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AOG's First Exercise... ILLINI Thunder 2011

*Submitted by Senior Master Sgt. Rick Reimann
183rd AOG First Sergeant*

Exercise! Exercise! Exercise! For most of the 183rd when you hear those words you think of an ORE/ORI. Well for the members of the 183rd Air Component Operations Squadron (ACOS) the term "Exercise" took on a whole new meaning in November 2011. Illini Thunder 11 took months of preparation and planning. "It was a learning experience for everyone," said Senior Master Sgt. Schoby, a medical planner in the SG (Surgeon General) section of the ACOS. "Most of us didn't know what to expect or how we would operate since this was our first exercise."

Being a planner versus the worker bee was a whole new ball game for us. Reading OPLANS (Operation Plans) and OPORDS (Operation Orders), learning how to bed down forces, build bases, and put together a TPFDD (Time Phased Force and Deployment Data) was definitely a new learning curve. But in the end we all walked away with the knowledge of what a planner does.

Technical Sgt. Tina Thoele is a prime example of how beneficial this exercise was. For months she asked me, "What is my job?" Reading AFI's (Air Force Instructions) and AFTTP's (Air Force Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures) just did not quite paint the big picture for her. After the exercise she looked at Sergeant Schoby and said, "Now I understand what my job is and what I'm supposed to do." According to Sergeant Schoby, "That says it all. Illini Thunder

11 was a success in my eyes! So as we prep for Illini Thunder 13 our knowledge and experience from Illini Thunder 11 will help lead the way."

October 1, 2008, the Illinois Air National Guard was granted a new mission with Col. Rick Yoder appointed as the Air Operations Group (AOG) Commander. Since then there have been five squadrons formed, all with their own commanders and full-time staff. It has been just over three years since this announcement, and the AOG has come a long way.

When the AOG held its first Command and Control exercise "Illini Thunder 2011" in November, several guests from the 612th Air Operations Center (AOC), Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, were in attendance. The 612th AOC team was led by Col. Byron Mathewson. The team from Davis-Monthan was available for advice and offered mentorship to the 183rd members

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Lt. Col. Kevin Mulcahy briefs Col. Byron Mathewson, Commander of Air Force Forces, on the changes to the situation of the exercise during ILLINI Thunder 2011.

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Duty Performed	Pays out (approx.)
MAR 2-4	MAR 14
APR 14-15	APR 25
MAY 19-20	MAY 30

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Attention!

The deadline for the April issue of the Falcon's View is, 1200 hrs. March 3!



March Lunch Menu

**Menu subject to change*

Friday: Yankee Pot Roast, Bourbon Glazed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Oven Roasted Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Salad Bar

Snack line: Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Tomato Soup

Saturday: Jambalaya, Beef Stroganoff, Red Beans Rice, Tiny Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Corn, Tomato Soup, Salad Bar

Snack line: Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Onion Rings

Sunday: Grilled Chicken, Fettuccine, Alfredo Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli Parmesan, Cauliflower, Minestrone, Brownies, Salad Bar

Snack line: Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Onion Rings

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Target Americana

by Major James E. Robinson
183rd Security Forces Commander

Despite the death of Osama Bin Laden last May, the world remains a dangerous place. Many would argue that the 183rd Fighter Wing is an unattractive target for those wishing to do us harm, especially since we are seemingly located in the proverbial "Americana." After all, look around, and you will see corn, soy bean, and other crops for as far as the eye can see, and kids playing soccer, softball, and other sports all across the countryside. I would argue that Americana is indeed a very attractive target for aggression against us. But I would go a little further and point out that the current trend of violence towards the American way of life is perpetuated by what the Federal Bureau of Investigation calls, Homegrown Violent Extremism (HVE).

The following is an excerpt about HVE from the speech, "Homegrown Violent Extremism" given by Mark F. Giuliano, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Apr. 14, 2011:

"The homegrown violent extremist threat is one of the serious terrorism threats we face inside the homeland outside of al Qaeda and its affiliates. Homegrown violent extremism (HVE) is very difficult to define. It is a rapidly evolving

threat with characteristics that are constantly changing due to external experiences and motivational factors. We have seen the HVE threat manifest itself in several forms.

"First, we have seen individuals inside the United States become radicalized and motivated to conduct attacks against the Homeland. These individuals can be as diverse as U.S.-born citizens, naturalized U.S. citizens, foreign students, green card holders, or illegal immigrants, but the commonality is their desire to strike inside the United States. Let me give you a few examples.

