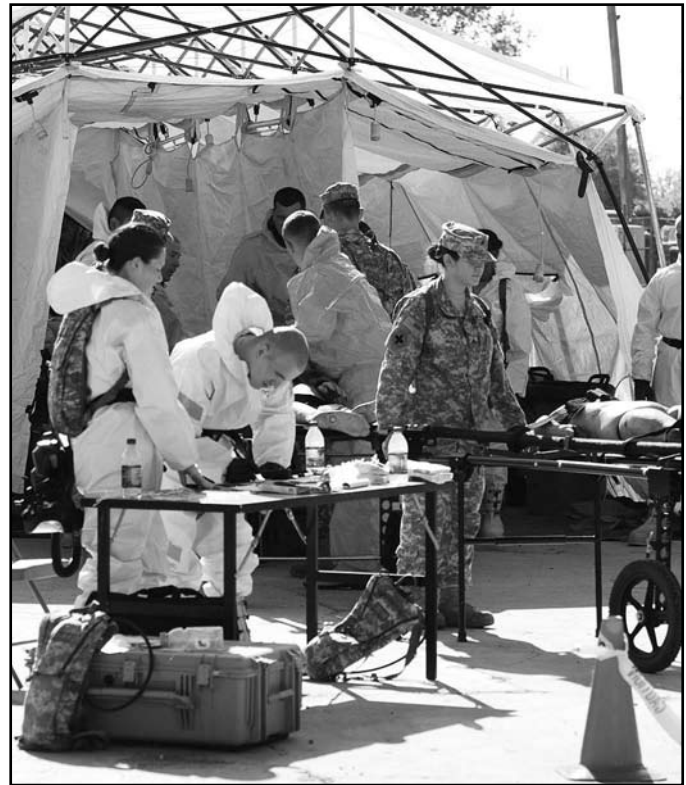
*by Lt. Col. James Bentley
JTF-South Chief of Staff*

At the direction of Major General William Enyart, the Adjutant General of Illinois, the Illinois National Guard and Air National Guard established Joint Task Force (JTF)-South in support of domestic operations taskings. In an operational order dated Feb. 26, 2010, signed by Gen. Enyart, mandated the 183rd Fighter Wing, in conjunction with the 65th Troop Command Brigade (Camp Lincoln) would standup a second Joint Task Force within Illinois by Oct. 1, 2010. The current JTF (JTF-North) is composed of the 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) and the 182nd Airlift Wing (Peoria) and is commanded by Brigadier General Pratt.

JTF-South is commanded by Colonel Stephen Baggerly and is comprised of Airmen and Soldiers from the following units: 183rd Fighter Wing, 65th Troop Command Brigade, Illinois Army National Guard, Camp Lincoln, Springfield, and the 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville.

The JTF-South will provide command and control for state military assets deployed in defense support of civil authorities (DSCA) or a specific incident. It will also facilitate the flow of information between the Joint Forces-State (JFHQ-State) and deployed units under control of the JTF.

JTF-South will work closely with the civilian incident commander in an effort to maintain situational aware-



Members of the newly-formed JTF-South comprised of Airmen and Soldiers participate in Prairie North, an exercise held in June in Chicago. (Photo by Sgt. Laksbergs, US Army)

ness of local, state, and federal actions, ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of response, support and safety activities.

As the senior military commander on the scene, Col. Baggerly will be responsible for the safe and efficient employment of all assigned military forces. If additional forces are required, he can request that the JFHQ-State activate and deploy additional units.

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Just the Facts

*Unit Training Assembly Schedule
and pay dates*




<u>Duty Performed</u>	<u>Pays out (approx.)</u>
SEP 11-12	SEP 22
OCT 2-3	OCT 13
NOV 6-7	NOV 17

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 web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/index.htm>. Pay information is under the Money Matters heading.

Attention!

