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2010 Outstanding Airmen of the Year



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183rd Civil Engineering Squadron*



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183rd Air Operations Group*

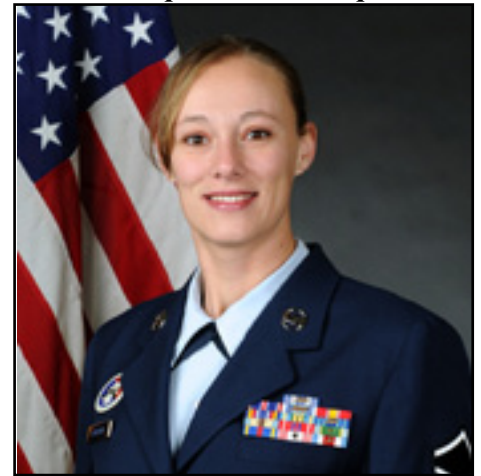


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183rd Air Operations Group*



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Debra S. Schmitz
183rd Communications Flight*

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Rudolf "Rudy" C. Stonitsch
217th Engineering Installation
Squadron*



*Honor Guard Member Master Sgt.
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183rd Comptroller Flight*

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Important Information

Unit Training Assembly Schedule and pay dates



Duty Performed	Pays out (approx.)
JAN 8-9	JAN 19
JAN 29-30	FEB 9
MAR 5-6	MAR 16

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 next issue of the Falcon View will be March 2011 (electronic version only) due to no Feb. UTA. Deadline for submission to Public Affairs is Jan. 29.



On Base Emergency

CALL 911 FOR ALL YOUR ON-BASE EMERGENCY NEEDS.

Important Contacts

Commercial (217) 757-1XXX
on base use 3-digit Ext.

Main Gate.....	205
Base Commander.....	219
Base Operations.....	202
217th EIS Commander.....	700
Pass and Registration	481
Recruiting.....	285
Public Affairs	267
Customer Service	308
Military Pay	225
Clinic.....	221
Safety	237
Chaplain	367
Wing IG	770

Toll Free Number

1-800-392-1797

January Menu

Catered by Secret Recipes
Served 1100-1300

Chicken Marsala over noodles	Beef Sirloin tips over noodles
Roasted corn Roll	Green beans Roll
Tossed salad	Tossed salad
Brownies	Brownies

183rd HOLIDAY CELEBRATION – 2011

“Welcome to Southcom”

Date: January 8, 2011
Time: 7-12 p.m.
Place: Springfield Firefighters Club
940 West Lake Drive, Springfield, IL
Band: Inspected by 12
Ticket Price: \$10 per person
Finger foods, soda, water, coffee, tea and beer included.
Cash bar. Door prizes.
Call ext. 414 for ticket information

Airline Baggage Fees

As a reminder, when you are traveling on military orders you must present your orders and ID card at the airline counter to prevent baggage charges.

If you access your boarding ticket by a kiosk you will still be charged the fee and there will not be a refund from the airline. This baggage fee is considered an excess baggage fee and is only reimbursable when authorized in your orders prior to departing.

If you do not go through the airline counter you may take a chance of not having this fee reimbursed. These fees may range from \$25 - \$50.

Please prevent these fees by using the actual counter for assistance and not the kiosk. If you have any questions please see your Financial Representative.

Unit News

Final Flight of the Falcon's View

Monthly newsletter transitions to electronic version

by Maj. Nancie Margetis
183 FW Public Affairs

“The only thing constant is change”, is a phrase that has been heard and quoted often. Anyone born in the 1900s can attest to how many technological changes have taken place in such a short amount of time.

The 183rd has also seen its share of changes in the last few decades. Yet, everyone has survived those changes, and hopefully came out a better person or is in a better position than before the change.

The Falcon's View is flying its last printed flight and the transition from the printed monthly newsletter to the online version is another one of the many changes the unit will face. Like the rich fighter-tradition of the unit, the newsletter has been an integral part of the unit.

From the records maintained in the Public Affairs office, it appears the first official newsletter for the unit named, “News 170, Tactical Fighter Squadron”, began in 1957. While there are no available printed copies earlier than 1961, I'm sure the unit had a newsletter from its inception in 1948.

In October 1963, the unit was reorganized and became the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group, and with the unit designation change, so did the name of the newsletter. It was simply, “183rd News.” It remained the 183rd News until renamed Falcon's View in 2001.

The official purpose of the newsletter is derived from Air Force Instruction 35-101, Public Affairs Responsibilities and Management. It is a part of Command/Internal Information. It ensures a free flow of information to Air Force members and their families, achieves informed internal support for the Air Force mission, responds to inquiries by Air Force members and their families and maintains the morale, readiness, productivity, and retention of a well-informed force.



Besides serving the official purpose, it is a way to tell the stories of unit accomplishments, highlight personal accomplishments and inform unit members of what is going on. With the transition to the online version, that useful purpose will not change. It will actually be enhanced. We will no longer have some of the constraints we had with a printed version, such as limiting how many pages we can publish due to costs.

There are many advantages to producing an online version of the monthly newsletter. As mentioned above cost is just one of them, although in these tough budget times, a very important one. Another advantage is it will be considered “going green”, saving valuable resources such as paper and preserving the environment. In addition, it will be readily available in a much faster production time, you can't lose it or misplace it like a paper copy, and did I mention the cost savings?

The transition from paper to electronic was also mandated by Air Force policy, as evidenced by many other Guard units transitioning to online versions, including one of our Air Guard neighbors, the 182nd Airlift Wing, also transitioning to an electronic version in January 2011.

This change is in alignment with many of the other changes resulting in advanced technology. Soon you will get notifications from the base via text messages on your cell phone or via email. Or sometime soon, you may be asked to become a friend of the 183rd through Facebook.