- In September of 2009, a 20-year-old Jordanian student named Hosam Maher Smadi was arrested and charged with attempting to place a vehicle bomb outside of a 60-story building in downtown Dallas.*

- In November 2009, U.S. Army Major and U.S. citizen Nidal Hasan walked into the deployment center at Fort Hood, Texas, where he shot and killed 13 DOD employees and wounded 32 others.*

- In October 2010, a Pakistani American named Farooque Ahmed was arrested by the FBI for allegedly plotting to bomb a subway station in the Washington, D.C., Metro system. This week, Ahmed pled guilty to material support to terrorism charges and was sentenced to 23 years' imprisonment.*

- In November 2010, a 19-year-old Somali student named Mohamed Osman Mohamud was arrested for*

allegedly attempting to detonate what he believed was a car bomb during a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in Portland, Oregon.

- In December 2010, a 21-year-old American of Nicaraguan descent named Antonio Martinez was arrested for allegedly plotting to bomb a military recruiting center in Catonsville, Maryland.*

- In February 2011, a 20-year-old Saudi student named Khalid Al-dawsari was arrested for allegedly building a bomb to be used in terrorist attacks against several targets, including the Texas home of former President George W. Bush.*

"Second, we have seen U.S. citizens become radicalized in the United States and travel or attempt to travel overseas to obtain training and return to the United States or to join and fight with groups overseas.

- In 2009, Najibullah Zazi and associates traveled to Pakistan and receive training from AQ before returning to the United States and plotting to use a weapon of mass destruction in a plot to blow up commuter trains.*

- In late 2009, a group of five young American men originally from Northern Virginia traveled to Pakistan, where they were detained and sentenced to 10 years in prison in Pakistan on terrorism-related charges.*

- In May 2010, Faizal Shahzad attempted to bomb Times Square in*

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New York City. Shahzad traveled to Pakistan and received training from Tehrik-e-Taliban in Pakistan (TTP) before returning to the U.S. to conduct a terrorist attack.

- In July 2010, Virginia native Zachary Chesser was arrested by the FBI while attempting to travel to Somalia where he intended to join the terrorist organization al Shabaab as a foreign fighter.

- Since 2006, more than 12 U.S. citizens have been killed in Somalia while fighting for al Shabaab.

“Lastly, we have seen U.S. citizens become radicalized and use the Internet to further their radicalization, contribute to the radicalization of others, or provide services to facilitate Internet radicalization. Whereas the Internet was previously used to spread propaganda, it is now used in recruiting, radicalizing, training, and inciting terrorism. Thousands of extremist websites promote violence to a worldwide audience pre-disposed to the extremist message and more of these websites and U.S. citizens are involved in Internet radicalization.

- Key AQAP figures and U.S. citizens Anwar Aulaqi and Samir Khan have an unlimited reach to those around the world and help oversee AQAP’s production of Inspire Magazine.

- Pennsylvania-based Emerson Begholly was a self-radicalized Internet extremist who provided

translation services for extremist web forums.

“We have seen Internet radicalization in individuals as young as 14 years old.

“What makes these HVE subjects most dangerous is they demonstrated the willingness to take overt, operational steps as well as the ability to procure the materials necessary to carry out their terrorist actions. Finally, and most importantly, they demonstrated the resolve to act.”

Even though this speech by Mr. Giuliano is nearly a year old, it remains relevant today. The FBI and Department of Homeland Security have subsequently defined an HVE as “a person of any citizenship who has lived and/or operated primarily in the United States or its territories who advocates, is engaged in, or is preparing to engage in ideologically motivated terrorist activities (including providing support to terrorism) in furtherance of political or social objectives promoted by a foreign terrorist organization, but is acting independently of direction by a foreign terrorist organization.” Furthermore, since he gave that speech, there have been numerous additional attempts by HVEs to attack targets within the U.S. For example:

- Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif and Walli Mujahidh (both U.S. citizens) were arrested June 22, 2011, for plotting to attack a Military Entrance Processing Station in Seattle, Wash.

- Rezwan Matin Ferdaus (U.S. citizen) was arrested Sept. 28, 2011 for plotting to attack the Pentagon and US Capitol.

- Naser Jason Abdo (U.S. citizen) was arrested July 27, 2011, for plotting to attack a restaurant near Fort Hood, Texas.