The deadline for the **SEPTEMBER** issue of the **Falcon's View** is **SATURDAY, September 11, at 1200.**



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183rd Human Resource Advisor

**Greatness –
A Matter of Choice and Discipline**

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

Approximately two years ago, the HRA field unveiled the “Theme of the Month” campaign. It has been supported with amazing posters and information passed on to Air National Guard units. As the Wing HRA, I have placed posters around base, displayed tabletop information in the dining facility and written a Falcon’s View article for each theme. Although there are many great mottos and themes to live by, this month celebrates the final theme in the HRA series. I think it sums up all of the themes and pushes us forward to be our best. The September theme of the month is “Pursuing Greatness”



As I look over my notes, there are comments about the Air Force heritage, the great feats we have overcome and the amazing things Airmen are doing today. We have a history of pursuing greatness and we must continue to strive for it. In order to do great things, we do not need to sit by and wait for them to happen. It is not the organization’s processes that will lead it to greatness. It is us and our efforts. We need to make a conscious choice and be disciplined in our endeavors. We are the Air National Guard’s greatest resource. We don’t just contribute to the mission, we make the mission happen. As we make our own history, let’s choose to pursue greatness!

Flywheel Challenge: “What did I do today to push on the flywheel?”

- In the pursuit for greatness, how do I capture the richness of our diverse Airmen?
- What skills, abilities, knowledge, education and information can I garner daily to gain greatness in my chosen field?
- How do I set the example for greatness? Do I exude – duty, honor and commitment to the Air National Guard and our great nation?

Wreath Ceremony

The wreath laying ceremony will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m. at the aircraft static display area, near the front gate

Please remember if you know of any retirees that have passed away since the last ceremony held in September 2009 to contact Mr. Joe Ward, Family Readiness Manager at (217)757-1569, with the name so that he or she can be honored during this ceremony.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!



Six Flags

Six Flags tickets still available

The Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Graduates Association, Chapter 75, has discounted tickets for Six Flags in St. Louis.

The Six Flags tickets are available for purchase in the Financial Management Office, building P-48. The park will be open until Oct. 31. Please go to the Six Flags web site to view park hours for these dates.

For the Six Flags calendar and events, go to

<http://www.sixflags.com/stLouis/events/CalendarEvents.aspx>

Lunch Menu

September Menu Served 1100-1300

Saturday

- ♥Teriyaki chicken breast
- Rigatoni
- Vegetable medley
- Garlic potatoes
- Corn
- Garlic bread
- Fresh fruit
- Tossed salad
- Brownies

Saturday - Short Order

Horseshoes



Sunday

- Fried chicken
- ♥Cajun fish
- Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Bow tie noodles
- Baby carrots
- Broccoli
- Tossed salad
- Cheesecake

Sunday - Short Order

Horseshoes

*Menu is subject to change

♥ Heart healthy

Chaplain's Corner

CHAPLAINS' INFORMATION

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Saturday 1500 hrs Chapel
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Saturday 1600 hrs Chapel



Base Chapel Office:

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Phone 217-757-1367,
DSN 892-8367
Fax (217)757-1509

Unit News

A good cause to run

By Maj. Nancie Margetis
Public Affairs

The third annual Brian McMillen Memorial 5K Run/Walk, also known as the “Mac Run”, took place July 24 at Lincoln Land Community College.

The race is a memorial to Brian McMillen, a member of the 183rd Fighter Wing who was killed in the line of duty as an Illinois State Police trooper. Brian was in the unit seven years and served as a Security Forces craftsman. He was selected as Airman of the Year in 2004.

His widow, Master Sgt. Angela McMillen, a personnel specialist with the 183rd Force Support



Over 450 participants await the start of the 3rd annual “Mac Run”.

(Photo by Cassidy Snyder)

Squadron, feels that it is amazing to see how many people participated in the race. Many of them knew Brian personally, others did not.

She said, “It goes to show how many people Brian’s life actually touched. Through each and every one that shows up for the race, his spirit lives on.”

