

# FALCON'S VIEW

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## **183rd Medical Group changes command**

by Maj. Nancie Margetis Public Affairs

March unit training assembly marked another page in the unit's history. This time, the 183rd's Medical Group changed commanders.

The assumption of command for the 183rd Medical Group took place March 3, in the P-48 auditorium. Col. Michael Meyer, 183rd Fighter Wing Commander, received the Group's flag from Col. Patrick Durbin, and ceremoniously handed the flag to Col. Joseph P. Maslar, symbolizing the change of command from Durbin to Maslar.

Colonel Durbin had been the Group's commander for over two years and has been with the 183rd a little over five years. After 28 years serving his country in the Air National Guard, he is retiring.

He recalls a memorable moment with the Medical Group. "Assuming command of the Medical Group was a great honor. As the commander before me had done so expertly before me, I set out to continue the strong tradition of the Medical Group. And to put it plainly, not mess anything up!"

His words to gaining commander, Colonel Maslar were, "steady as you go." He added he feels confident that the right person was selected for the position. When asked how he felt about leaving, Colonel Durbin commented with a confident smile, "We couldn't ask for a more qualified person than Colonel Maslar...his experience and what he can bring to the unit will have a strong, positive effect and not only for the Medical Group, but the entire unit. I know the Medical Group is in great hands."

Colonel Joseph Maslar has been with the unit for seven years and with the Air National Guard for a little over 20 years. He was an F-16 pilot before becoming a medical doctor.

When asked how it felt to receive the flag during the ceremony, he commented, "heavy," jokingly stating that it symbolizes the weight of total responsibility for the Group,



Colonel Joseph P. Maslar, receives the 183rd Fighter Wing's Medical Group flag from wing commander, Colonel Michael Meyer during the change of command ceremony, held in the base auditorium, March 3. Photo by Staff Sgt. Shelly Stark

the personnel and processes that goes along with it.

"I am coming into the commander position at a great time. I am very fortunate to have such a great mentor as Colonel Durbin, and I believe our Medical Group is the best in the Air National Guard," said Colonel Maslar.

One of his first priorities will be to ensure the Medical Group is ready for next year's Health Services Inspection. He added that he could not ask for a better unit of people, leadership support or the unit patient population that he has here at the 183rd.

This is the first command position Colonel Maslar has assumed and has set high standards for himself to live up to his former predecessor and continue the strong tradition the Medical Group has earned.

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#### **Important Information**

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule and pay dates

<u>Duty Performed</u>	<u>Pays out (approx.)</u>
APR 14-15	APR 25
<b>MAY 19-20</b>	MAY 30
JUN 2-3	JUN 13

**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.

#### "Like" us on Facebook

The 183rd Fighter Wing is now on Facebook! We will use this page to bring you newsworthy topics related to the 183rd as well as disseminate other information that may be relevant to drill, weather, etc. When you search for our page look for the photo below as the profile picture. This is the official page established here by the unit. If you find the page that has the wing crest as the profile

picture, you have found a 183rd page that

has been launched by Wikipedia, and is not



the official page. Please direct your questions or comments to the Public Affairs office by email: 183fw.pa@ang.af.mil

Attention!
The deadline for the
May issue of the
Falcon's View is, 1200 hrs.
April 14!

#### April Lunch Menu

\*Menu subject to change

**Saturday:** Baked Fish, Baked Chicken, O'Brian Potatoes, Butter Noodles, Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Cauliflower, Minestrone Soup, Sugar Cookies, Cherry Crisp, Salad Bar

Snack line: Corn Dogs, Tater Tots

**Sunday:** Spaghetti, BBQ Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Parsley Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Squash, Garlic Toast, Yellow Cake, Cherry Crisp, Salad Bar