To view the online paper beginning March (no February issue due to double January UTAs), simply access our public website at: www.183fw.ang.af.mil, click on Resources and a hyperlink (left hand side) to the Falcon View present and past newsletters are available to view and/or print.

If you have any questions regarding the electronic newsletter, please contact Capt. Brian Hodge at (217) 757-1374.

Times are changing and the best thing to do is get on board with the changes so you don't get left behind!

Change can be good

by Col. Michael A. Meyer
183rd Fighter Wing Commander

STOP THE PRESSES. Well we at the 183rd are stopping the presses for good on the Falcon's View. We will continue to issue the Falcon's View, but now it will only be distributed electronically. For some this will be a painful change. No longer will one be able to catch up on the news of the 183rd with the feel of paper between their fingers. One will now be required to embrace the modern reality of online distribution. The Falcon's View officially becomes an e-zine with the March edition.

WHY? Well the answer is fairly simple. A new USAF Air Force Instruction now directs that a unit can no longer expend appropriated funds to publish unit publications like the Falcon's View. So we and all the other units who like our paper newsletters are sent rushing into the future.

BUT WAIT! There will be some definite advantages to a purely electronic newsletter. Printing costs and technology have limited the creativity and size of the newsletter. Every future Falcon's View



will be able to maximize the use of color in photos and content. The unit will have additional funds to spend on other very pressing needs. The number of pages in each addition of the Falcon's View will not be limited to multiples of four pages. Therefore, if there is something noteworthy, Public Affairs does not need to take another article out or add three more pages in order to meet the four page requirement. We will be greener in that we will not be using tens of thousands of pages of paper each month that will eventually become waste. Finally and most important, you are going to get access to it sooner. The

timeliness of the Falcon's View will significantly improve. Due to the lack of time between UTAs and the time to print, mail, and deliver the newsletter; it sometimes does not arrive in time to provide information pertinent to the upcoming UTA. For some it even arrives after UTA. With the new electronic Falcon's View, the unit and the commanders will be able to provide members, with over a week's notice, information on and reminders of important matters and events occurring during the upcoming UTA. The Falcon's View will evolve from a newsletter mostly focused on the past with some information on the long-term future to one that will still be able to chronicle the important things of the past, but it will also be able to prepare one for the next UTA. So instead of the day before UTA, you will soon be able to see the Falcon's View weeks earlier on your computers and smart phones.

SO change is coming. The old paper-based Falcon's View has had a nice run. It has a great and proud tradition of accomplishment. All who have had a hand its content and production should be proud. But we look forward to the new Falcon's View being even better. Sometimes change is not that bad.

FREE Windows7 and Office 2010 courses and books available on IT E-Learning

Would you like a head start on Windows7 and/or Microsoft Office 2010? FREE courses and books are available now via the AF IT E-Learning program with more on the way.

AF Active Duty (including Academy cadets, Guard and Reserves) and AF Civilians (including NAF and Foreign National Direct Hire) have access to these courses.

Goals for greatness!

By Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Korte
Human Resource Advisor

A new year is upon us and at this time, we reflect on the past and make a commitment to the future. It is a time of renewal and an opportunity for a fresh start. We make resolutions about diet, exercise, attitude, etc. Some we keep, and some we don't, but we make a conscience effort to better ourselves.

While we have this mindset, perhaps it is a good time to look at becoming better Airmen, also. In the second edition of A Leader's Guide to Diversity, there is a section called "Goals for Greatness! The Airman Greatness Challenge!" Goals are listed in relation to Enlisted Time in Service (ETS) and provide insight as we move forward in our military career. Below are a few examples from the booklet (all First Sergeants have a copy). Once the Falcon's View is electronic, all of the material will be listed for your review. Here's to a new year!

The Airman Greatness Challenge! 0-5 Years ETS

- Establish yourself as a doer
- Always communicate with dignity and respect
- Be prepared and qualified for opportunities ahead of time
- Achieve higher education
- Accept help from others to grow beyond your AFSC

6-10 Years ETS

- Develop your training skills to



develop others

- Continually develop your leadership skills
 - Be effective and efficient with resources
 - Introduce and execute one good idea every six months
 - Join and proactively support a military organization or association
- ### 11-15 Years ETS
- Make no excuses
 - Be prepared for future opportunities, before they happen
 - Make complex decisions quickly
 - Be extremely visible and involved in unit functions
 - Volunteer for community and unit events
- ### 16-20 Years ETS
- Understand how diversity affects leadership, teamwork, and your mission
 - Get the most and best out of all Airmen
 - Commit to what needs to be done
 - Make and embrace change
 - Volunteer for leadership roles within the organization

Protect against credit fraud and identity theft during the holidays

By Tech. Sgt. John Orrell
National Guard Bureau

12/3/2010 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- With the holiday shopping season underway, service members need to ensure they are taking the proper steps to protect themselves from credit fraud and identity theft, the National Guard Bureau's chief privacy officer said.

"Monitoring bank accounts, setting up e-mail or text message alerts to inform you of suspicious activity on your account(s) and setting up a free-of-charge fraud alert on your credit report are some good ways to start protecting yourself," said Jennifer Nikolaisen.

Remembering some simple steps when making purchases or traveling can be the difference between information protection and financial failure, she said. First, "make sure ... statements that have your credit card number or personal information are shredded after you are done with them; not recycled, but shredded," she said.

Next, "Pay attention to your surroundings," Ms. Nikolaisen said. "When making purchases, be aware so that no one can see you enter your pin number or try to swap credit cards."

And finally, "Be smart with on-line purchases," she said. "If there is not an HTTPS in the URL of a webpage, then it isn't a creditable website and your information could be stolen."

Ms. Nikolaisen said there has been a rise in identity thefts resulting from use of social media sites.

