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Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council visits for Vision 2018

by Tech. Sgt. Andria Sapp
183rd Public Affairs

The 183rd Fighter Wing hosted the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council (GSCC MAC) on July 11, 2012 as part of the community outreach program and to brief the unit's Master Plan, Vision 2018.

The committee and several base commanders gathered around 11:00 a.m. for a unit brief given by Col. Michael A. Meyer, Wing Commander of the 183rd Fighter Wing, followed by the Vision 2018 briefing given by Capt. Robert M. Mitchell, Civil Engineering Squadron Commander.

Since the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005, the mission of the 183rd has changed greatly leaving the public wondering what the Wing now does. In order to educate the community on what the Wing's current missions are and to inform them of the unit's capabilities as it relates to future sustainable missions, Col. Meyer decided to start an outreach program.

Vision 2018 describes the unit's vision for reshaping the base and facilities to accommodate the needs of its current missions. It also provides room for expansion into further missions.

Some highlights from Vision 2018 are: the modification of the hanger to support the Centralized Repair Facility mission, the demolition of various infrastructure to comply with new federal mandates, and the new infrastructure being built to house the Air Operations Group's mission

of organizing and training Component Numbered Air Force forces to conduct Air Operations in support of U.S. Combatant Commanders and, in particular, U.S. Southern Command.

Vision 2018 also highlights the unit's desire to construct a civil engineering building that will require a Military Construction Cooperative Agreement and thus community support from many significant community leaders. This is why Col. Meyer chose to start Vision 2018 with the GSCC MAC as the first audience.

The council is made up of Springfield area business leaders, representatives of local government, and staff members of Illinois' Congressional and State delegation. The Chamber facilitates communication between these leaders and the 183rd FW by serving as a central point to house council meetings.



The Chamber's five key strategies of economic diversification, workforce sustainability, community impact, diversity development, and transformational leadership correspond greatly to the Wing's overall objectives and goals. The GSCC MAC is a partnership between the Chamber, community leaders, and the Wing. It is designed to advance and protect the Wing's continued role in the Springfield Community's long term plan.

The GSCC MAC's visit will be the beginning of the 183rd renewed community outreach efforts.

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Unit Training Assembly Schedule and pay dates



<u>Duty Performed</u>	<u>Pays out (approx.)</u>
AUG 4-5	AUG 15
SEP 14-16	SEP 26
OCT 13-14	OCT 24

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.

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August Lunch Menu

**Menu subject to change*

Saturday: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Salad Bar, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Snack Line: Grilled Cheese, Grilled Ham & Cheese, Grilled Turkey & Cheese, Fries

Sunday: Stuffed Green Peppers, Tortilla Crusted Tilapia, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy California Blend, Sweet Corn, Salad Bar, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Snack Line: Grilled Cheese, Grilled Ham & Cheese, Grilled Turkey & Cheese, Fries



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Attention!

The deadline for the
September issue of the
Falcon's View is, 1200 hrs.
August 4!



183rd Communications Flight Supports Joint Task Force - NATO Summit

*by Maj. Shawn Strahle
183rd Communications Flight Commander*

The 183rd Fighter Wing Communications Flight and Air Component Operations Squadron teamed up with the 126th Air Refueling Wing Communications Flight and had the honor to be actively involved for the past year in planning and providing the communications support for Illinois National Guard Joint Task Force-Summit. JTF-Summit was assigned as the Command and Control (C2) element for multiple Task Forces (TF) supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit that was held in Chicago, Ill. 20-21 May 2012. JTF-Summit worked out of the Homeland Security Education Center at the College of DuPage campus in Glen Ellyn, Ill. The NATO-Summit was one of the largest National Special Security Event held in the United States and the first time that the NATO Summit was held outside the Washington, D.C. area. JTF-Summit provided critical C2 for seven TFs that were assigned to provide assistance to multiple Federal, State, and Chicago agencies: Department of State, United States Secret Service, Illinois Department of Emergency Management, and the City of Chicago to just name a few.