“I get an overwhelming abundance of gratification that comes from ensuring one of my best friend’s names lives on,” Tech. Sgt. Eric Link, race director, said.

Proceeds from the race are a main revenue for the Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) Brian McMillen Veteran’s Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded yearly to a veteran in Brian’s name. This year the scholarship was awarded to Christopher Kutchma.

Additional proceeds are donated to other charities like St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Special Olympics and others as



(Photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr)

agreed by the committee.

Many of Brian’s friends started the race three years ago and every year the race gets larger.

This year there were 497 runners. Final proceeds are still in the process of being determined.

Link says the success is indicative of the type of person Brian was. “He was a consummate professional, true friend and all around gentlemen. The committee works hard to ensure a great event, but Brian’s personality and his past relationships with others is the key-stone reason of the runs success,” he said.

For more information and photos of the race, visit www.llccveteransclub.org.

Welcome Aboard

New Enlistees

1st Lt. Michael Pederson
1st Lt. Jon M. Bormann

Detachment 1
Chaplain’s Office

July 1, 2010
July 10, 2010

Unit News

The 183rd gives back

By 2nd Lt. Stephen Unverzagt
183rd Public Affairs

Saturday, Aug. 7 the 183rd/217th and the Central Illinois Community Blood Center (CICBC) partnered to help our community. Thirteen unit members volunteered and donated a total of 11 units. There were seven single donors and two members even donated double red blood cells. There were also four first time donors. The blood that was donated will stay in our community as the CICBC works with 19 central Illinois hospitals. Every year the CICBC receives over 40 thousand units of blood. Amazingly over half of those units will be used at St. John's Hospital and Memorial Medical Center here in Springfield. Although

our numbers were good, there is still room to improve.

According to the CICBC, "Donating blood is safe and easy. You only need to be over 17 (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. You can donate blood every 56 days."

As you can see the large majority of 183rd and 217th members will qualify to donate. Let us continue to make a difference to our community. You can also follow up with the CICBC for information about your specific donation and how it was used.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Pherigo)

In The Spotlight

Tech. Sgt. Mike Putnam



(Photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr)

What: 2T370 Vehicle Mechanic

When: Enlisted July 20, 1994

Why: He enlisted to help pay for school, receiving his Bachelor's of Arts in history from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Civilian Employment: State of Illinois

Civilian/Military Correlation: None, with the exception that due to his civilian work with computers the guys around the shop are always asking him computer questions.

Recent/Favorite Deployment: Most recently he deployed to Italy in 2008, but considers his favorite deployment to be to Istres, France, where he assisted in closing the base in 2005.

Additional Comment/Suggestions: "I'd like to thank Master Sgt. Brian Waldrop for where I am today!"



Don't discuss classified information on your cell phone or social networks.

Think OPSEC!

Promotions

First Lieutenant
Melanie K. Crays

Master Sergeant
John C. Van Pelt

Technical Sergeant
Clara M. Orrill

Staff Sergeant
Alexander H. Mercer

Senior Airman
Denton A. Burtle
Evan J. Stevens

Retiree News

Command Chief Master Sgt. Kent W. Sunderland Retirement Ceremony



A retirement ceremony for Command Chief Master Sgt. Kent W. Sunderland, Headquarters Illinois Air National Guard, will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Il-

linois Military Academy Auditorium at Camp Lincoln. Chief Sunderland is retiring after 36 years of which 20 years had been with the 183rd.



Fall 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 Mr. Walt Pierce at 217-787-1226.

What: Semi-Annual Retiree Luncheon

When: Friday, Oct. 1, 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.)

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of Richard "Rocket" Chronister, who died July 24, while trying to save someone from drowning. He was born in 1949 in Springfield, Ill. He moved to Leesburg, Fla., from Riverton, Ill., in 2007. In 1999, he retired from the 183rd Fighter Wing after 35 years, where he was a Hazardous Materials handler. Grave side services were held July 30 at the Florida National Cemetery with full military honors. Rick had a big heart and will be sadly missed.