Ms. Nikolaisen recommends that service members go to the Federal Trade Commission's website which has important tips and tools on information protection or the Identity Theft Resource Center if they already have been a victim of identity theft or credit fraud.

Outstanding Airmen

The following individuals on these pages represent some of the finest at the 183rd Fighter Wing, 183rd Air Operations Group, and the 217th Engineering Installation Squadron. All should be commended for the hard work and dedication that made them a candidate for Airmen of the Year.

We are proud of you and your accomplishments.
Congratulations!



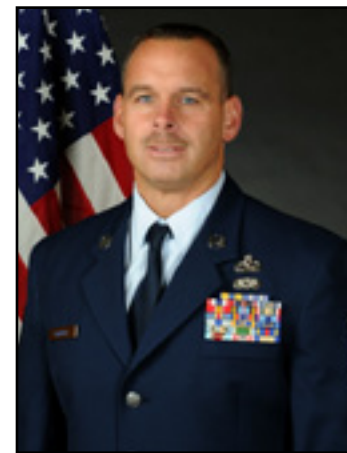
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First Sgt.



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183rd Civil Engineering Sq



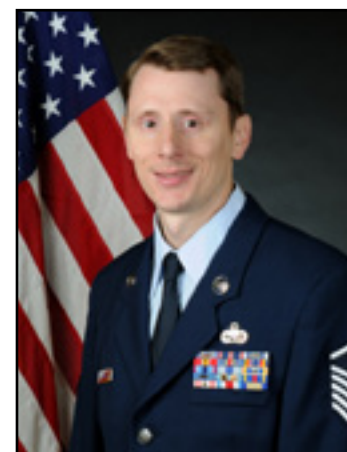
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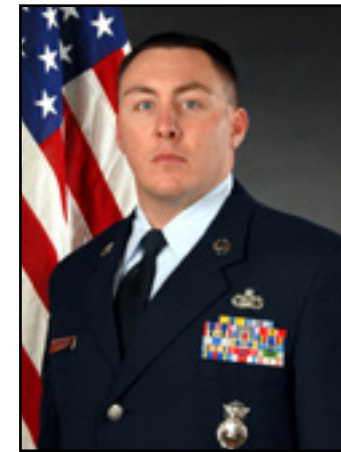


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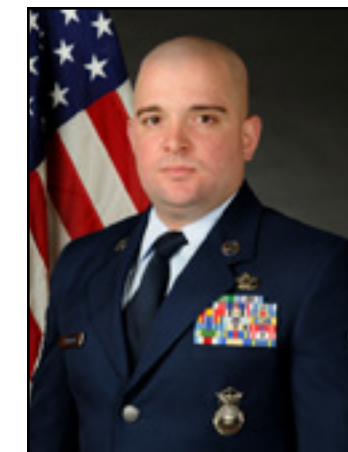
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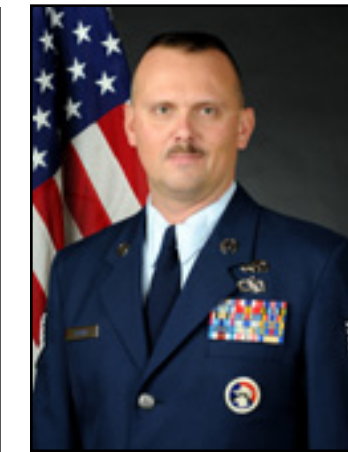
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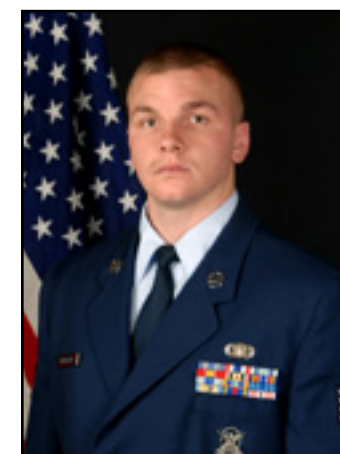
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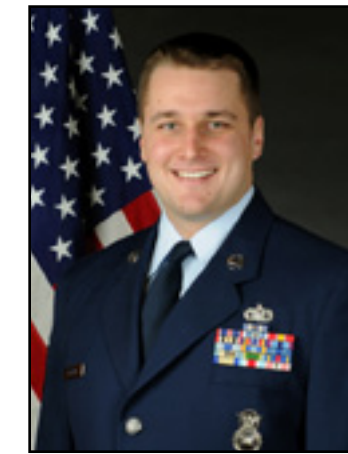
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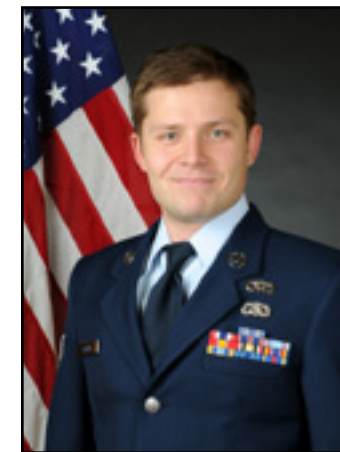
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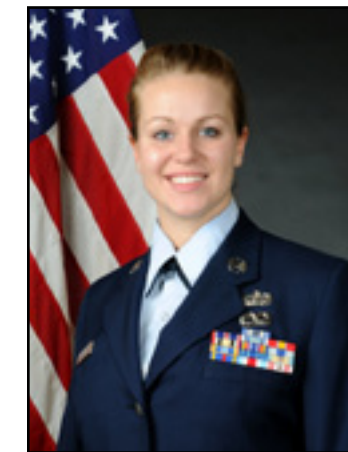
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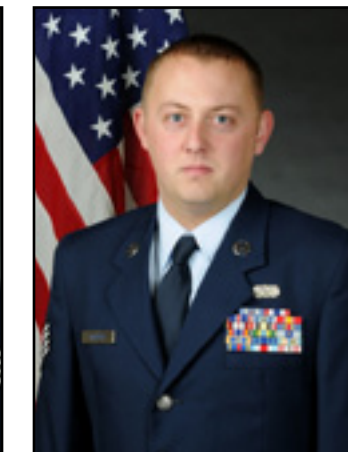
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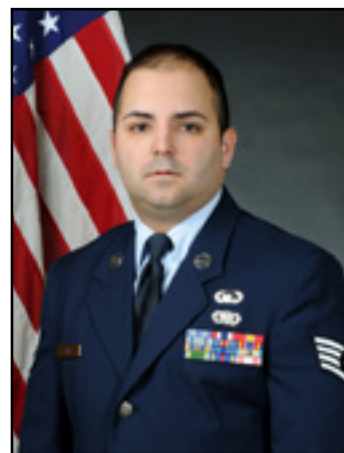