The 183d Communications Flight (Maj. Shawn Strahle and Master Sgt. Ryan Scott) and Air Component Operations Squadron (Master Sgt. Adam Blair) made up a large part of the JTF-Summit J6 (Communications Directorate) and provided outstanding technical support via the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) communications package. The 183rd JISCC Team members were: Senior Master Sgt. Robert Ryan, Master Sgt. Jay Watts, Master Sgt. Joe Loeser, Master Sgt. Aarron Marshall, Technical Sgt. Nate Bostic, Senior Airman David Wiant, Senior Airman Tessie Lessman, and Airman 1st Class Tyler Casson. The J6's primary role is to design and implement the communications architecture for a JTF-Summit and its assigned TFs. The JTF-Summit was

made up of 200 Title-32 Illinois National Guardsmen and 60 Title-10 Active Duty Air Force, Army, and Navy personnel. Well-organized communications is the key to any successful command and control, and the J6 developed a very efficient Common Operating Picture (COP) that allowed both Active Duty and National Guard personnel to communicate smoothly and efficiently greatly enhancing their situational awareness. The J6 communications design allowed the JTF-Summit command staff to coordinate the seven TFs, which were stationed at multiple locations with great effectiveness. The assigned Task Forces were comprised of over 2000 Illinois National Guardsmen.

The Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) mission requires careful planning of interoperable communications that will allow seamless communications between military and civilian agencies. The 183rd Communications Flight operates the JISCC which was designed for just such a mission and it provides data, voice, and radio services to a C2 section whether civilian or military. There are three JISCC within the state assigned to the 126th ARW, 183rd FW, and the 264th Combat Communications Squadron. The 183rd Communications Flight has operated the JISCC since 2005 and has deployed with it multiple times. JTF-Summit J6 deployed two JISCC and the U.S. Army North provided their Sentinel vehicle for secure communications. The J6 and JISCC teams deployed May 13-24, 2012, and the communications personnel are always some of the first troops to deploy and last to redeploy back home. The J6/JISCC teams deployed over 130 computers, 100 phones, installed several thousand feet of network cable, along with various other information technology equipment. The College of DuPage information technology staff provided great support in allowing our military communications systems access to their data and phone networks. The J6/JISCC team delivered communications equipment to the TFs as their missions changed and IT requirements increased.

Overall, we had a great J6/JISCC team working for a very successful deployment.

Chaplains Corner

Homeland Security & the Guard...

by Chaplain Lt. Col. Jeff Laible
183rd Chaplain

Departing from the Unit early Monday morning, May 14, a trained and motivated group of Airmen from the 183rd headed north on I-55. Nearly three hours later, we had arrived at our NATO TDY location – our headquarters home for the unfolding NATO Summit.

Our host location provided an up-to-date facility, with the most modern communication infrastructure and office set-up. The building was strikingly new and built to support the ever expanding role of Homeland Security. What was most prominent and I might add, overwhelming, was a steel beam from the World Trade Center displayed in the main entrance.

I stood in silence as I looked at that steel beam. Images of airplanes flying into the World Trade Center flashed before my eyes, but more importantly, I thought of the thousands of innocent civilians who lost their life that day – and the hundreds of first responders who either died that day or (years later) as a result of their heroic efforts.

“Should I touch that large, rusty piece of steel?” Thoughts raced through my mind; my heart-rate “rushed” and I felt a sense of numbness. This is the closest I have been to the World Trade Center – a twisted piece of metal that once supported two towers on the edge of New York City. It was a chilling moment that I will not forget any time soon.

Since the early days of our country’s founding, the National Guard – Citizen Soldiers and Airmen – have been engaged in Homeland Security. That mission continues as our soldiers and airmen work in a variety of missions to support the 2012 NATO Summit.