Snack line: Corn Dogs, Tater Tots

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#### **Commentary**

## Time Flies When You Are Having Fun!

Submitted by Col. Stephen F. Baggerly 183rd Mission Support Group

Well, March 25, 2012 will be my last day working at the "183rd Fighter Wing, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield, Illinois". You see, I have said that phrase so many times over my past 22 years of full-time service to the Wing that I probably say it in my sleep. On March 26, 2012, I start a new position as the Director of Staff - Air at Joint Forces Headquarters, Camp Lincoln, Springfield, IL. I am looking forward to continuing my military career at Camp Lincoln but will also miss the many friends I have made at the 183rd. The 183rd has been "very, very good to me" (Remember "Saturday Night Live" comedian Garrett Morris' Chico Escuela saying "Baseball has been very, very good to me.") and I have enjoyed working with so many people through the years and each and every job I have held at the Wing. When I first came to the 183rd it was known as the 183rd Fighter Group and I was a Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) in the 170th Fighter Squadron. The year was 1986 when I completed my navigator training and my Fighter Lead-In training and graduated from the Replacement Training Unit at the 184th Fighter Wing in Wichita, Kansas. One of my first experiences as a member of the 170th FS was to drive a van over to Mobile, Alabama, to pick up five sets of aircrew who managed to land their F-4s after the 1986 ORI mess at Gulfport, Mississippi. Having just graduated from RTU and being back in Illinois less than five days before heading south with the



squadron for the ORI, I hardly knew anyone in the squadron; much less where Mobile. Alabama was for that matter. But with a trusty map and a set of keys, I headed off to round up the gentlemen and bring them back home to Gulfport. I remember how quiet all of the guys were as we drove back that night to Mississippi. When we got back, the good news followed that then Major Rosenthal was doing well after he and Major Patchett ejected from their trusty steed only 15 feet or so off the runway at Gulfport's CRTC. I do remember watching the ejection seats fire off from the end of the runway where I was in the crew van waiting to pick up the guys after they got out of the jets and saying to myself, "What the h\*\*l have I gotten myself into?"

After several years of flying, and sometimes surviving the "Double Ugly", I moved on from flying the jet to flying a desk. My first non-flying job at the Wing was working for a young officer named Willie Cobetto as the Budget Analyst in the Finance Office. This sharp dressed senior officer named John Wayne Newman was Commander of the Resource Management Squadron (RMS) and he

convinced me to apply for a full-time job. And the rest is history as they say. As my career progressed, I held many positions at the Wing/Group. The most rewarding position so far would have to be my last few years as the Mission Support Group Commander and as the Commander, Joint Task Force-South (IL). Both have been very challenging jobs and I have been blessed to have had great personnel working with me and for me. The team formed for the JTF-South of the 183rd, 65th TCB and the 126th ARW has paid huge dividends as we provide for Defense Support to Civilian Authorities (DSCA) in Illinois and work with our civilian counter-parts who work in emergency management functions. The team formed at the wing to work on the upgrading and remodeling of our buildings has paid dividends as well and with an aggressive program, most buildings will be either remodeled or replaced in the next five years. This is quite an accomplishment for the wing and our personnel.

Once or twice in the past, I remember one of our former Wing Commanders (Col Murphy) saying you should leave the "Wing better than when you found it." Those were words that struck a chord with me and I never forgot his words. After my past 22 years of full-time service to the Wing, I honestly can say that I gave my all trying to live up to his words and I hope that I have done just that! To all of you at the 183rd Fighter Wing, as I move on to my new position, I wish you all the best in the future and I will be thinking of you as you continue to do great things here at the "183rd Fighter Wing, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield, Illinois."

#### **Chaplains Corner**

## **Maintaining Well Being: An Integrated System**

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

We are accustomed to a variety of training programs in the National Guard – everything from computer based training to TDY's that require travel and days away from the unit or our civilian job.

There is the monthly safety brief (covering everything from weather related events to outdoor activities); reminders about operations security (ranging from computers/e-mails/spam to protection of one's military ID/rank/SSN); and the on-going training related to each of our career fields.

Recently I came across a spiritual care and resilience fitness guide, which I found to be particularly insightful especially given the high ops tempo that is part of the life of guardsmen's today.

Under the tab marked "Total Well Being," the headline grabs the reader's attention: An Integrated System – "The four dimensions of your well-being are intertwined and inseparable. Each dimension is connected to the other dimension as they work in unison to establish your state of being. In other words, your well-being is an integrated system."

The four parts of an integrated system are: physical, emotional, social/family and spiritual with well-being at the center of the

circle. Let us briefly take a look at each "system," beginning with the *physical*. "Walking for exercise and spending time outdoors improves physical well-being. Spiritual growth occurs as you practice self-discipline and exercise. You also gain a sense of achievement in taking care of your health."