- Feb. 17, 2012, Amine El Khalifi (Moroccan citizen), 29, of Alexandria, Virginia was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for allegedly plotting to carry out a suicide bombing on the United States Capitol. He has been charged with “attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction against federal property” and, if convicted, faces life in prison.

These attempted attacks by HVEs will undoubtedly continue across the U.S., and as members of the Profession of Arms, we are even more likely to be targeted. So, what can you do? Pay attention! Paying attention sounds rudimentary, but that is exactly how many HVEs or other terrorist plans are thwarted – someone noticed something suspicious, and they notified the appropriate authorities. The days of terrorist acts occurring solely overseas are gone. A new era of radicalization fueled by the incredible power of the internet, has arrived in the form of HVEs. Do your part by paying attention to your surroundings, noting suspicious acts, and then notifying the appropriate authorities. Together we all can make a difference as we fight this new era of extremism.

Announcements

Promotions

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Tech. Sgt. Nathan M. Montgomery

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183rd SFS

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183rd MXS

183rd SFS

183rd CES

Retirees

Maj. Christopher E. Casson 183rd FW Jan. 14

Master Sgt. Mark D. Griffin 217th EIS Jan. 11

Master Sgt. Douglas L. Newman 183rd MXS Jan. 16



Chief Master Sgt. Teddy Flinn is a Grandpa!

Teagan Lee Cantrell was born on Feb. 8, 2012 at 11:46 a.m. She was born 6 lbs., 6 oz., 19 inches long and with a healthy set of lungs.

Remember to congratulate him when you see him!

Retiree News

Breakfast Gathering: Retirees gather on the first Tuesday of each month to share breakfast and talk about the good ole days. Join them at King Pin Lanes, on the corner of Sangamon Ave. and Dirksen Parkway, Tuesday, Mar. 6. 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!

In the Spotlight



Who: Staff Sgt. Karen Harrold

What: Personnelist, 183rd MSG

When: Enlisted October 2003

Why: Primarily for the college benefits.

I am only the second person in my immediate family to graduate college so it was very important for me to do. Plus, Master Sgt. Jay Johnson encouraged me to join almost daily. I listened to him, joined, and am now completing my thesis for my master's degree.

Civilian Employment: I have worked for the Gateway Foundation for three years. I am an Intake Counselor there who serves as the immediate crisis point of contact. I help families seek treatment or I refer them to the right treatment facility.

Civilian/Military Correlation: Both of my current positions are in the customer service field. It is all about building rapport with the people that are in need, and helping to make sure their needs are met.

Recent/Favorite Deployment: I have not yet been deployed. I would like to be though.

Additional Comment/Suggestions: Becoming a member of the Guard has helped me to develop into the professional person I wanted to be. It has helped me to grow up and mature in numerous ways. If I am talking to someone about joining I make sure to point out all of the benefits of being a member and the positive impact that it has had on my life. Being a member of the military differentiates us from other people...we have to step up and be role models.

Run For Your Life

Submitted by
Major Thomas de Torres
183rd Medical Group

What did you resolve for 2012? Was it to exercise more? Lose weight? Both? If you do not really exercise regularly or at all, did you just resolve to start? I am sure you have all heard the statistics about New Year's resolutions made and broken. A glance around any gym will tell you the story; there are probably half the people there that were there just a month ago.

First you need to understand that whatever you need to do, you need to do for life. More and more, we are starting to understand that to lose weight and increase fitness requires a change in lifestyle, not a diet and an exercise program. So that means that instead of looking at a change in diet as a prescription with a time limit on it, like taking a nasty medicine for a few weeks, you want to look at it as just the right way to eat. The same goes for exercise. While you might train hard for an event (like the AF fitness assessment), or you are trying to buff up for a beach vacation, your baseline should just be that you are active almost every day.

Our species seems to be designed for moving, for walking and running. Sure, there are stronger and faster species out there than us, but we, like the wolves, are well designed for moderately fast, long distance running. In fact, when anthropologists suggested that early humans could run down an

antelope or gazelle and get close enough to kill it with simple weapons and bring it home for dinner, a bunch of runners decided to test the theory. They approached such an animal which, of course, lit out like it was on afterburners and was quickly just a dusty speck in the distance. The runners set out after it and after a long race in which they would repeatedly draw close and it would sprint away, it finally tired enough that they could get within throwing distance of it. Full disclosure: No animal was harmed in the making of this experiment, they just left it be at that point.