General George Washington employed a few civilian clergy to minister to the original “citizen soldiers” and today, in 2012, Chaplain and Chaplain Assistants are still apart of the “mix” of troops, exercising the call to be “a visible reminder of the Holy.”

The success of the 2012 NATO Summit would not happen without the 13,500 Soldiers and Airmen from the Illinois National Guard. Whether serving at home-station, the heart of Chicago, or at home station thousands of troops have quietly done their part of make the NATO event on time and successful.

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Announcements

183rd Fighter Wing Annual Blood Drive

The Central Illinois Community Blood Center will be on base Wednesday September 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The blood drive will be held in P-48, 2nd floor, Medical Group waiting room. All 183rd members as well as family members are invited to donate. Please give what is in your heart and help save a life!

Appointments may be scheduled by contacting Senior Master Sgt. Devra Schoby, 217-757-1859 or email devra.schoby@ang.af.mil. Walk-ins are also welcome.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Service:
Saturday 12:30 p.m.

Catholic Mass:
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Base Chapel Office:
Bldg. P-48, Room 302

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Welcome Aboard

Maj. Leo E. Daub	183rd ACOS
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Staff Sgt. Terry D. Gamblin	217th EIS
Senior Airman Daniel E. Bacon	183rd CE
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Airman 1st Class Jacob S. Joslin	183rd CE
Airman 1st Class Sean T. Kenzel	183rd AOS
Airman 1st Class Derek M. Robson	183rd CE
Airman Ronald S. Bertoni	183rd SFS
Airman Lauren F. Tarpley	183rd AMOS



James T. Arana	183rd MSG	May 31
Charles F. O'Malley	183rd MSG	July 9
Kenneth J. Vennell	183rd MXS	July 10
Michael W. Irwin	183rd AMOS	July 19

Baby News

2nd Lt. Angela McMillen and TSgt Nicholas Ressler welcomed 7 lb. 5 oz., 20.5 inch long, Colton Paul Ressler in to the world on June 15. Congratulations!

Capt. Maureen DiDonato and her husband, Guido, welcomed 10lb. 5.6oz., 23 in long, Geno Michael in to the world on June 26. Congratulations!

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, Sept. 4. 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!

Farewell from Lt. Col. Vennell



“I would like to thank Col. Meyer for providing me the opportunity to serve as the Maintenance Squadron Commander. It has been very rewarding. I would also like to thank both past and present members of the Maintenance Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for their sacrifices. Your hard work has been and is deeply appreciated.

“The pace has been nonstop since the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) announcement. We were BRAC’d, deployed to Iraq, came home, had a unit compliance inspection, built a Centralized Repair Facility (CRF) manning document, had countless design

meetings with engineers on the hangar modernization, went through the Reduction in Force (RIF), had more personnel movement post RIF, had guys performing engine maintenance in several locations during the construction phase, performed the transitional phase mission, moved into the hangar, took the definition of LEAN maintenance to a whole new level and took an LCAP. We also acquired two more static display aircraft along the way. There were numerous issues associated with the conversion. Acquiring additional tooling and retraining were at the top of the list.

“A big thank you to all who went to technical school, accomplished your

on-the-job upgrade training and passed your Career Development Courses! And a big thank you to all you experienced guys who constantly monitored their progress and ensured everything remained on track! Everything WE have accomplished with and without the jets has been a TEAM effort! And I was fortunate enough to have been a part of it!

“To all you CRF guys, former jet maintainers, suppliers, POL, support, medical personnel, CE, Security, Finance, Contracting, and “Fly Boyz,” here is to some great times. If anyone who wants to keep in touch check the nearest bicycle race or Kenny Vennell on Facebook.

A Note From General Robert J. Pratt

I wanted to pass on the exceptional performance of your service members and civilians that were part of JTF Summit or supported the NATO Summit in any way.

It truly was an honor and a privilege to see this historic event take shape and the professionalism of all those involved to execute such a monumental complex decentralized operation.