Happy Retirement!

Senior Master Sgt. Jason A. Robbins
Master Sgt. Brian K. Stemmons

183rd Mission Support Group
217th Engineering Installation Squadron

July 15, 2010
July 15, 2010

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, October 5, 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!

Alzheimer's Disease -Are you at risk?

by Tech. Sgt. Amy Murphy
183rd Medical Group

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia. Dementia is a name for progressive degenerative brain syndrome which affect memory, thinking, behavior and emotion. Symptoms may include: Loss of memory, difficulty in finding the right words or understanding what people are saying, difficulty in performing previously routine tasks, and personality and mood changes. Dementia is not a normal part of aging. It knows no social, economic, ethnic or geographical boundaries. Although each person will experience dementia in their own way, eventually those affected are unable to care for themselves and need help with their daily life. There is currently no cure for most types of dementia, but treatments, advice, and support are available.



Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and accounts for 50% - 60% of all cases. It destroys brain cells and nerves disrupting the transmitters which carry messages in the brain, particularly those responsible for storing memories. Alzheimer's disease was first described by Alois Alzheimer in 1906.

During the course of Alzheimer's disease, nerve cells die in particular regions of the brain. The brain shrinks as gaps develop in the temporal lobe and hippocampus, which are responsible for storing and retrieving new information. This in turn affects people's ability to remember, speak, think and make decisions. The production of certain chemicals in the brain, such as acetylcholine is also affected. It is not known what causes nerve cells to die but there are characteristic appearances of the brain after death. In particular, 'tangles' and 'plaques' made from protein fragments are observed under the microscope in damaged areas of brain. This confirms the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

Typically, Alzheimer's disease begins with lapses of memory, difficulty in finding the right words for everyday objects or mood swings. As Alzheimer's progresses, the person may: Routinely forget recent events, names

and faces and have difficulty in understanding what is being said, become confused when handling money or driving a car, undergo personality changes, appearing to no longer care about those around them and experience mood swings and burst into tears for no apparent reason, or become convinced that someone is trying to harm them.

In advanced cases people may also: Adopt unsettling behavior like getting up in the middle of the night or wander off and become lost, lose their inhibitions and sense of suitable behavior, undress in public or make inappropriate sexual advances.

A reasonably accurate diagnosis of dementia can be made by taking a careful history of the person's problem from a close relative or friend, together with an examination of the person's physical and mental status. There is, however, no simple test to make a diagnosis and dementia can only be confirmed with certainty by examining the brain at post mortem. When making a diagnosis, it is important to exclude other treatable conditions that cause memory loss such as depression, urinary infection, vitamin deficiency and brain tumor. An early diagnosis is helpful, because it: enables caregivers to be better equipped to cope with the disease progression, provides people with dementia with an opportunity to make decisions about their financial and legal affairs before they lose the ability to do so gives people with dementia a better chance to benefit from existing treatments.

Dementia primarily affects older people. Up to the age of 65, dementia develops in only about one person in 1000. The chance of having the condition rises sharply with age to one person in 20 over the age of 65. Over the age of 80, this figure increases to one person in five. Here are four suggestions to keep your brain as highly functional as possible:

Eat healthy. An American study showed that those who ate fish oils once a week had a sixty percent reduction in dementia!

Get physical. A study showed that those who exercised three or more times per week had a 30-40 percent lower risk for developing dementia.

Be sociable. People with a poor or no social contact had sixty percent increase for dementia!

Use your head, literally! One study showed that older people who did crossword puzzles four times a week had a 47 percent less chance of developing dementia, compared to those who did only one puzzle a week.

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For response to a major incident, the JTF-South commander may have a variety of forces deployed, including a Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), a quick reaction force, medical units, and various aviation and ground transportation units.

