



FALCON'S VIEW

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New entrance officially opens

Community members show support through attendance

by Tech. Sgt Andria Sapp
183rd Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The 183rd Fighter Wing hosted a ribbon cutting Aug. 11 at 10:00 a.m. to highlight the completed construction of the new entrance at the 183rd Fighter Wing and Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

Funding for the new entrance was secured by the joint efforts of the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office and the Illinois Air National Guard.

Together they utilized a Military Construction Cooperative Agreement to construct the nearly \$6.9 million dollar project. The agreement was signed on Sept. 17, 2010 and the official ground breaking was the following month.

The Wing's entrance now satisfies the new Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection requirements which enhance the security of 183rd personnel and facilities. It is configured to fully comply with federal mandates for force protection and setback criteria intended to prevent high speed vehicle approaches to the installation. The roadway alignment also allows for future growth, viability, and success of missions assigned to the 183rd Fighter Wing.

“It will provide significant force protection enhancements to our base facilities, and more importantly, to our personnel,” said Col. Michael A. Meyer, Commander of the 183rd Fighter Wing. “This project would have not been possible without the joint cooperation of the State of Illinois, the Springfield Airport Authority (SAA) and the National Guard Bureau (NGB). We are very pleased with the work led by our lead contractor, Perry Broughton Trucking and Excavating Inc. and all of their excellent sub-contractors.”

The four-lane airport entrance road includes an upgraded intersection at Route 29, with stoplights, improving vehicle and pedestrian safety. The expanded airport patron and employee parking lots improve traffic flow and safety for airport passengers, visitors and employees.



Distinguished guests gather for the ceremonial ribbon cutting to officially open the 183rd Fighter Wing's main entrance, Aug. 4. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)

Frank J. Vala, chairman of the SAA board of commissioners, said he too is excited to see the benefits of the new shared entrance.

“I am extremely pleased with the new entrance; the upgrade it gives to the airport, the visibility for the entrance, the stoplight for safety, for egress and ingress, the fact that you have a new controlled entrance for the Air Guard, and the fact that we got more parking,” said Vala.

The construction of the new entrance for the 183rd and Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport was made possible by the joint efforts of the State of Illinois and the

Department of Defense.

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<u>Duty Performed</u>	<u>Pays out (approx.)</u>
SEP 14-16	SEP 26
OCT 13-14	OCT 24
NOV 3-4	NOV 14

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

September Lunch Menu

**Menu subject to change*

Friday:

Baked Spaghetti w/meat sauce, whole kernel sweet corn, vegetable medley, cherry pie, garlic bread, tossed lettuce salad, ice cream, fresh fruit

Saturday:

Grilled/Smoked BBQ Chicken, parsley potatoes, rice pilaf, steamed peas, glazed carrots, chicken gravy, peach crisp, tossed lettuce salad, ice cream, fresh fruit

Sunday:

Homemade Meatloaf, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, broccoli Normandy, New York style cherry cheese cake, tossed lettuce salad, ice cream w/cups and cones, fresh fruit

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Wing Commander

Col. Michael A. Meyer

Attention!

The deadline for the October issue of the Falcon’s View is, 1200 hrs. September 15!



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Mega-Inspection = Teamwork

by Col. Ricky G. Yoder
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Air Combat Command Inspector General (ACC/IG) has informed the wing that we are scheduled for a mega-inspection in June of 2013. Some of you may be wondering, "What, exactly, is a mega-inspection?" If you reference Air Force Instruction (AFI) 90-201, Chapter 3, the mega-inspection means that we will be taking a "Phase 0, synchronized compliance-focused inspection." In layman's terms, we will be taking multiple inspections all scheduled during the same week.

The Phase 0 Compliance Inspection (CI), in AFI-speak, assesses areas mandated by law as well as mission areas that are critical or important to



the health and performance of organizations.