The point is that we are a wonderful species, obviously capable of great intellectual feats, but capable of keeping ourselves fit and moving too. And we live in a country with amazing resources, so healthy, good food is all around us. However, the problem is that we live in a country with amazing resources, so fattening, harmful food is all around us too. In fact, the bad stuff is much better advertised, so it is hard to find the healthy food that is out there. Like all wealthy countries, we are suffering from too much of a good thing. Even emerging, developing nations are gaining weight as they gain resources, but



enough for now about eating badly. Honestly, overeating can outweigh huge amounts of exercise, but since it is early spring, let us talk more about exercise.

So, how to start? Sure, it is still cold at times outside being only March, and it might have been a cold winter, but that is probably going to keep happening every year, global warming or not, so why not start now? Absolutely, the best advice is to start slow. If you are not running regularly already, do not start now. Start with walking. Just go for a 30 minute walk every other day. After doing that for a week or two, add 10-20 seconds of running per minute of walking. There are probably enough resources on the web for every member of this wing to find a different walking and running plan and there are MP3 and Smartphone versions that will verbally coach you along. Whatever it takes for you that is fine. It is not rocket science, but if it helps to have a very detailed schedule in your hand for what activity to do at each step of the way, then go for it!

If it hurts to run at some point, you may be running too fast, too long, or something is wrong or injured. Dial it back a bit and see what happens. And if you feel a little out of breath at times, that is normal, as long as you are not gasping for air, cannot complete a sentence, or are having chest pain. For the first two, just dial it back, for the last one, dial 911! Otherwise, it is normal to breathe a little harder if you are working harder, that is what it is all about!

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Preparing for the G8/NATO Summit

*Submitted by
Lt. Col. Jeffrey G. Laible
183rd FW Chaplain*

With only a few months left before the G8/NATO Summit, which will be held in Chicago in mid-May, chaplains and chaplain assistants from the Illinois Army and Air National Guard met at Camp Lincoln Jan. 27-28 to train for this significant event. National Guard chaplains and chaplain assistants occasionally train together, preparing to respond to a variety of State-wide contingencies. For example, two years ago a joint training conference was held in St. Louis, MO. At that event, the National Guard chaplains and chaplain assistants from Illinois and Missouri joined together and received vital briefings on earthquake preparation and pandemic response.

Working within a joint environment presents unique opportunities and challenges. The cultures of the Army and Air National Guard have distinct difference. Understanding those differences can help to create better communication and a clearer operational picture. This unity of effort by the Chaplain Corps provides a more comprehensive “force multiplier” for the commander. Also, by training together, Army and Air National Guard chaplains and chaplain assistants can “forge” the cultural gap that naturally exists between the Services. In an era of funding constraints, joint training is a smart business practice and has

an added benefit: our relationships as chaplains and chaplain assistants are renewed and strengthened, thus allowing for better mission effectiveness within the National Guard Chaplaincy.

Army and Air National Guard chaplain and chaplain assistants, sometimes referred to as religious support teams (RST’s), who have deployed overseas are often ministering in a joint environment, to include (besides airmen and soldiers) Sailors, Marines and NATO Forces.

The unique skill sets that are learned in a joint operation down-range provide vital insights when working together at the CONUS location. In addition, understanding the role of NGO’s (Non-Government Organizations) and what they bring to the area of operations is essential. RST’s and NGO’s are important “links” that provide spiritual and humanitarian support, not only to the community that is impacted, but also to the troops who are helping Commanders meet their mission goals and objectives.

Whether responding to a natural disaster, such as a major winter storm, flood duty, or some unforeseen State level emergency, it is imperative that we as chaplains and chaplain assistants take advantage of every training opportunity that comes our way. We never know when or where or under what circumstances we will be called to provide ministry. Knowing how to be a “visible reminder of the holy” in what might be a humanitarian crisis or chaotic environment will help us to be true to the National Guard Chaplain motto: Always Ready, Always There, Always a Servant.

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on planning and executing an exercise.

Members of the AOG have participated in exercises all over the world, learning and bringing lessons learned back to the group in preparation for this particular exercise.