Colonel Baggerly may, with the consent of the President of the United States, be called into federal service and continue service under state regulations so that they may command both regular (Title 10) and National Guard forces, thus facilitating a unity of effort for all military forces at the incident.

It is the responsibility of the JTF-South Commander and his staff to know what capabilities the various Guard units in the state possess and how they might be applied to the problem at hand so that they can be efficiently used to provide the most effective response.

Baggerly and his JTF staff (approximately 60 Airman and Soldiers) are required to complete different DoD courses and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident Command System courses related to the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides the template for the management of incidents and works hand in hand with the National Response Framework (NRF) which provides the structure and mechanisms for national-level policy for incident management. Also, members are encouraged to complete

additional training. Col. Baggerly and myself (JTF-South Chief of Staff) have both completed a Master of Science in Emergency and Disaster Management.

In preparation for standing up the JTF by this October, JTF-South members participated earlier this year with JTF-North in a Red Risk Planning exercise, then a Guard North tabletop exercise and finally in June in a Prairie North exercise, which was a full-scale exercise in Chicago. This exercise (which simulated a commercial airplane crash, methamphetamine lab takedown, biological terrorist act and a chemical plant explosion) was designed to test civilian and military response and coordination should multiple incidents occur in the metro Chicago area. The exercise was necessary to ensure that Illinois is prepared to protect the public from and mitigate consequences of, an act of terrorism or other major disaster. The Illinois National Guard was the host agency for the exercise and developed scenarios to support the training goals over 50 local, state, federal, and international agencies and approximately 1,500 participants.

In 2011, JTF-South will participate in Prairie South exercise. The Prairie South exercise will be part of the 2011 National Level Exercise (NLE) which will be a domestic non-terrorism major earthquake covering FEMA Regions IV, V, VI, VII that includes 23 states. Illinois is part of FEMA's Region V. The



Lt. Col. James Bentley, 183rd LRS/CC (right) and Senior Master Sgt. Fred Ausmus, 183rd Security Forces (left) discuss security operations during the JTF Exercise held in Chicago in June. (Photo by Sgt. Laksbergs, US Army)

exercise is expected to culminate with a series of major command exercises, coinciding with the 200th Anniversary of the 1811-1812 earthquakes that occurred along the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ) in the central United States. The largest earthquakes in the history of the continental United States occurred along the NMSZ in the winter of 1811-1812. Moderate earthquakes have occurred several times in the past century in Central U.S., including a 5.2 quake on Apr. 18, 2008, in the Wabash Valley seismic zone in southwestern Illinois, just north east of the NMSZ.

The Soldiers and Airmen of JTF-South will leave their own families, homes and jobs on a moment's notice to help those in need in any affected areas. They are citizens helping citizens.

McKinley tells Guard enlisted force to prepare for prolonged overseas role

*by Army Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill
National Guard Bureau*

8/9/2010 - ST. LOUIS -- The National Guard likely will continue to play a significant role in overseas contingency operations for the foreseeable future, the chief of the National Guard Bureau said here Aug. 8.

“Just like we have in Kosovo for 14 years and the Sinai (and) the Horn of Africa, I think the National Guard will be asked to stay longer ... and give (our) civilian-acquired skills to ... emerging government,” Gen. Craig McKinley told about 1,800 Guard members attending the 39th annual conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

The Guard already is making a significant military-to-civilian contribution through the agribusiness development teams on the ground in Afghanistan, a program born in Missouri, he said

“The things that we bring from our civilian occupations will mean that the National Guard will be in huge demand for years to come,” General McKinley said.

During a July visit to Iraq and Afghanistan, General McKinley said he was struck by the contrast between the two countries.

“What I ... felt in Iraq ... is the Iraqis are (on) the verge of taking control of their own destiny and their own country by forming a government and moving out,” he said.

This time, as McKinley rode from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad to the airport, something had changed from previous visits: Security along a route once infamous for violence was provided entirely by the Iraqi military.