This event could not have been executed with such professionalism and precision without the hard work, leadership, and the ability to come together and work as a team. We could not have accomplished this as separate entities. Leveraging the strength of all those involved allowed us to be successful.

The performance of the team did not go unnoticed. The POTUS, Secretary of Defense, CJCS, CNGB, and the Governor's Office, to name a few, all had very positive comments and made a special effort to recognize these efforts.

You can all be proud of your teams part in the NATO Summit! A big thanks to all!

9th Annual ILANG Family Support Group Bass Tournament

by Master Sgt. Steve Parker
183rd FW MXMP

The date was June 24 and Lake Springfield Illinois was the site for the 9th Annual ILANG Family Support Bass Tournament. The Family Support Group is a not for profit volunteer organization that began during Operation Desert Storm. The organization's function is to assist traditional guardsmen and families when called to active duty status. Since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the National Guard has been on alert for rapid deployments for extended periods of time. Current Illinois Air Guardsman Master Sgt. Steve Parker started this annual bass tournament nine years ago to assist the Family Support Group. Parker is a 32-year-member of the 183rd FW and is the tournament director for many bass tournaments held on Lake Springfield.

The first of two events for 2012 was held June 24 at Lake Springfield with the second event scheduled for Lake Jacksonville August 26. For more information on these events contact Master Sgt. Parker at nitro190@springnet1.com, 217-741-4255 or 217-757-1217.

In the late winter, preparations for these events begin with lake scheduling, numerous emails, and phone calls. Fliers and entry forms are distributed throughout the state by internet, snail mail and by placing fliers on vehicles at other events. As the tournament day approaches, all donated prizes are collected and organized for a free raffle. A free raffle is held at the conclusion of the tournament and is designed to give something back to everyone who participated. This event receives a lot of sponsor support and almost everyone fishing the event goes home with a nice donated item.

The tournament day starts around 4:30 a.m. as anglers arrive at the boat ramp and start preparing their boats and tackle for the day's event. As tournament anglers are checked-in by Parker, they are given sample packs of tackle products and raffle tickets.

Mr. Joe "the Family Guy" Ward inspects the live-wells of all boats that are participating in the tournament prior to launching to ensure no foul play. Once all of the boats have been inspected, Parker conducts the pre-tournament meeting at 5:30 a.m. The pre-tournament meeting consists of an introduction, a thank you to all of the sponsors, going over the rules, off-limit areas and the official time. After the conclusion of the meeting the boats are launched and ready for take-off. At 6:30 a.m.

sharp Mr. Ward starts calling out the take-off numbers, which is the order the boats are allowed to leave.

After take-off, the teams begin their quest for a five fish limit of 15 inches or larger bass. All of the anglers will fish for eight and one half hours returning to the weigh-in by 2:30 p.m. The fishing on Lake Springfield has been good recently with a lot of fish being caught, said Parker. During the day, a thunderstorm threatened the anglers with some rain and a little lightning. After the showers left the area the rest of day was pleasant with mixed with clouds, sun, and a lot of fish being caught.

At 2:30 p.m. the weigh-in began with the anglers bringing their catch to the weigh-in table. There the fish are then handed over to the two weighing officials who check the length of each fish. After the length is checked one fish per bag is selected for the big bass weight, then the fish are weighed together for a total weight. The weigh-in was run very efficiently with 134 total fish (18 limits) weighing 339.28 pounds total. After the weigh-in all of the fish were released alive.

And the winners were:

1st Place---Scott Haake & Troy Lowery-----15.41 pds.

2nd Place---Jim Dietel & Jeff Motter-----14.51 pds.

3rd Place---Steve Parker & Herb Rush-----14.14 pds.

4th Place---Kelly Stufflebeam & Brian Denk----14.01 pds.

5th Place---Lonnie Winn & Mike Copp-----13.94 pds.

1st Big bass---Scott Haake & Troy Lowery-----4.78 pds.