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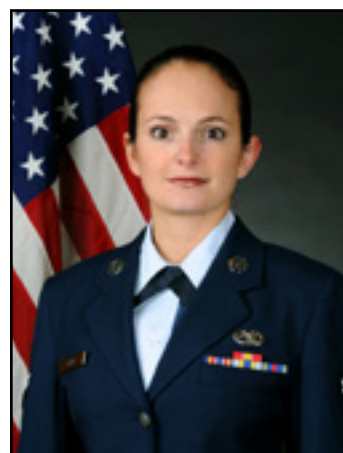
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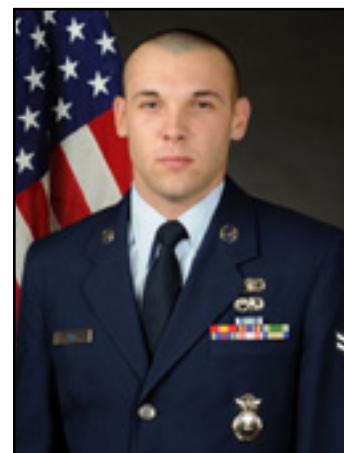
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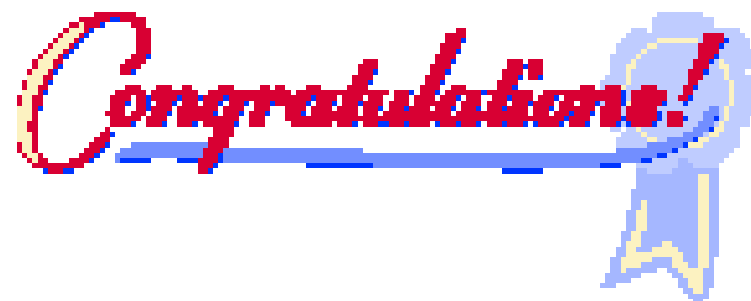


Airman 1st Class Tyler J. Pier
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Airman 1st Class David M. Wiant
183rd Communications Flt

Not pictured: Senior Master Sgt. Rolando R. Palomo, 183rd Air Support Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Rudolph C. Stonitsch, 217th Engineering Installation Sq.; Senior Airman Patrick V. Moreth, 217th Engineering Installation Sq.



Thank You

I would like to personally thank all who participated in the 2010 Children's Christmas Party - Master Sgt. B.G. Wright, Tech. Sgt. Alana Franklin, base photographers, Services, Security Forces, and the Student Flight. I would also like to thank Chief Master Sgt. Wendi Pier and Senior Master Sgt. Brett Pier for bringing their Geo Trax, and the folks from Force Support Squadron for assembling it. Finally, Santa Claus would not have been able to make his appearance without the assistance of the 183d Fire Department furnishing the sleigh. For anyone I missed, please know you are appreciated.

Joe Ward, Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager

Air Force News

Director asks Air Guard leaders to look ahead

by Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke
National Guard Bureau

Times are tough for the Air National Guard, but Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III sees many "great" opportunities for his 106,700-member force to excel in the future.

"We know there is a mismatch right now of demands on the force and resources," said General Wyatt, the director of the Air Guard. "I think it will get worse before it gets better, but I don't bring you a message of despair today."

"I bring you a message of hope and courage because I see great opportunity, because we are the most efficient force, the most capable force that we have ever been. The country can afford us before it can afford some other things that (it) is looking at."

General Wyatt's question for senior Air Guard leaders from around the country is: "ANG 2025: Are We Ready?"

"Are we willing to make the tough choices that will posture us for the future?" he asked.

Air Force officials announced that Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York is the preferred base for eight C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

"Through the next several months and years, there will many of these announcements," General Wyatt said. "The questions will be: Are they the type of announcements that

we as an organization can embrace and take forward and excel the way we have excelled in our missions in the past?"

General Wyatt said the Air Guard should prepare for future demands now.

"We have got to start shaping that force today, to be ready to provide the force that this country needs in 2025," he said.

General Wyatt said the Air Guard has seen "significant change" over the last decade.

Airmen who have been in the Air Guard for 20 years or less, he said, have been focused on the air expeditionary force construct.

"They know nothing else," General Wyatt said. "They are used to it."

General Wyatt said that when he joined the Air Guard, the force was not built for such deployments.

"We have evolved into an air expeditionary force -- an extremely capable air expeditionary force. But what will be the demands of tomorrow?"

General Wyatt said he also is proud of the Air Guard's domestic response capability, but there are challenges ahead for that mission too.

"We have 30 percent less airlift now than we did when we responded to Hurricane Katrina," General Wyatt said, adding that in fiscal year 2010 more than 100 emergencies across the country generated over 2,250 airlift sorties.

"We are on call 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. If that's not value for America, I don't know what is," he said.