“It gave me a sense of hope that ... this country has the potential to turn a corner and to make a stand on its own and to determine its own destination,” he said.

In Afghanistan, General McKinley found a hot war, and a surge in which the Army National Guard is playing a key role.

“There’s going to be some pretty rough days and months ahead,” he said. “Two vastly different theaters, but similar circumstances in which the men and women who make up our National Guard are contributing greatly on the battlefield.”

General McKinley’s recent trip in theater ended with a visit with wounded warriors at Landstuhl Regional Medical

Center in Germany, a visit that underlined the true sacrifices Guardmembers are making.

“We’re going to be at this for a very, very long time,” he told conferees from an association of more than 85,000 members, which promotes the status, welfare and professionalism of the enlisted personnel of the Army and Air National Guard.

“The only thing that can take this nation down is (loss of) our will to fight and to remain free and to remain strong,” he said. “Do not give in to those who would say that the American will to stay free and remain the beacon of hope is waning, to those who say that the era of American independence and potentially our role in the world as the world’s superpower is waning.

“Because on those young men and women’s shoulders rest our hopes and our future, and I have a great deal confidence in them that we will get it right.”

All Guardmembers, from General McKinley to the newest enlistee, stand on the shoulders of predecessors and mentors, the 26th chief of the National Guard Bureau said.

“None of us go this route alone,” he said. Each state and territory and the District of Columbia, “for decades, for centuries, have given their young men and women for service to their state and to their nation.”

General McKinley said the time he spends with enlisted Soldiers and Airmen is inspiring.

“For anyone who doubts that this nation is committed to remaining strong and being the beacon of hope for the rest of the world, all you have to do is look in the faces of these young men and women,” he said.

The National Guard is at a historic peak of excellence, he said.

“With the leadership of the adjutants general, working for the governors, we have the finest, most talented, most capable, most resilient, most battle-tested National Guard, arguably, in the history of the United States of America,” he said. “One of the finest, most well-trained, most well-led, most inspired forces that we could ask for.”

The general went on to say that when the nation calls out the Guard, it calls out America.

“Much of the reason this nation is so strongly behind its armed forces and what it is doing is because we’ve called out the Guard, General McKinley said. “We’ve involved all of our 3,300 communities around our states and territories and the District, and citizens understand what’s at stake.”

Recognition of servicemembers’ sacrifices, regardless of politics, is in stark contrast to the Vietnam era, General McKinley said, and the implementation of the total force

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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 e-mail 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. Please see me, Joe Ward, Family Readiness Coordinator for Volunteer Sign-up Forms.

Volunteer Sign-up Form

Unit:

Email Address:

Name:

Specialty:

Address:

Phone Number:

City:

State & Zip Code

Please return to:

183d Family Readiness Group
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Springfield, IL. 62707-5001

or email it to:

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

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concept is one reason why.

"It's a different Guard," he said. "The National Guard had a different role. ... 'One weekend a month. Two weekends in the summer.' How distant and remote those phrases are, but, for many of us, that was our National Guard.

"We had under utilized equipment, equipment that was old, not serviceable," he said. "We weren't able to give to the Soldiers and Airmen the kinds of training that made them full-up. But today ... our voices are heard not only in the Pentagon but in the White House, and that's a significant achievement that we can all be very, very proud of."

A newly formed council of governors has amplified the Guard's voice among elected and appointed civilian leaders.

"What's at stake very simply is the quality of life, the liberty and freedom that we all enjoy, that which many of us have given our finest hours to," General McKinley said.

"Less than one percent of the American population serves in uniform and so when you look at the 460,000 National Guard men and women and see them at the gas station, you see them at the shopping mall, you have to say that this conflict, ... the struggle against radical extremism, is going to be fought and won on the backs of young men and women who are firmly supported by the citizens of their communities.