2nd Big bass---Rob Danielson-----4.46 pds.

Also, a donation of over \$1000.00 was raised for the Family Support Group!

Thank you to all Sponsors of this event!

Gateway Adjusters, Mercury Marine, Duckett Fishing, Lake Point Grill, Sebastians Hideout, Mowie's Cue, The Boat Dock, Scheels, Lake Fork Tackle, Wired2fish, Flw, Pros-Soft Bait Glue, Rejuvenade, Bob Ridings Dealerships, Plano, Skeff Distributing, Berkly/Pure Fishing, Yamamoto Baits, Lonnie Winn Heating And Air, Lincolnland Bassmasters, Eagle Creek Chainsaw Carvings, Angler Assets, Culprit, Eastside Marine, Kelly Stufflebeam & Brian Denk---Plaques, Ed Camacho, Chris Hanken / Jay Cook, Carolyn Rush, Tracy Motter, Jody & Randy Howard, My Dad-Francis Parker, Ed Skube, Herb Rush, Last And Certainly Not Least Thanks To A Special Lady Ronda Provow.

Lt. Col. Hamrick steps up and leads by example

by Tech. Sgt. Andria Sapp
183rd Public Affairs

It is a beaming hot day in June and swarms of people are lined up side by side on the old firehouse floor. No one seems to be overly enjoying the sound of their counter sounding off as they complete crunch after crunch – no one that is, except for Lt. Col. Deborah Hamrick, the 183rd Fighter Wing Environmental Manager and Support Group Executive Officer.

One might say she has to like the test because she has been in charge of the program for quite some time. Those that know her know that is not the reason – they know it is because regardless of the task she is given she gives it her all. That too is why for months she was chosen to fill in while the Force Support Squadron commander and the Mission Support Squadron commander roles remained empty.

Anyone who has ever been issued an ID card, talked to a recruiter, ate a dining facility meal, shown an ID to a gate guard, or had a communication issue resolved has stepped into Hamrick's world. All while she kept her full-time environmental position afloat. One could be tempted to say she is a bit of a super-woman, but the truth is, she is just someone that gets the job done. Her directness is accredited for her effectiveness and is one reason many like her.

"If you want to know what she thinks just ask her," said Master Sgt. Amy Stults, 183rd FW Military Pay Technician.

Knowing where you stand with Hamrick is just as much about her high level of integrity as it is about her directness.

"I value integrity to an extreme," said Hamrick.

There are even people on base that would go as far as to say that Hamrick is a mentor and someone they depend on.

"Lt. Col. Hamrick has always been that person you want on your side in a fight," said Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Aurora, 183rd FW Base Education and Training Manager. "She is the strongest female I have met, and I respect her more and more each year. She is not only the only female commander we have out here, but also the only female I feel comfortable taking an issue to or getting mentoring from."

Hamrick's role as mentor follows her home every night.

She has two daughters, Grace who is 12 years old and Lexi who is 4 years old. Hamrick said she has to stay very structured in order to keep her military work load and home life appropriately balanced. She exercises to stay healthy and keep a fresh mind, she added.

Hamrick said she has taken advantage of nearly every learning opportunity that has been presented to her throughout her career, and she attributes this to a majority of her success. She mentors others on base by using the lessons she has learned. She added that one of the hardest lessons she learned was that of delegation, but that in order to get everything accomplished it is necessary to know who is capable of doing what and assigning people to the right jobs. She also said that the most important piece of advice she can give is to be completely prepared – think ahead and have your PME up-to-date at all times.

Tech. Sgt. David Vice, 183rd FW Base Services Specialist, may have summed up Hamrick up best when he said, "She will do anything for anybody. That is just who she is."



183rd Airman One of Four Leading Mission In Africa

by 1st. Lt. Miranda Summers Lowe
District of Columbia Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Jeff Marks of Louisville, Ky. and with the 183rd Air Operations Group at the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield, Ill., is among four National Guardsmen who are participating in Operation Africa Endeavor, a joint training mission sponsored by U.S. Africa Command, which focuses on communications interoperability and information sharing among African Union, U.S. and partner nations.