The Air Guard is slated to un-

dergo many mission changes next year, Wyatt said, as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

"We have undergone a lot of change and it has been undertaken in a short time period," he said. "The rate of change is not slowing at all. We need to reflect on the implications of what we have done in the past as we look to the future of the Air National Guard."

The Air Guard has been through trying times before, General Wyatt said, noting that when Maj. Gen. Winston P. "Wimpy" Wilson was the director of the Air National Guard, he lost 50 percent of his aircraft due to resource constrictions. General Wilson converted into more modern aircraft and diversified the force into non-flying missions, General Wyatt said.

On the other hand, when Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway was director of the Air National Guard during the Reagan years, he was faced with a flood of resources.

"He took advantage of the landscape and he moved us forward," General Wyatt said of Conaway's achievements.

General Wyatt said he needs his senior leaders to help him decide how to go forward. He plans to conduct an internal review this year to get an "honest assessment" of the Air Guard.

"We will not lose momentum," he said. "We owe our airmen that effort."

General Wyatt said the key to the Air Guard's future is to: "Figure out what we do best, what we do most efficiently, most cost-effectively and grab it!"

A new year means new challenges, are you ready?

by Lt. Col. Chaplain Jeff Laible
Base Chaplain's Office

Another year completed, another round of holiday festivities behind us and a new calendar year in front of us: 2011 has arrived. Are we ready for the challenges that await us?

Challenges? What challenges? We might easily point to an economy that struggles to recover from the longest downturn since the Great Depression or the high unemployment rate. We could look to a war in the Middle-East that has lasted for over ten years and multiple deployments. Perhaps we would consider rising health care costs, and a recent report that predicted future retirees could possibly spend over \$125,000 in personal savings in order to cover their co-pays (in their retirement



years). For many people today, saving even a small portion of what it might take to cover health care costs in the future seems daunting. Given some of stark realities that face us as we move into 2011, many of today's current workers have no choice but to keep their jobs for as long as they can.

So, yes, we face some tough challenges as we move into 2011! The next question we have to consider is this, are we up for the challenges that face us in this new

year of 2011?

Without hesitation I would respond, Absolutely! As active members of the Air National Guard, we train throughout the year to deal with any number of uncertain situations that life brings our way. Whether planning to respond to natural disasters, civil unrest or completing our wartime mission, we remain adaptable and ready for any contingency that unexpectedly arrives.

Some of the most important training that we participate in happens when we are off base and out of the military uniform. And that training includes maintaining a balance in our personal life – a balance between work, relaxation, time with friends and family and most importantly, time to enhance our spiritual life.

Whether attending regular spiritual services with other members of your faith tradition, or maintaining time each day for prayer and reflection, a healthy spiritual life will give us enormous resources to deal with the challenges that await us in 2011.

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Religious Services

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

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



Continuing to improve our facilities

by Lt. Col. Chuck Coderko
Civil Engineer Commander

Happy New Year! Over the past year, the 183rd Mission Support Group has been working overtime to modernize the base and beddown the Wing's new missions in permanent facilities. With all the construction ongoing and planned in the near future, I would like to share with you a few of the projects the Wing has accomplished over the past year and where the Wing is going with its Installation Development Plan.

The Wing's Installation Development Plan supports the near and long term objective of converting an F-16 Fighter Wing into a multi-mission Wing. Not an easy task, but below are the key objectives this plan will accomplish and a list of ongoing and planned projects supporting this plan.

Installation Development Plan (IDP) Objectives:

- Provide sustainable and flexible facilities to support the Wing's current missions while ensuring viability for the beddown of new and/or emerging missions
- Meet or exceed the energy reduction directives mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 05) and Executive Order 13423
- Design, construct and modernize all facilities to obtain U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) recognition
- Optimize the land use immediately adjacent to the runways to support the beddown of future missions
- Meet and maintain all operational, safety, environmental, and antiterrorism/force protection security requirements
- Ensure project funding is secured to construct the right facilities at the right time in the right order to ensure 183rd FW mission accomplishment

Projects:

Centralized Repair Facility (CRF) Main Hanger (Bldg. P-1): Construction of this \$6.2 million facil-

ity is almost complete. With a new roof, an extensive renovation of the interior, the CRF is about to move into its permanent home. When ready, we will open the doors for everyone to see this "state of the art" maintenance facility and the CRF in action.

CRF's P-26 Hanger: This renovation project was completed this past summer. The installation of energy efficient high output lighting system, an infrared (IR) heating system, new paint, a new non-slip floor, and the addition of a new break room, this facility is ready to accept the CRF mission.

New Hush House: The CRF's new Hush House is currently being installed and expected to be operational later this year. This will dramatically increase the engine test capability of the CRF.

Relocation of the Base Entrance: Construction is under way. A long time in the making, this \$6.9 million project will enhance base security, widen Route 29, and provide a safer and more accessible entrance into the base and airport. An integral piece of the IDP, this project sets the stage for future growth and the potential beddown of new and emerging missions.

Component Numbered Air Force (cNAF) Training Suite (Bldg. P-23): This past year the old weapons facility was renovated to support the Air Operations Group's (AOG) new training equipment. A new roof, new security system, and a complete renovation of the inside, the AOG has moved in and now has the ability to conduct full scale training exercises for cNAF forces at home station.

cNAF Beddown-Upgrade Facilities: This multi-million dollar project is scheduled to start this upcoming spring and run for the next couple years. It guts and totally renovates the old Squadron Operations building (P-16), the old Avionics shop (P-35), and the old Engine Repair shop (P-36). When complete in 2013, the AOG will have modern high-tech and secure facilities to support the SOUTHCOM mission. It is due to this construction project that you have probably noticed the "heptadeca-wide" trailers in the main parking lot. These 17 trailers all connected together will house portions of the AOG while their permanent facilities are under construction.