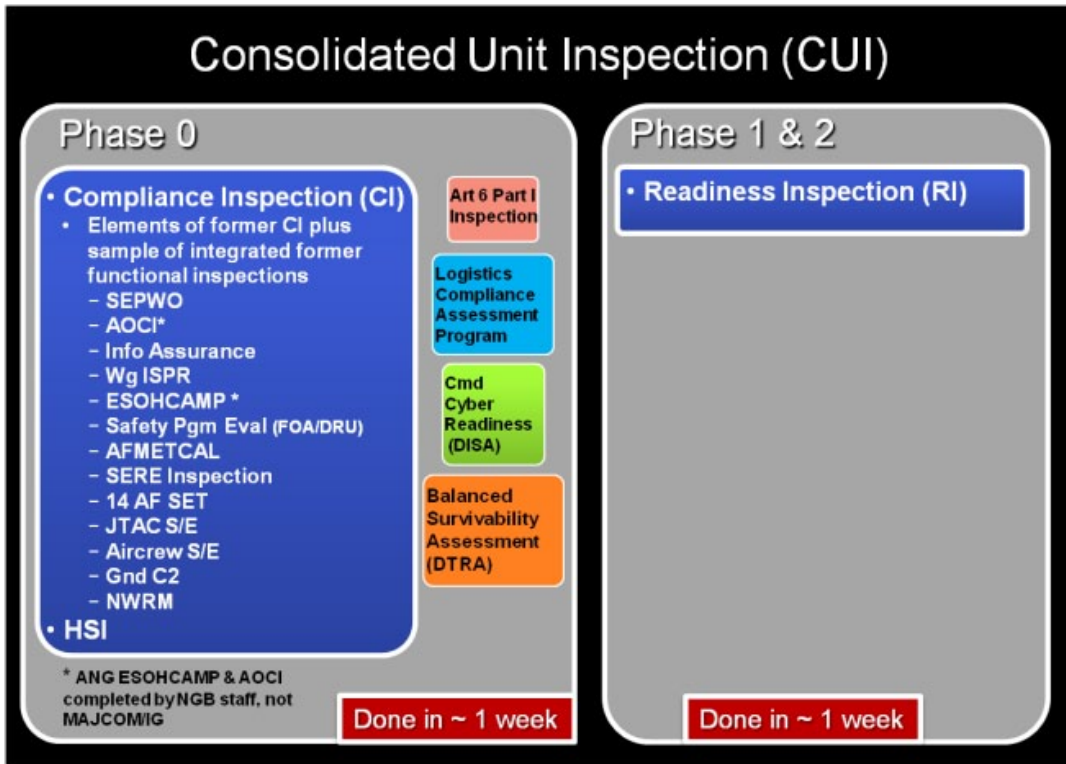
In Yoder's words, the CI looks at how the wing organizes, trains and equips its units and ensures that its processes and procedures comply with AFI's and the law. While the ACC/IG is

completing a CI on the wing, the Air Force Inspection Agency accomplishes a Health Services Inspection with the Medical Group. Also synchronized into the schedule will be the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program, the Article 6 Uniform Code of Military Justice inspection and the Environmental Safety Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program. These five inspections will all take place during the time period of 17-26 June 2013. Approximately a month prior, we are also scheduled for the Information Assurance Assessment and Assistance Program.

As Col. Michael A. Meyer, 183rd Fighter Wing Commander always says, "We take inspections as a unit." What he is talking about is teamwork and this has been proven time and time again during our major inspections. The Medical Group can have the most eye-watering medical readiness programs, but if the wing members

are delinquent on the required immunizations or Web Health Assessments, then we fail as a unit. The Wing Safety Office can have outstanding job safety training and occupational health programs, but if the individual Unit Safety Representatives and supervisors do not implement their training programs or the Medical Group does not perform the occupational health testing, then we fail as a unit.

We all comply with regulations inside our fence, but as soon as the ACC/IG



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watches one unit member motorcycle rider taking off his protective personal equipment just outside the gate, we all get painted with the "bad safety culture" brush. We take our major inspections as a team and we also prepare as a team – the 183rd FW Mega-Inspection Working Group has been meeting since March. If you are interested in contributing to the Working Group please look at the group's briefings on the Sharepoint Inspections Workspace. One final working group item – during this inspection, the self-inspection checklists will be run out of the Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT) accessible via ARCNET. If you do not know what MICT is, and you are the owner of or need to coordinate on a checklist, you need to receive your MICT training.

In ANG units, many personnel consider compliance types of inspections to be a "full-timer" thing. While much of the program and process work gets accomplished during the week, there are many things that everyone, including our traditional guardsmen, need to be doing and thinking about, right now. Records management and the physical fitness programs are two programs affecting everyone that have been identified by the working group as required focus areas for the wing.