"We can't forget that the National Guard, along with our active component, along with the civilians and contractors on the field - [is] making the difference. ... Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are recognized ... because they are fighting for a cause that's bigger than themselves, and they are answering to the civilian commanders."

Risk Management

by Tech. Sgt. Chris Rosser
Base Safety Office

Risk Management (RM) is a decision-making process that systematically evaluates risk. The goal of RM is to reduce accidents and prevent unnecessary injuries. Risk Management is not only a formal process used on the job but a process that should be used in off duty activities. Risk Management can be applied to common activities like driving on long trips, exercising, working around the home, and high risk activities. The definition of a High Risk Activity is any sport or activity in which a mishap could result in serious injury or death. The Air Force has identified several high risk activities its members participate in. These include but are not limited to:

- Skydiving
- Jet skiing/ boating
- Mountain climbing
- Parasailing
- Bull riding/rodeo
- Flying Civilian Aircraft
- Bungee Jumping
- Scuba Diving
- Auto/Motorcycle Racing

There are three levels of RM.

The most basic is Time Critical Risk Management. This RM process is an “on the run” level or a “looking before you leap” mentality. This is what most of us do every single day and are unaware we are doing it! It is accomplished by asking what can go wrong or is changing; how can I keep it from affecting the mission or hurting me; acting to correct the situation; or take preventative measures and telling the right people if you are unable to



take the right action.

The second level is Deliberate Risk Management. This involves completing a 5-Step RM process. Examples of this would be normal planning for mission related situations or off-duty trips over a long weekend, etc. The third level of RM is In-Depth or Strategic Risk Management.

Similar to the second level but much more research is conducted over a longer time period to complete a 5-Step RM process. This level is used for large scale operations or major events.

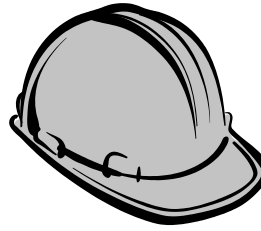
There are four principals to risk management. They are:

- Accept no unnecessary risk - only take risks that are necessary to execute the mission or activity...and try to identify them early!
- Make risk decisions at the appropriate level - are you the right person to make the risk decision?
- Accept risk when benefits outweigh the costs - classic “Risk vs. Reward” scenario.
- Integrate RM into operations, activities and planning at all levels - it is not just about Operations anymore. Use it in everything you do to include off-duty activities!

When conducting a deliberate analysis of a situation there are 5-Steps of Risk Management.

1. Identify the hazards – what could have an adverse impact, ask what if, use experience
2. Assess the hazards / risks – prioritize hazards based upon their severity and likelihood
3. Make risk control decisions – consider risk control options and determine whether benefits outweigh

any risks, use communication to share ideas



4. Implement risk controls- implement methods of reducing risk

5. Supervise and review effectiveness of controls - are the controls working and effective, are changes required?

Risk Management should not be seen as an administrative burden that is only applied when time allows. Risk Management is a vital part of the way business is done. The people in the unit are constantly aware, watching for change, and putting controls in place to ensure success.

Risk Management is not:

- About avoiding risk.
- A safety only program
- Limited to complex-high risk evolutions
- A program, but a process
- Only for on-duty
- Just for your boss
- Just a planning tool
- Automatic, Static, Difficult
- Someone else’s job
- A well kept secret
- A fail-safe process
- A bunch of checklists
- Just a bullet in a briefing guide

To aid members in risk management several tools are available. Base Safety offers motorcycle rider courses to members to reduce risks associated with this high risk activity. Many RM techniques are taught in this class to reduce not eliminate risk. The Air National Guard Safety Community of Practice (COP) is a great source for both supervisors and members to access safety programs, get checklists and learn more about both operational and off duty programs. A link to the ANG Safety COP can be found on the 183rd Wing Safety COP.

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The site features expanded public affairs coverage of all things 183rd. Readers can look for more timely and up-to-date news items about Springfield's Air Guard Unit.

Log on and check it out!

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