Emotional: "Discussing important issues strengthens emotional well-being. Spiritual growth occurs as you exercise your intellectual skills by recalling facts, analyzing them and synthesizing information."

Social/Family: "Interacting with your peers and family members supports your social wellbeing. Spiritual growth occurs as you show compassion and kindness toward the concerns or interests of your peers or family members."

Spiritual: "Applying values and working out the differences between right and wrong through discussion extends your spiritual well-being. Spending time outdoors with company enhances it. Spiritual growth occurs as you contemplate the experience and feel grateful for the blessings in your life. Fortify your beliefs to gain more strength."

The key to total well-being is to "exercise" each dimension of your being and maintain a balance between them. Just as you would exercise to improve your physical fitness, consider using introspection, contemplation and reflection as tools to improve your spirituality and, in turn, strengthen your spiritual resilience. Roman Catholic Chaplain

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#### **Announcements**

**Promotions** 

**Technical Sergeant** 

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Capt. Justin J. Smith John B. Coleman Nicholas A. Zellers 183rd ACOS

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Major

Jennifer L. Aurora 1st Lt. Howard R. Gossmeyer Retirees

183rd FSS

Feb 26 Alexander J. Barrington 183rd SFS Staff Sgt. Corbitt Griffith

**Congratulations** 

Airman 1st Class Terry G. Edwards Jr. Lt. Col Kevin Mulcahy and Tsgt. Michelle Mulcahy welcomed Mara June 183rd CE

Mulcahy born on 29 Jan 2012, 0105hrs. 6lbs 14.9 ounces. 19 inches.

Mom and baby doing well.

Col. Ronald Paul (Director of Logistics AFNORTH, former 183rd member) welcomed two new grandchildren, his son Max and his wife Bekah had twin girls (Mia and Baily) 23 Jan in Sonora, CA.

Welcome Aboard

Airman Logan J. Coventry

183rd CE

183rd ACOMS

#### **NGAI Annual Golf Outing**

When: April 20

Piper Glen Golf Club Where:

> 7112 Piper Glen Drive Springfield IL 62711 (217)483-6537

**Details:** Registration begins at 8 a.m.; shot-gun start at 10 a.m.

Four-person best ball tournament, scramble format

\$50 per person, includes 18 holes of golf with a riding cart, lunch provided on the turn, beverages during golf, prizes

awarded at hotel hospitality room and a chance to win

\$5000 for a hole-in-one! Register by April 10

Contact Bernie Riddle (217)757-1220 or (217) 652-2267 with questions



#### **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, May 1. 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!

### **183rd FW Operational Readiness Exercise 2012**













#### **Legal News**

### Air Force Legal Assistance Website

Submitted by Senior Airman John Thomas 183rd FW Legal

Next time you need a will, power of attorney, or just have a legal question, visit https://afle-galassistance.law.af.mil <a href="https://aflegalassistance.af.mil">https://aflegalassistance.af.mil</a>. In 2010 the Air Force JAG Corps unveiled the new Air Force Legal Assistance Website worldwide. The website is designed for active duty, reserve, and ANG members.

The website was created to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force legal assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may access the site's features from the comfort of their homes without a CAC card. The site's features include:

- Legal Topics: Short papers on common legal assistance topics such as wills and family law issues. It also contains links to other helpful sites.
- Legal Worksheets: Access to online questionnaires for wills, living wills, and powers of attorney. After completing the online worksheet, the website provides each client a unique "ticket num-

ber." Data entered by clients is secure and may be accessed only after clients visit their local legal office and provide their ticket numbers to legal office personnel.

• Online Survey: Following a visit to the legal office, clients are encouraged to provide feedback concerning the professionalism and helpfulness of our legal professionals.

By filling out an online worksheet, clients will be able to consider critical issues online prior to visiting the legal office. After receiving a ticket number, a client may take his/her ticket number to the legal office. An attorney or paralegal will then access a client's data with the ticket number. This will reduce the amount of information the client needs to bring to the legal office.