If you need to accomplish records custodian training or build a file plan, please seek out the help to accomplish these requirements. Continue to build a healthy lifestyle and work towards meeting the physical fitness standards. If there are fitness failures in your unit, Unit Fitness Program Monitors and supervisors need to accomplish the required documentation. Medical readiness is an area that takes each member's self-discipline to accomplish.

Ensure your immunizations, dental exams and Web HA's are accomplished on-time. Speaking of ARCNET, check your currency on ancillary training and get those Total Force Awareness Training and Expeditionary Skills Training accomplished. Lastly, check with your First Sergeant or your supervisor to ensure your performance feedback sessions and your performance reviews is accomplished on-time! While you talk with your First Sergeant, ensure that your Family Care briefings and programs are up-to-date.

The mega-inspection is happening in June 2013. No one person or one squadron can accomplish any part of it alone. The wing will excel as a unit or we will do poorly as a unit. The time to prepare for the mega-inspection is now!

Spotlight



Who: Master Sgt. Cory Moore

What: Cyber Systems Integrator

When: Enlisted in the 183rd in February 1999

Why : My grandfather was in the Army's Air Corps and my uncle retired from the 183rd as a military policeman.

Civilian Employment: I have been a technician here for five years.

Civilian/Military Correlation: I work the same job as a traditional that I do as a technician.

Recent/Favorite Deployment: My most recent deployment was to Baghram to establish forward operating bases. My favorite deployment was to Korea because we were able to have a layover in Japan and the food there was fantastic.

Additional Comments: I have traveled a lot. I have been TDY 125 times for a total of 1318 days for which 98 trips and 718 days have been in my current work capacity. I have visited 20 states and five foreign countries. As someone that has traveled a lot, the one piece of advice I could give to someone looking to do the same is, stay in contact with people back home; communication is essential.

Note: Master Sgt. Moore was listed as one of the Professional Performers for the AFSPC Inspection and directly contributed to three of the 14 strengths identified.

Congratulations, Master Sgt. Moore!

Staying spiritually resilient

by Chaplain Lt. Col. Jeff Laible
183rd Chaplain

Ceremonies for the opening of the new main gate took place on a very hot August morning. Local civic officials, along with a host of military personnel were on hand to mark this historic event for the 183rd. It took many years of planning and coordination for an event like this to take place. Progress is happening at the unit.

Walking around the base today one can see other changes as well. Construction zones appear on almost every corner of the base. Old buildings are being updated, refurbished, and given some new life after having served their purpose for the flying mission the unit enjoyed for 55 years. Progress is happening at the unit.

The new main gate and renovated buildings are some of the visible signs of the progress that is happening at the 183rd. However, every day that we put on our military uniform and come to work, we have another opportunity to make individual and professional progress. And while our efforts might not be visible to other unit members, our commander or even our family members, those efforts are nevertheless essential so that we can remain a viable and ready force.

Maintaining and upgrading our professional military training is just one of the many requirements that are part of being in the National Guard. Equally important, our service to the country and State of Illinois also requires that we remain psycho-

logically, emotionally and spiritually sharp. The demands placed upon us, whether responding to a natural disaster, overseas deployment, preparing for an inspection/ORI, require that our minds, spirit and bodies be strong and resilient.

During the Wingman day in September super-drill, commanders and chaplains will be providing timely training on spiritual/relationship resiliency. What does it mean to be spiritually resilient and what steps can I take each day to “stay spiritually and emotionally strong?”

Most of us have lived through an experience where we faced some hardship. As we look back, what helped us to be resilient during and/or after that experience? Spiritual resiliency is defined as: spirituality (or spiritual beliefs) increases our resiliency as it becomes a source of faith within ourselves, hope in the ways that you relate with our circumstances, and love in our relationships with others.

To further define spiritual resiliency, answer the following questions: a) my faith is in..... b) I believe the source of my spiritual strength is..... c) for spiritual guidance and strength I look to and/or read..... d) I practice a specific faith (or religion) and it is

While there is considerable effort made and dollars placed on upgrading our buildings and facilities at the unit, we also need to be attentive in keeping our mind, bodies and spirit strong. The Wingman Day at the September drill will be a valuable opportunity to sharpen your spiritual skills, thus making you and your fellow airmen more resilient in your daily life.

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Master Sgt.

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Heather C. Hill

Staff Sgt.

Jacqueline M. Ward

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Brandon M. Vice

Welcome Aboard!