The mission, which includes participants from 36 nations and the active duty U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, kicked off June 18 in Douala, Cameroon.

Two Air National Guard officers are serving as observer/controllers during the exercise portion of the two-week mission. One of their first tasks was to help develop the training scenario which is based on African Union, U.S., and U.N. response to a major earthquake in a fictitious country.

Marks and Lt. Col. Randy Coltrin of the 217th Air Operations Group in Battle Creek, Mich. have been working with teammates from Canada, Uganda, Nigeria and Tanzania.

“Watching the African nations work together has been

a great experience. They treat each other so well,” said Marks. “Through this training, spending two weeks together, we’ve really built camaraderie with each other.”

Coltrin added that coordinating so many delegations from across the world has been a challenge, but hard work had been making the operation successful. Two planning conferences took place before the event started.

“The planning that went into this operation has been tremendous--and it paid off. We came in and hit the ground running. We were unable to go to the planning conference, but because of the hard work that went into the planning, everyone seems to understand why they’re here. The scenario planning has been thorough. There’s so much background,” said Coltrin.

“I’m very impressed by the level of participation I see from the African nations. I’ve really enjoyed working with so many people; so many different countries,” Coltrin added.

This year’s Africa Endeavor included a public affairs workshop for the first time. Seventeen public affairs officers from 14 nations and the African Union participated in three days of training, then operated as public affairs officers during the exercise scenario.

The District of Columbia National Guard sent two participants to the U.S. public affairs team, including Army Staff Sgt. Michelle Gonzalez, who provided coverage of the operation, where her work is represented on U.S. Africa

Command’s social media outlets as well as the Canadian Armed Forces combat camera webpage.

“It’s been really interesting to see how similar—and how different—our training has been, not only among the African Nations, but also between ourselves and the Dutch and Canadian instructors,” Gonzalez said.

Operation Africa Endeavor is in its sixth iteration, making it the only exercise of its kind to be held on an annual basis.



Information/Announcements

Why Do We Need An Inspector General (IG)?

To ensure there is an Existence of Responsive Compliant Investigations, and to ensure Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA) Programs are characterized by OBJECTIVITY, INTEGRITY, and IMPARTIALITY.

- A means of redress when no other appeal channel is available
- We are the eyes and ears of the Commander(s)
- Inform leadership of potential abuse, reprisal, restriction, and improper mental health evaluations – Ensure they do not occur

COMPLAINTS PROGRAM

The Rules

- No one may deny personnel access to the IG, or their commander, Congressman, or any established grievance channel
- Complainant/Witness identity is protected from disclosure to the maximum extent possible
- Personnel must not be reprimed against for making a protected communication
- False official statements/accusations subject to punitive or adverse administrative action

COMPLAINTS PROGRAM

Grievance Channels

- Chain of Command is the primary and preferred channel for resolving complaints
- Agency customer service
- FWA Hotline(s)/CC Action Line
- MEO, EEO, SARC, etc.
- Legal Office
- Security Forces, or OSI

COMPLAINTS PROGRAM

IG matters include

- Reprisal/Restriction
- Abuse of authority
- Inappropriate mental health eval
- Allegations of injustice
- Violations of law or directives
- Gross mismanagement
- Gross waste of funds
- Substantial danger to public health and safety

COMPLAINTS PROGRAM

IG matters do not include

- Correction of military records
- Appeal of EPR/OPR
- EOT/MEO matters
- UCMJ punishment
- Administrative separations

*Will be referred to appropriate OPR

2013 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year Award Nominations being accepted

The inclusive dates for the award are 1 January 2012 - 31 December 2012. Please send your submissions to ANG.A1.ANG.AWARDS@ang.af.mil no later than Nov. 30, 2012 for proper boarding and processing time as the AFPC suspense for winning packages is no later than Jan. 31, 2013.