While the website increases convenience for clients, everyone should note the following:

- The website is for educational, informational, and processing purposes only. The website cannot replace consultation with your local JAG, and Airmen should not rely solely on the website when making decisions.
- Clients will not have the ability to print a legal document (will, power of attorney, etc.)

from the website. Clients will need to visit the legal office and provide their ticket numbers to obtain their legal documents.

We look forward to continuing to serve the 183d Fighter Wing community's legal needs, and sincerely hope you find this website helpful. Please contact the Base Legal Office, at extension 491, during the UTA weekend to set up an appointment. We value your feedback concerning the website and the services we provide as we continue to look for ways to better serve you.

NOTE\*\*\*\*The State of Illinois passed new legislation on July 1, 2011 that changes the wording on the Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and Power of Attorney for Property. If you want either of these documents, please let Legal Office staff know when calling to make an appointment.



#### **Safety News**

### **Motorcycle Safety Tips**

Submitted by Master Sgt. Michael Niepert 183rd FW Safety

Be smart and safe by following some basic motorcycle safety tips from the Wing Safety office.

Get ready for the spring riding season before you hit the road after a long winter. Give your bike the once-over:

- Test the lights, brakes, and turn signals
- Check the oil and fuel levels
- Make sure the mirrors are positioned correctly
- Check the cables to make sure they are not worn or frayed
- Lube the chain and adjust it according to the manufacturer's specifications
- Try a rider-training course to brush up on your skills
- If you do not feel comfortable with your mechanical skills, take your motorcycle to a factory trained or authorized deal ership for its spring maintenance

#### **Invest in Good Gear**

- When you are on the open road, there is not much between you and the pavement and pavement is very unforgiving on the human body when it impacts the road, wearing tough gear is always a smart move
- Pick a quality helmet that fits well and has a safety shield (if not, pair it up with goggles or glasses with safety lenses)

- Use safety as your excuse to shell out for that leather jacket and pants
- We know black and bikes are a perfect match, but a bright color will help other drivers see you better
- Wear durable non-slip gloves
- Invest in boots that cover your ankles

#### When You are out on the Road

Let us be honest: There is a lot of stuff out there that is bigger than your bike. But there is a lot you can do to help keep yourself safe while riding.

- Always wear a helmet that fits right. Pick one that has the DOT label, which shows that it meets federal safety standards
- Know your bikes and your own limits
- Stick to the speed limit
- Do not tailgate other vehicles
- Use your signals
- Be respectful of other drivers, do not weave through traffic or drive on the shoulder
- Make sure other drivers can see you by **not** riding in blind spots and always using your headlights
- Brake smart by using both brakes at the same time, slow and steady

If you would like more information on motorcycle safety or to find a Motorcycle Safety Foundations riders course near you go to: www.msf-usa.org.

#### **National Guard News**

## **New Guard and Reserve Dental Benefits under TRICARE TAMP**

The following was provided by TRICARE

National Guard and Reserve members separating from active duty after an activation of greater than 30 days in support of a contingency operation may now receive the same dental care benefits as active duty service members. The TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP) now provides coverage to these members in the Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP).

ADDP beneficiaries receive active duty dental benefit services as long as the referral and/or authorization requirements are met prior to receipt of care. Authorizations will not be granted for any dental care procedure that cannot be completed within their 180-National Guard and Reserve members separating from active duty after an activation of greater than 30 days in support of a contingency operation may now receive the same dental care benefits as active duty service members. The TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program

(ADDP) now provides coverage to these members in the Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP).

ADDP beneficiaries receive active duty dental benefit services as long as the referral and/or authorization requirements are met prior to receipt of care. Authorizations will not be granted for any dental care procedure that cannot be completed within their 180-day maximum TAMP period.

Eligibility is verified by ADDP contractor United Concordia Companies, Inc. using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). All TRICARE beneficiaries are advised to keep their enrollment information updated in DEERS; if eligibility cannot be confirmed, ADDP dental care will be denied.

TAMP provides 180 days of transitional health care benefits to help certain uniformed services members and their families transition to civilian life. Benefits begin the day after the service member is separated from active duty. Family members and dependents are not eligible for ADDP benefits under TAMP, but remain eligible to purchase coverage through the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Service members receiving benefits under TAMP are ineligible for the TDP until the end of the 180-day transitional benefit period.