Maj. Leo Daub, ACOS

Staff Sgt. Terry D. Gamblin, 217th EIS



Third Annual "Run to Remember" 5K Walk/Run

Sunday, October 14th

9 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 fee: \$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: 1st Lt. Payne or Master Sgt. Stults at ext. 275 or Chief Master Sgt. Erin Roesch at ext. 576

Hosted by:

NCO Academy Graduates Association

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of Paul J. Killion, 89, of Springfield, who died Aug. 4, at St. John's Hospice. Paul was a resident of Springfield most of his life and a full-time technician with the Air National Guard at Capital Airport. He retired from the Illinois Air National Guard in 1983 with 34 years of service. Paul served in the United States Army during WWII and the Korean War. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Blessed Sacrament Building Fund, 1725 S. Walnut Springfield, IL 62704 or St. John's Hospice, 800 E. Carpenter, Springfield, IL 62769.

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, October 2. 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 AOG augments Air Forces Southern during PANAMAX 2012

By Tech. Sgt. Andria Sapp

183rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The free use, and even destruction, of the Panama Canal is under serious threat by a violent extremist organization. The organization's goal is to discredit the Colombian and Panamanian governments, boost popular support, and discredit western capitalist influence, according to intelligence reports.

This is all an exercise.

PANAMAX 2012 was a U.S. Southern Command exercise conducted in-part at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Aug. 6-17. More than 250 airmen from the 183rd Fighter Wing's Air Operations Group (AOG) and Air Forces Southern along with Department of Defense personnel and partner nation militaries participated in the multi-national military exercise. The exercise is an annual event that serves to facilitate multi-national planning, coordination and execution. This year's PANAMAX coordinated hundreds of daily sorties, using a wide variety of U.S. Air Force and Coalition Partner aircraft ranging from fighters, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), tankers, to rescue helicopters.

The members of the 183rd AOG worked both in the Air Force Forces Staff (AFFOR) and the Air Operations Center (AOC). Together they worked with a total of seventeen countries during ten days of intensive strategizing in an effort to be prepared to overcome a real world situation similar to the scenario. Land, air and sea strategies were used in a combined, multi-national effort to put down the simulated threat.

The members served in various roles during the exercise from operations officer to master air attack planning personnel. Serving in these roles they were able to formulate and virtually execute a variety of responses to requests from the Government of Panama to protect and guarantee safe passage of traffic through the Panama Canal, as well as ensure its neutrality and respect national sovereignty.

“It was a joint endeavor utilizing partner nation knowledge and forces that emphasized interoperability capabilities,” said Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Barber, force protection action officer from the 183rd AOG. “Coalition exercises like PANAMAX 2012 provide all the partner nations the opportunity to improve interoperability and an opportunity to conduct valuable subject matter experts benefitting the safety and security of the region.”

The 612th Combined Air and Space Operations Center (CAOC) served as the around-the-clock operational Command and Control center for the coalition operations. Maj. John Murtha, legal counsel for the 183rd Air Component Operations Squadron (ACOS) said he agrees that the partnership opportunity is a critical aspect to the success of the exercise.

“In reference to international agreements, although they are pre-existing they are often open to interpretation,” said Murtha. “Having coalition nations working together allowed for other perspectives to be brought to life that would not otherwise be there if we worked separately. This exercise enhanced those links by fostering friendly, mutual cooperation.”

Exercises such as PANAMAX are essential to the mission the 183rd AOG completes here in Springfield, Ill. according to Lt. Col. Kevin Mulcahy, the 183rd ACOS Director of Operations.

“This exercise is preparing us to respond not only during wartime but also in a time of humanitarian relief and in the war against drugs,” said Mulcahy. “This is what we do in the real world on a daily basis, but PANAMAX gives us an opportunity to work jointly with our partner nations to learn how to be prepared on a larger scale.”

The 17 countries that participated in PANAMAX 2012 were Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and the United States. U.S. forces that participated in this year's PANAMAX exercise include staff elements from U.S. Southern Command, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Army South, U.S. Marine Forces South, Special Operations Command South, and Naval Forces South/U.S. 4th Fleet.

183rd plays vital role in PATRIOT

*by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr
183d Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

VOLK FIELD, WIS. - More than 40 members from the 183rd participated in one of the National Guard's largest exercises. PATRIOT is an annual training event sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and was held this past July at Volk Field and Ft. McCoy, Wis. Its primary purpose is to increase domestic and combat readiness and capabilities of National Guard units.