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Childrens Holiday Party



Childrens Holiday Party



Photos by 183rd FW Public Affairs

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New Wing Command Post: With construction starting soon on the Squadron Operations building (P-16), the Command Post will be relocated and a new state of the art Wing command and control center established in the Wing Headquarters building (P-48).

Communications Outside Plant: To ready the base's communications infrastructure to support the new missions, the 183rd Communications Flight completed a \$6.0 million project to repair and upgrade the entire base's communications infrastructure. The installation of new fiber, manholes, and the changes in the distribution system have paved the way ahead in both capacity and redundancy to meet the critical communications needs of the Wing's new missions.

Add/Alter Communications Facility: The Mission Support Group is wrapping up the design of a new multi-million dollar high tech communications facility with construction schedule to start later this year. Building P-8 will be gutted, a new 2,500 square foot addition added on, a new roof installed, and the inside completely renovated to bring this critical facility into the 21st century.

Energy Projects: Reducing energy consumption and our carbon foot print is simply the right thing to do for our future. To ensure the Wing exceeds the federal energy reduction directives mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and

Executive Order 13423, several energy projects were completed last year and several more about to start. New boilers were installed in seven buildings (P-2, 12, 15, 17, 19, 23, and 137); new IR heating systems were installed in eight facilities (P-12, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, and 44); and new high efficiency lights are being installed in the high bay work areas in P-2, 15, 17, and 19. Plans to install high efficiency compressors throughout the base in our HVAC systems are being finalized. Construction to install insulation, a new ceiling, and re-insulate the roof deck in the Force Support Squadron and 217th Engineering Installation Squadron is scheduled to begin in a few months. The Wing is also replacing all the outdated pneumatic systems controlling our building's HVAC systems and installing Direct Digital Controls to more efficiently monitor and control facility systems. Lastly, this year we are finishing up a design project that targets several of our older buildings by installing new high efficiency windows, robusting the insulation, installing new weather stripping, and sealing up air leaks. Sealing up our building envelopes goes a long way in increasing occupant comfort and reducing energy consumption.

Environmental Projects: To ensure the Wing continues its outstanding record in environmental stewardship, Lt. Col. Deb Hamrick spearheaded several environmental initiatives to include the removal of the oil water separator system

at the main gate, fuel discharge tank between P-35 and 36, and the hydrazine tank at P-42. In addition, her outstanding management of the Wing's Installation Restoration Program continues to ensure the base's soil and ground water is clean and environmentally safe.

Flooring replacement: New carpet was installed in the Security Forces Squadron, Force Support Squadron, and 217th Engineering Installation Squadron.

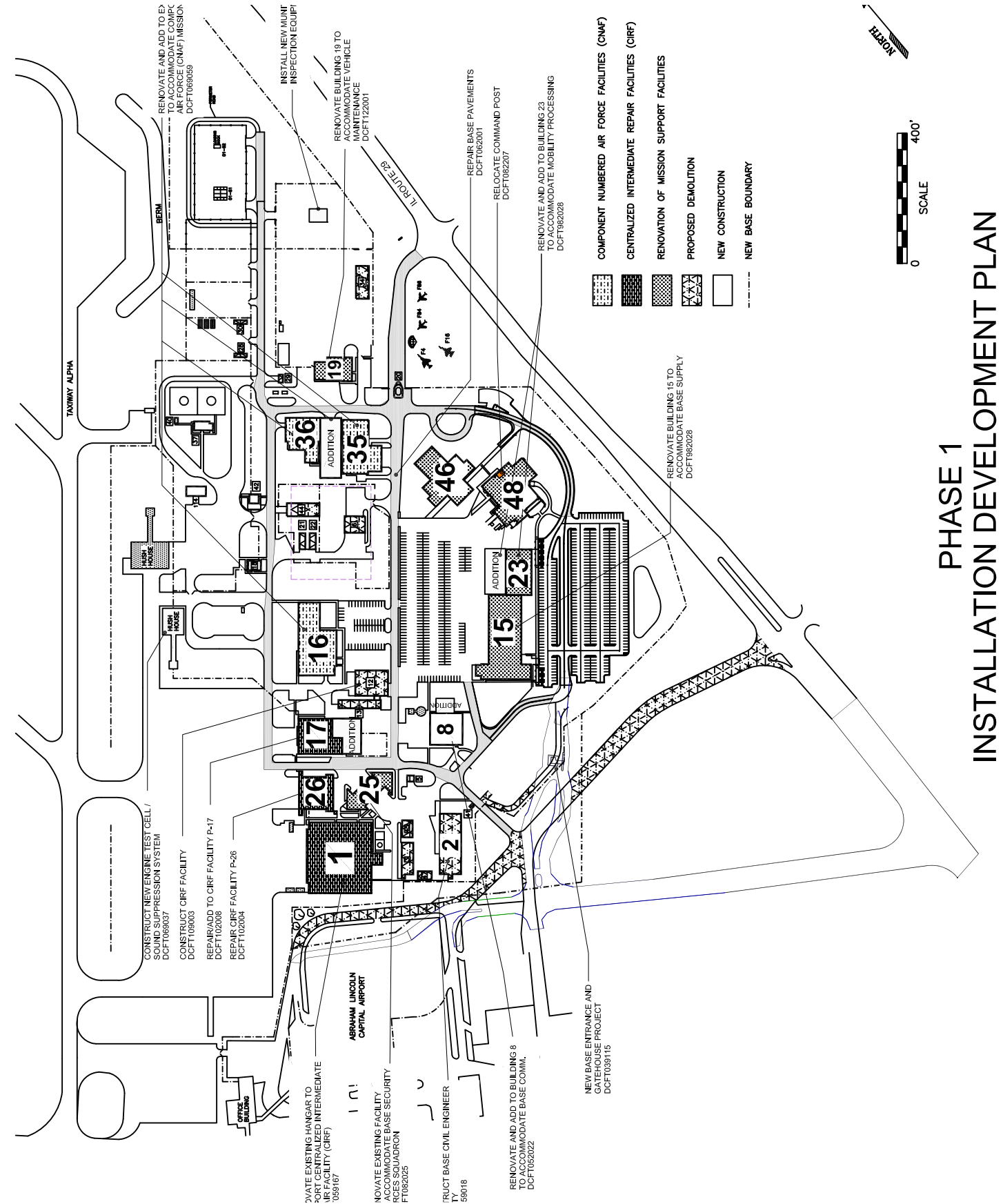
So what are the plans past 2011? The following is list of major projects that the Wing is currently working on with the National Guard Bureau to obtain future year funding.