### **National Guard Association of Illinois Conference Agenda**

	NT ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS		<ul> <li>Legislation committee report</li> <li>Membership report</li> <li>BG (Ret) Keistler</li> </ul>
Thursday -	19 April 2012		• EANGUS report
-	NGAI Board Meeting		• Credentials & rules/nominations
	President Abraham Lincoln Hotel		committee report
			• Scholarship committee
•	April 2012		BG (Ret) Sheedy
1000	Front desk: Welcome packets		• Insurance trust report
1000 1600	(family packets/map/agenda)		BG (Ret) Kesitler
1000 - 1600	Golf Scramble		• Awards/recognition of corporate
1.600 2.400	Piper Glen Golf Club		members • Election results
	Hospitality room		Retire the colors
1700	Exhibitor Setup	1200 - 1330	
Saturday -	21 April 2010		Air/Army breakouts
-	Exhibitor walk through and	1500	Business session ends
0700 0000	coffee	1000	Exhibit teardown
0800 - 0830	Conference call to order	1730 - 1830	Presidents reception and
	Posting of the colors		cocktail hour
	National Anthem (Sung by MSgt	1830 - 1845	Doors open and begin seating.
	Matt Allen)		Move bars inside banquet
	Invocation (Father Jeff Laible)		room.
	Roll Call of Units	1845 - 1900	
	President's welcome to		post colors, pow/mia table
	conference	1000	recognition
	Introduction of board members	1900	Dinner begins
	Recognition of senior leaders/		• Tag comments
	guests		• Guest speaker— sec lamont
	Host Commander/Mayor		<ul><li> Awards</li><li> Swear in new officers</li></ul>
	welcome		• Closing prayer
0000 0015	Spousal recognition & dismissal TAG Remarks		Retire colors
	Elections process		Band begins
	Break and vendor walk through	2100	Wrapping up
	Reports & Nominations		app9 ap
0,50 1150	• NGAUS report	POC: Lt Col	Kevin Mulcahy
	• Resolutions committee report		hy@ang.af.mil
	• Finance committee report	DSN: 8	392-8855
	Constitution & Bylaws	Comm 217-7	757-1855
	committee report		
	• Time & Place committee report		

#### **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.

CES E-5	3E4X1	Water/Fuel System Maint	AMOS E-6	1C0X2	Aviation Res Mgr
<b>FSS</b> E-5	3M0X1	Services	ACOS E-7	3D1X3	RF Transmissions
EIS E-5	3D1X7	Cable and Antenna Sys	SFS E-5	3S0X1	Security Forces
MSG E-5	3S0X1	Personnel			

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 F	W		AOS		
O-4	052R3	Chaplain	0-4	013S4	Space and Missile
O-6	011F3Y	Fighter Pilot	0-4	013M4	Airfield Operations
0-4	051J4	Staff Judge Advocate	0-4	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
			0-4	012F4W	Fighter CSO
MDG			0-4	012B4Y	Bomber CSO
O-5	048A3	Aero Med Specialist	0-4	011F4Y	Fighter Pilot
O-5	042E3	Optometrist	0-4	011B4Y	Bomber Pilot
O-5	048R3	Flight Surgeon	O-5	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
			0-4	011F4B	Fighter Pilot
ACOS	6		O-5	011F4F	Fighter Pilot
0-4	043H4	Public Health			-
0-4	043E4A	Bioenvironmental Eng	AOG		
0-4	021A4	Aircraft Maintenance	O-5	016G4	AF Ops Staff Officer
0-4	048R4	Flight Surgeon			
0-4	012M4Y	Mobility CSO	HQ IL	ANG	
0-4	012M4S	Mobility CSO	0-4	017D4B	Cyberspace Operations
0-4	032E4	Civil Engineer	0-4	038F4	Force Support
O-5	017D4A	Cyberspace Operation			
0-4	011M3Y	Mobility Pilot	CES		
O-4	021R4	Logistics	0-4	032E3G	Civil Engineer
					VACANT
AMOS	3				
O-4	046F4	Flight Nurse			
O-4	021A4	Aircraft Maintenance			<b>▲ •</b>
0-4	012M3S	Mobility CSO			

#### **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 Signup 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, 310 Phone: 217.757.1569	1 J. David Jones Parkway, Springfield, IL. 62707-5001 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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