Unit members took part in various Patriot functions such as Security Forces, Public Affairs, Command & Control and Personnel support.

The majority of the wing's participants were with the Security Forces Squadron. They participated in a portion of the exercise referred to as "Patriot Lifesaver 2012." It included representatives from civilian and military agencies. The objective for this portion of the exercise was to deploy multiple quick response units under Title 32 authority within a 24-hour period to stand-up an Aerial Port of Embarkation (APOE) and start accepting medical patients from a structurally damaged hospital and air medivac the patients to four different state Federal Coordinating Centers. Sound complicated? It was!

The Security Forces Element, led by Master Sgt. Marc Victor, provided airfield security, entry control for personnel and vehicles entering the APOE as well as providing an inner security patrol and security posts at each of the medical facilities. Once the full complement of Security personnel arrived, they set up the Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) and had full communications with the airfield authority and its components. Master Sgt. Robert Agans provided over 100 training objectives which the Security Forces Element successfully completed during the two-day exercise. In addition, the element conducted four quick reaction force missions outside the APOE which resulted in successfully exercising riot control.

Senior Master Sgt. Fred Ausmus, Lead Planner, Observer/Controller, was an integral member of the Security Forces Element and was pleased with their training and results.

"As with any exercise, there was a learning curve for exercise participants as the exercise evolved. Every issue that

came to light was handled efficiently and in a professional manner. The 183rd Security Forces were proud to be participants of this valuable exercise," commented Ausmus.

Another key role that 183rd personnel participated in was Public Affairs. One of their main functions was to publicize internally and externally the importance of the exercise, key accomplishments and training objectives.



FT. McCOY, WIS. - 183d Security Forces Quick Response Force on patrol during Patriot 2012. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/RELEASED)

Public Affairs was part of the joint Patriot staff and had a two-fold purpose: to meet the public affairs requirements of the exercise director, and to provide valuable training for the public affairs professionals that participated. This year was no exception. For the third year, Maj. Nancie Margetis, 183rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Officer, served as the Public Affairs Officer for the exercise. One of the six-member public affairs team she provided training for was Tech. Sgt. Andria Sapp, also with the 183rd.

Tech. Sgt. Sapp recently graduated from photo journalist technical school and was excited to put her newly gained knowledge to work. While there, she was tasked with coordinating media releases through the exercise director and higher headquarters; researching, drafting, editing and releasing exercise articles and photos; providing input, layout and editing of daily newsletter; and honing her public affairs professional skills, while mentoring younger public affairs professionals.

Sapp said of the exercise, "PATRIOT 2012 was a valuable experience. By providing public affairs for the exercise I gained priceless knowledge in how to conduct interviews, write and edit stories, and contribute to the daily newslet-

ter, but more importantly, I was able to gain an understanding of what the exercise is about and how it is essential to the overall success of our military and how it reacts in time of need. The exercise served as a platform to teach military and civilian response members how to work together to save lives and mitigate loss. I would recommend participating in future PATRIOT exercises to anyone that may be considering it. The experience helped me to gain knowledge and bolstered my sense of duty and dedication to my job as a guardsmen.”

Maj. Margetis felt she reached a milestone for the exercise. She developed a National Guard Patriot Exercise Facebook page where photos and videos were uploaded daily. According to Margetis, the response was very positive.

“Developing the Facebook page and watching people “LIKE” it was exactly what the exercise needed from an external communications aspect. In today’s social media world, even an annual exercise can benefit with public exposure. We received great comments from exercise participants and staff (including the director). The page even had Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt, Director of the Air National Guard, and some of his staff liking it,” said Margetis.

As public affairs dealt with exercise internal and external communication, members from the Air Operations Group (AOG) were part of the Command and Control function, which communication also played a vital role.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Erik Lane, Superintendent, 183 Air Mobility Operations Squadron (AMOS), the primary function of the Air Mobility Division of the Air Operations Center, was to coordinate with the Director of Mobility Forces on behalf of the Joint Force Air Component Commander, to plan, coordinate, task, and execute theater mobility operations for the PATRIOT exercise. Another role of the AMOS was providing tactical support by acting as squadron Current Operations to the Air Wings in assisting with the day to day mission planning.

No exercise is a success without effective communication. Another key to a successful exercise is support, and once again, personnel from the 183rd were there.