Along with the nomination package requirements outlined below, you will also need to submit an endorsement by the State Adjutant General or their designated representative. Also, please ensure the citation is in a word document format.

**Nomination packages received without the required documents or after November 30 will be returned to the State Headquarters without action. Questions may be directed to the POC for Special Trophies and Awards, TSgt Barbara Geleney, DSN 612-9140 or email barbara.geleney@ang.af.mil.

Third Annual

“Run to Remember”

5K Walk/Run

Sunday, October 14th, 2012

9:00 a.m. Start Time

Come out and help us remember those of the 183rd we have lost over the years.

Registration: Registration will be open to current Air and Army Guard members, retirees, and family. All personnel not in military status will be required to sign a waiver. Registration will be open until the day prior to the race. No race-day registration will be accepted.

Registration is \$20

(Race shirt not guaranteed if registered after Oct. 5)

Course: The run will consist of a flat course on base.

Amenities: Technical race shirt, water and sports drink at the half-way and finish line, fruit and bagels at the finish line.

Awards: Overall male and female winners will receive a special plaque and \$20 gas gift card.

Alternate Date and Time: Time and date subject to change due to mission requirements and weather.

Contact: Lt. Payne or Msgt Stults at ext. 275 or Chief Erin Roesch at ext. 576

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NCO Academy Graduates Association

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.

1. AUTHORITY: U.S. Code: Title 10, Subtitle E, Part I, Chapter 1007, Section 10204, and other subsets of Title 10.

2. PURPOSE: To collect the information necessary to process the action indicated by the form you are completing

3. ROUTINE USES: This information will not be disclosed outside the Department of Defense.

4. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, failure to provide the information requested will result in the form not being processed, and may result in a denial of the intended action.

Vacancies

The following is a list of enlisted vacancies as of May 19. 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. Additional positions are available for new Guard members and transfers from active duty. Please contact Master Sgt. Allen for more information.

CES			AMOS		
E-5	3E4X1	Water/Fuel System Maint	E-6	1C0X2	Aviation Res Mgr
FSS			ACOS		
E-5	3M0X1	Services	E-7	3D1X3	RF Transmissions
MSG			SFS		
E-5	3S0X1	Personnel	E-5	3S0X1	Security Forces
			MXS		
			E-5	2A7X3	Aircraft Structure Maint

The following is a list of officer vacancies as of May 19. 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			AOS		
O-4	052R3	Chaplain	O-4	013S4	Space and Missile
O-6	011F3Y	Fighter Pilot	O-5	013S4	Space and Missile
O-4	051J3	Staff Judge Advocate	O-4	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
MDG			O-4	012F4Y	Fighter CSO
O-5	048A3	Aero Med Specialist	O-4	012F4W	Fighter CSO
O-5	048R3	Flight Surgeon	O-4	012B4Y	Bomber CSO
ACOS			O-4	011F4Y	Fighter Pilot
O-4	043H4	Public Health	O-4	011B4Y	Bomber Pilot
O-5	048R4	Flight Surgeon	O-5	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
O-4	012M4Y	Mobility CSO	O-4	011F4B	Fighter Pilot
O-4	012M4S	Mobility CSO	O-5	011F4F	Fighter Pilot
O-4	032E4	Civil Engineer	O-5	011F4H	Fighter Pilot
O-5	017D4A	Cyberspace Operation	HQ IL ANG		
O-4	011M3Y	Mobility Pilot	O-4	017D4B	Cyberspace Operations
O-4	051J4	Staff Judge Advocate	CES		
O-4	021A4	Aircraft Maint	O-4	032E3G	Civil Engineer
O-4	021R4	Logistics Readiness			
AMOS					
O-4	046F4	Flight Nurse			
O-4	041A4	Health Services Admin			
O-5	021R3	Logistics Readiness			