This exercise was the culmination of more than a year of training and build-up to one grand exercise. The exercise started Nov. 3 and ran through Nov. 6. There were several stages to the exercise including briefings on accessing the weapons system and times of each volley (time the exercise is in play) and after action reviews. There were also many briefings which Col. Mathewson acted as the CFACC (Combined Forces Air Forces Component Commander). Members of the AOG were very engaged and gained a wealth of knowledge about what their particular career field would be expected to do in the event of an emergency. They could be called to duty at a moment's notice and report to



Capt. Michael Peterson discusses an exercise document on the computer screen with Tech. Sgt. Adam Kerr while Maj. Scott Lemaster observes. *Courtesy Photo*

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and perform their assigned tasks for either the 12th Air Force as the Commander's Battle Staff or to the 612th Air Operations Center as an advisor to the CFACC.

The exercise took place in a fictional area of the southwest U.S. There were countries set up to give a realistic approach to problem mitigation and political ramifications of actions dealing with decisions made while working through the exercise scenario. The crew driving the exercise scenarios was known as the "white cell". The white cell was comprised of several Airmen of various ranks that create challenges for the participants to solve. They also answered questions as the participants went through the problem solving process.

The 183rd AOG is planning to make this a reoccurring event and looking forward to being able to host future exercises in which they can invite command and control from all branches of service from around the world.

The command and control career fields are wide spread. There is everything from intelligence analysts, to tanker pilots, computer technicians to aeromedical evacuation. There are more than 70 different career fields in all.

The Air Operations Group is still in need of several specialized career fields. If you or anyone you know is looking for another way to serve, the AOG may have a position for them.

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How will you know when you are making progress? In general, after just a month or so you should be running more than you are walking. On some days you may feel like running or walking longer; go with it. Your body usually will not lie to you, just listen to it. And speaking of listening, pay attention if something starts to hurt whenever you run. Give it a rest. Get it checked out. Do not make a little thing a big thing by ignoring it and "working through the pain." That is usually a bad idea.

Practically anyone can be a runner, just be sure to start slowly and work up gradually. At some point, it could actually start to feel natural! I know, that may sound crazy now, but just watch and you will see. Less than 10 years ago I hated to run, and I would wait until my fitness test, run just as fast as I could, and then be so sore I could barely walk for a week. Now it really does seem natural to run. As the famous runner and coach Jeff Galloway says, just "resolve to run"!



Tis the season - Tornadoes, Flash Floods & Lightning

*Submitted by Master Sgt. Mike Niepert
183rd FW Safety*

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

TORNADOES

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

IN HOMES OR SMALL BUILDINGS:

- Go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.

IN SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, FACTORIES, OR SHOPPING CENTERS:

- Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses.

IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS:

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

IN CARS OR MOBILE HOMES:

- Abandon them immediately! Most deaths occur in cars and mobile homes. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter.

IF NO SUITABLE STRUCTURE IS NEARBY:

- Lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

FLASH FLOODS

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

WHEN INSIDE:

- If ordered to evacuate or if rising water is threatening, leave immediately and get to higher ground!

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

- Go to higher ground immediately! Avoid small rivers

- or streams, low spots, canyons, dry riverbeds, etc.
- Do not try to walk through flowing water more than ankle deep!
- Do not allow children to play around streams, drainage ditches or viaducts, storm drains, or other flooded areas!

IF IN A VEHICLE: DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED AREAS!

Even if it looks shallow enough to cross. The large majority of deaths due to flash flooding are due to people driving through flooded areas. Water only one foot deep can displace 1500 lbs! Two feet of water can EASILY carry most automobiles! Roadways concealed by floodwaters may not be intact.

LIGHTNING SAFETY

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

WHEN INSIDE:

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

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

- Go to a safe shelter immediately! Such as inside a sturdy building. A hard top automobile with the windows up can also offer fair protection.
- If you are boating or swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a safe shelter away from the water!
- If you are in a wooded area, seek shelter under a thick growth of relatively small trees.
- If you feel your hair standing on end, squat as shown in the diagram below with your head between your knees. Do not lie flat!
- Avoid: isolated trees or other tall objects, bodies of water, sheds, fences, convertible automobiles, tractors, and motorcycles.



Personal Protection...