2012: Renovate Security Forces Complex (Bldg. P-25), Renovate Base Supply & Mobility Processing (Bldg. P-15 and 23), Facility Air Conditioner Upgrades

2013: Renovate CRF Facilities (Bldg. P-17 and 26), Repair Outside of the Main Hanger (Bldg. P-1), Construct Base Civil Engineer Complex, Modernize Exterior Base Lighting, Repair Base Pavements / Pedestrian Safety

2014: Construct New CRF Facility

The Wing has big plans for 2011 and a lot to look forward to. We are at the "tip of the iceberg" in executing the Wing's Installation Development Plan. Looking at the plan there is not a building we are not planning to touch either through renovation or new construction. With your patience, we hope to hand you the keys to a new base in a few years.



PHASE 1
INSTALLATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Officials unveil new government travel cards

by Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

12/1/2010 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force is primed for servicewide distribution of new Citibank controlled spend account government travel cards now through spring 2011, officials said here Dec. 1.

Issuance of the CSA card for use in conjunction with temporary-duty assignments, permanent change of station or deployment orders follows an extensive multi-installation pilot phase and involves the eventual replacement of more than 480,000 traditional set-limit cards currently in use.

According to Mike Bilbrey, the Air Force banking officer, the CSA card differs from the traditional travel card in that approved travel authorizations and amendments automatically adjust the CSA's spend limits to reflect the estimated cost of the mission.

"The CSA is the most innovative solution to the government travel card program since its inception, and it allows the Air Force to better manage cash flows," Mr. Bilbrey said. "Since the card won't have any value until a travel order is approved, Airmen can count on higher levels of security, lower delinquency rates, and best of all, instant approval, since there is no credit check required to have a CSA."

Mr. Bilbrey explained that once the mission is complete, users submit their vouchers for processing, at which time Citibank officials reconcile the account and identify the residual funds available to the cardholder for personal use or to transfer to another personal account.

While enjoying possible residual funds for personal use is a perk for Airmen, the fully automated CSA

also has virtue from a commander's perspective by eliminating arduous, time-consuming GTC oversight responsibilities, Mr. Bilbrey said.

"We can reduce many hours per week on tasks agency program coordinators and managers once spent on program delinquency management, to the tune of about 382,000 man-hours per year," Mr. Bilbrey said. "With Citibank receiving 100 percent of the travel voucher payment, the number of delinquencies will be minimal, ensuring Airmen and APCs can focus on the mission at hand."

Since the mission at hand can vary greatly for Airmen, Citibank allows cardholders to call for temporary spend limit adjustments, based on last-minute travel requirements.

This provides cardholders the spending limit

they need until they can get the amendment into the system, Mr. Bilbrey said.

Current GTC cardholders will be automatically enrolled into the CSA program and will receive e-mail notifications when their card is on the way. Infrequent travelers will be among the first to have their current government travel cards deactivated and receive the new CSA cards, Mr. Bilbrey said, adding that Airmen should update their e-mail ad-

dresses with Citibank and their new card numbers with merchants.

Citibank representatives said training sessions are essential to Airmen understanding how the CSA program works, and session schedules will be publicized in the near future.

"The Air Force has partnered with Citibank to not only provide training, but offer cardholders premiere, 24-hour customer service to travelers anywhere in the world," said Stacy Eslich, a Citibank relationship manager. "In addition, the card's coverage for insurance, travel, medical and emergency assistance delivers the most comprehensive coverage in the card industry."

For more information, visit www.airforcetravel-card.transactionservices.citi.com.



'Tis the season for influenza--Are you protected?

by Tech. Sgt. Amy Murphy
183rd Medical Group

Flu, or otherwise known as Influenza, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death if untreated. Most healthy people recover from the flu just fine, but some people are at high risk for serious complications. The flu season normally starts late November and goes through March. The following are some statistics related to the flu:

- Five to 20 percent of the population infected with the flu
- More than 20,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications each year
- Deaths from the flu virus vary between 3,340 and 48,600 people each year

Flu symptoms can differ from person to person. Such as: fever/feverish chills, coughing/sore throat,

runny nose, headaches or body aches, fatigue, and vomiting/diarrhea. If you have any of these symptoms you should stay home and follow your doctor's orders. Vaccination is available for the prevention of the flu virus. As you know, it is MANDATORY for all military members! Vaccination is your best defense against the flu virus! Everyone that is six months of age or older SHOULD GET A FLU SHOT!