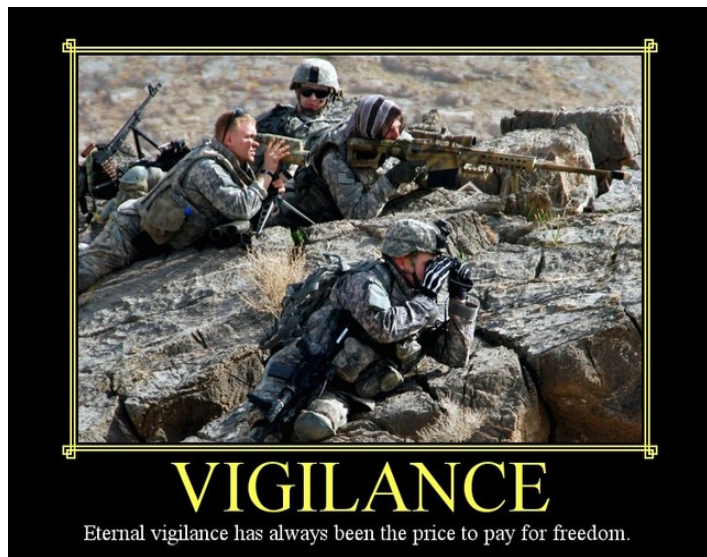
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As members of the U.S. military, we are all subject to increased risk simply due to our military affiliation. We stand out in our communities due to our hair cuts, military demeanor, and the uniform we wear. Nevertheless, there are steps we all can take to help minimize the personal risk associated with our chosen profession. Security officers, law enforcement organizations and the general public can use personal protective measures to help disrupt or mitigate a terrorist/criminal attack. Use the following personal protective measures:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Inform staff, coworkers and family members to be aware of unusual events or activities. While no single activity is an indicator of pre-operational attack planning, the combination of various activities (such as individuals loitering in sensitive areas for no apparent reason, unusual sketching, and pace counting) could be deemed suspicious in conjunction with other available information.
- Report anything that looks suspicious, or out of place, and all suspicious activity to law enforcement

authorities. For on base reporting, dial ext. 911. For off base reporting, contact your local law enforcement agency.

- Remember your AT Level I training and encourage your family members to take Antiterrorism Level I Training too.
- Take nothing for granted!



If you have any questions regarding personal protective measures or the Antiterrorism Program, please contact Maj. Jim Robinson or Master Sgt. James Kavanagh at 217-757-1370/392.

First Sgt. Announcement



The 183rd Medical Group is seeking a current Master Sgt., or promotable Tech. Sgt., who is interested in becoming a First Sergeant. This is a great role for those who like to be involved with people - from Airmen to commanders.

This position provides leadership opportunities and an arena to make a positive difference in the unit. We are looking for an individual to fill the First Sergeant role which will be vacant starting in July. The selection board will meet in March. Eligible applicants will then be presented to the new Medical Group Commander for selection. Interested members should contact Chief Jordan at ext. 578, or talk to any First Sergeant to learn more about requirements of the position.

We Need Your Help

Attention all Falcon's View Readers! It is a New Year and time for resolutions. The Public Affairs staff has a resolution as well, to redesign and rename the Falcon's View. We want your input! Please send your suggestions for renaming the Falcon's View to the Public Affairs email address at: 183fw.pa@ang.af.mil, by March 30. Along with your suggestion please provide a brief description of your submission and it's significance to the unit. If you like the Falcon's View named as it is, let us know that too! If you have ideas of other things you would like to see as a part of the redesign please forward those thoughts as well. There are some great minds here at the 183rd, so get those ideas submitted. We will attempt to incorporate as many good ideas as possible into the new design.

Vacancies

The following is a list of enlisted vacancies as of Feb. 9. Members applying for these positions must currently hold the AFSC for the position being applied for. If interested in applying for these positions, please contact Master Sgt. Matt Allen at 217-757-1292 / DSN 892-8292, or, Tech. Sgt. Sarah Hayward 217-757-1184 / DSN 892-8184.

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FSS			ACOS		
E-5	3M0X1	Services	E-7	3D1X3	RF Transmissions
EIS			SC		
E-5	3D1X7	Cable and Antenna Sys	E-5	3D0X3	Cyber Systems
MSG			SFS		
E-5	3S0X1	Personnel	E-5	3P0X1	Security Forces

The following is a list of officer vacancies as of Feb. 9. Contact Senior Master Sgt. Diana Braun at 217-757-1566 or DSN: 892-8566 if interested in applying for these positions. Prior service members are encouraged to explore these exciting new opportunities.

183 FW			O-4	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
O-4	052R3	Chaplain	O-4	012F4W	Fighter CSO
O-6	011F3Y	Fighter Pilot	O-4	012B4Y	Bomber CSO
MDG			O-4	011F4Y	Fighter Pilot
O-5	048A3	Aero Med Specialist	O-4	011B4Y	Bomber Pilot
O-5	042E3	Optometrist	O-5	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
ACOS			O-4	011F4B	Fighter Pilot
O-4	043H4	Public Health	O-5	011F4F	Fighter Pilot
O-4	043E4A	Bioenvironmental Eng	AOG		
O-4	021A4	Aircraft Maintenance	O-5	016G4	AF Ops Staff Officer
O-4	048R4	Flight Surgeon	HQ IL ANG		
O-4	012M4Y	Mobility CSO	O-4	017D4B	Cyberspace Operations
O-4	012M4S	Mobility CSO	O-4	038F4	Force Support
O-4	032E4	Civil Engineer	CES		
O-5	017D4A	Cyberspace Operation	O-4	032E3G	Civil Engineer
O-4	011M3Y	Mobility Pilot			
AMOS					
O-4	046F4	Flight Nurse			
O-4	021A4	Aircraft Maintenance			
O-4	012M3S	Mobility CSO			
AOS					
O-4	013S4	Space and Missile			
O-4	013M4	Airfield Operations			



Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association Satellite NCOA at 183rd

The Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association (NCOAGA) will be hosting a very first satellite NCOA PME here at the 183rd in March 2012!

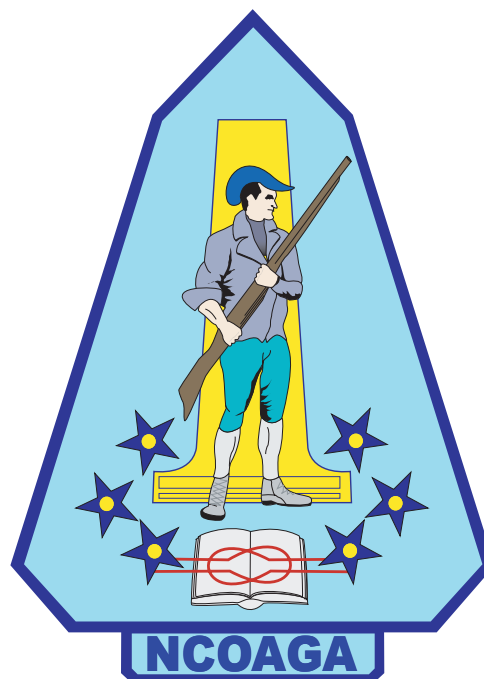
Consists of:

- Fulfills the NCO Academy requirement
- 12-13 weeks of training at the 183rd for two nights a week
- Two fast-pace weeks at McGhee Tyson, Tenn.
- Counts as in-residence PME
- Eight-twelve Airmen per class
- Consists of three block tests
- On site, trained facilitators at each class
- Anyone eligible for NCO Academy is eligible to attend the course

Advantages of this course:

- Learn leadership today and apply it tomorrow
- Two-level networking: work with other airmen from the 183rd and other airmen from active duty, other Guard bases, and other branches of service while at McGhee Tyson
- Not missing six weeks from home
- More accessible to members

More information will follow as time gets closer. If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
Master Sgt. Ed Ferguson, ext. 448
Master Sgt. Stacy Ferguson, ext. 471
Master Sgt. Jen Weitekamp, ext. 373
Or any member of the NCOAGA!



FYI:

We are currently searching for individuals or teams of five to participate in the 2012 Big Brothers Big Sisters Viva Las Vegas Bowl for Kids' Sake fund-raiser. On March 2nd we have five lanes reserved at 5 p.m. and two lanes reserved at 9:30 p.m. Additional lanes can be requested, if needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 2 – Viva Las Vegas Bowl for Kids' Sake

CHECK US ON FACEBOOK:

Roll over the NCOAGA logo above for a direct link to the Chapter 75 NCOAGA page, or visit the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/183d-Fighter-Wing/169822466424056#!/groups/168792956526167/>

Family Readiness

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:	E-mail Address:
_____	_____
Name:	Specialty:
_____	_____
Address:	Phone Number:
_____	_____
City:	State & Zip Code
_____	_____

Please return to: 183rd Family Readiness Group, 3101 J. David Jones Parkway, Springfield, IL. 62707-5001
Phone: 217.757.1569 email: joe.ward.1@ang.af.mil

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 Program Coordinator. 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.mil or by calling 217-757-1569.

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