Within the military we offer two types of flu vaccines. The first is the flu mist, a nasal spray that is sprayed into each nostril. This is a live virus, so only members that are:

- Under 49 years of age
- No underlying health conditions (pregnant, HIV/AIDS, respiratory issues, GBS, heart, lung, kidney disease, weakened immune system)
- Do not live with someone with a weakened immune system (has cancer or HIV/AIDS)
- Have not taken any anti-viral medications within the last 48 hours
- Isn't on a long-term high-dose steroid treatment program

The other method of vaccination for members that may fall into one of the above categories is the injected flu vaccine, which comes in many dif-

ferent trade names. It is a shot that is injected into the muscle part of your arm.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends that you stay at home for at least 24 hours after your fever (100 degrees F) is gone. Avoid close contact with others, especially those who might get sick easier (65 and older, chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, young children and infants) Clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub, especially after blowing your nose or coughing into your hands. Cover your nose when you sneeze and cover your mouth when you cough! No one wants your germs on them!

For more information, visit www.flu.gov and get your mandatory flu vaccine!



In the Spotlight



Who: Master Sgt. Anthony R. Quinones

Military job title: Contracting Specialist

When did you enlist? Aug. 2, 2010 into IL ANG

Why did you enlist? Opportunity to see the world and long term benefits

Recent/Favorite Deployment: Deployed to Iquitos, Peru, as member of the 728th from Eglin, Fla., 1991-92 in support of Support Justice II, Drug Enforcement Agency. Did two 60-day rotations as radio communications technician. The people were nice and being near the Amazon river provided for a unique experience.

Holiday Safety

by Tech. Sgt. Chris Rosser
183rd Safety Office

Your local safety office members will not be coming to your house this holiday season, but maybe they should. Hundreds of people are hurt every year installing holiday decorations. Cuts, broken bones, strains, electrocution, falls from ladders, falls from roofs, tripping, slipping, and sliding are all risks present. For example a Tech. Sgt. assigned to the Air National Guard was decorating his home using two ladders, neither of which was long enough to reach all areas he was decorating. The Sergeant's wife came outside to check on the status of decorating, and discovered her husband lying on the ground unconscious, non-responsive, and bleeding from the head. The wife called 911 and he was transported via chopper to a hospital. He underwent immediate surgery to relieve a blood clot and swelling to the brain. He was then placed on life support equipment. He became alert/responsive after remaining on life support for three days.

Most people use some form of electrical lighting to illuminate the tree and the home during the holiday season. Candles are an even worse idea. Remember, you are not Clark Griswold and do not have a knack for hilariously surviving falls and spills.

Use this checklist to make your holiday decorating safer and easier:

Step Ladders and Extension Ladders

- Use only on level surfaces
- Make sure the legs are secure and cannot slip/slide
- Do not stand above the manufacturer's recommendation
- Have an assistant when carrying/using a large ladder
- Watch out for electrical wiring when using a ladder

Outside Lighting

- Use GFCI receptacles on all outdoor lighting
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up
- Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory
- Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe
- Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet
- Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.
- Do not overload electrical outlets
- Do not leave holiday lights on unattended

Decorations/Wrapping Paper

- When putting up decorations consider where and how all decorations will be used
- All decorations and artificial trees should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and not placed near heat sources
- Disposing of wrapping paper in a fireplace could result in a much larger than expected fire - please dispose of it in the trash

Candles

- Avoid using candles, but if you must use them make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down
- Never leave the house with candles burning
- Always have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times

Trees

- When selecting a tree for the holiday the needles should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the

tree has been freshly cut

- The trunk should be sticky to the touch
 - Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground - if many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard
 - To maintain your tree properly do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent - the heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks
 - Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree
 - Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks
 - Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times
 - Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove
 - When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly - the best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service
- Any discussion of holiday safety would be incomplete without discussing alcohol awareness. Holidays usually involve both good food and drink. Do not let the season be marred by a tragedy. Be a good wingman - Protect yourself and your family and friends. Take steps to make sure that you and everyone you celebrate with avoids driving under the influence of alcohol. Following these tips can help you stay safe:
- Plan ahead
 - Always designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins
 - Take the keys. Do not let a friend drive if they are impaired
 - Be a helpful host - if you are hosting a party this holiday season, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver, always offer alcohol-free beverages, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver
- Have safe and happy holidays!

New Arrival



Master Sgt. Joe Hicks (FSS) and wife Lydia are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Elliot Marie was born December 15, weighing 9 pounds, 11.5 ounces, and measuring 20.75 inches long. Elliot was welcomed home by big brother Isaac, age 3. Congratulations to the Hicks family!

If you have a member of your family that is a past or current member of the 183rd, or have information that a past or current member of the 183rd has passed away recently, please contact Mr. Joe Ward, Airman and Family Readiness Program 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.

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Welcome Aboard!

Lt. Col. Wendy S. Armijo	183rd Air Support Squadron	November 6, 2010
Maj. Michael M. Armijo	183rd Air Operations Squadron	November 6, 2010
Maj. Wendy A. Chapman	183rd Air Mobility Squadron	November 8, 2010
Maj. Mark A. Hurley	183rd Air Support Squadron	November 6, 2010
Maj. Maurice M. McKinney	183rd Air Support Squadron	November 5, 2010
Airman Heather E. Harrison	183rd Medical Group	November 4, 2010

Promotions

Master Sergeant Brian W. Cress Jason R. Pals	Technical Sergeant John J. Giannetti Richard O. Hembrough Dustin K. Rosenthal Blake A. Withers	Staff Sergeant Dana M. Braidsen Forrest B. Lipe	Airman Hailey N. Humphrey
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Congratulations!

Retirements

Happy Retirement!

Colonel David G. Seaman	Headquarters	November 30, 2010
Tech. Sgt. Annie E. Maliongas	183 Air Mobility Squadron	November 9, 2010

Breakfast Gathering

Retirees gather on the first Tuesday of each month to share breakfast and talk about the good ol' days. Join them at King Pin Lanes, on the corner of Sangamon Ave. and Dirksen Parkway, Tuesday, January 4, 2011. They say they meet at 8 a.m. but if you're not there by 7:30, the early birds have taken the good seats!



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