Master Sgt. Joe Foley from the 217th Engineering Installation Squadron participated in his sixth Patriot exercise. He was a part of the critical orderly-room personnel team, a function that required 24/7 operations and 100% accountability for all exercise participants.

“Working with airman, soldiers and sailors, Patriot allows you see a bigger picture. We serve in a complex and diverse Total Force and everyone has an important role in the Readiness Training that is essential to complete our mission. My first year was KP duty, CLEP testing and helping the Engineering and Installation Squadron install fiber optic cable. That, has since expanded to include multiple force support functions (more less a house mouse helping out wherever needed)”, said Foley.

As PATRIOT 2012 completed another successful exercise, we were there to help make it happen. On the last day of the exercise, distinguished visitors are invited to attend a portion of the exercise and meet with exercise participants.

Col. Michael A. Meyer, 183rd Fighter Wing Commander, Maj. Gen. Dennis Celletti, Acting The Adjutant General and Col. Stephen Baggerly, Director of Staff-Air, made the trip up north to observe and interact with unit members.

“The Patriot Exercise is a great training opportunity for all sections of the unit for both OCONUS and Homeland Defense missions. I expect the wing’s participation to grow in the future, especially in the role of command and control conducted by the members of the 183rdAOG”, said Meyer.



Senior Master Sgt. Erik Lane and Master Sgt. Brent Simpson perform air mobility duties while deployed in support of PATRIOT 12. National Guard units from 15 states are participating in the exercise which is being held at Volk Field, Wis from July 14-21, 2012. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Ralph J. Kapustka/Released)

Unit News



Sir, I accept command! Col. John Patterson accepts the guidon from Col. Michael A. Meyer, Commander 183rd Fighter Wing, as he becomes the commander of the 183rd Mission Support Group. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)



Command Chief Master Sgt. of the Air National Guard Christopher E. Muncy addresses the 183rd Security Forces Squadron, stressing the importance of each member telling their Air Guard story and promoting the Guard in a positive manner. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt Shaun Kerr/Released).



After 22 years of service, Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Korte, Human Resources Advisor, Illinois Air National Guard, accepts her certificate of retirement from Brig. Gen. William Cobetto, Asst Adjutant General for Air, ILANG. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)



Maj. Nicholas Johnson assumes command of the 183rd Force Support Squadron as he accepts the guidon from Col. John Patterson, Commander 183rd Mission Support Group. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)

What is the National Guard Association of Illinois and Enlisted Association of the National Guard doing for you?

Learn what valuable benefits you may be missing out on.

Briefings will be held in the P-48 auditorium Sunday

16 September 2012. Your scheduled time is:

0630-0725 Security Forces Squadron

0830-0945 Wing HQ and Medical Group

1000-1115 Mission Support Group

1245-1350 Maintenance Squadron

1400-1500 Air Operation Group

Announcement

183rd Fighter Wing Annual Blood Drive

The Central Illinois Community Blood Center will be on base Wednesday, September 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 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

What does the Air Force consider to be Fraud?

Fraud: Any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the Air Force of something of value or to secure from the Air Force for an individual benefit, privilege, allowance, or something you are not entitled.

- The offer, payment, acceptance of bribes and gratuities
- Evading or corrupting inspectors or other officials
- Making false statements or submitting false claims
- Using false weights or measurements
- Deceit by suppressing the truth
- Misrepresenting facts
- Falsifying records and books of account
- Conspiring to carry out any of the above
- Theft or diversion of resources for personal or commercial gain
- The unauthorized disclosure of official information

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Submitted by: Maj. Sean Heup, Inspector General



Welsh ‘humbled’ to serve as Air Force chief of staff

by Tech. Sgt. Shawn J. Jones
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The Air Force chief of staff flag passed to the service’s 20th chief in a ceremony here Aug. 10.

Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, a 36-year airman, stepped into the position, taking over for Gen. Norton Schwartz, who also retired from the Air Force during the ceremony.

“Mark is respected throughout the Air Force for his exceptional leadership and ability to connect with airmen,” Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said.

Raised in an Air Force family, Welsh said he found a role model in his father, a decorated combat pilot.

“Today, I think he’d be proud of me,” Welsh said. “And any day a kid can make his dad proud is a great day.”

Welsh emphasized the need for Airmen to understand

the importance of the other services in joint operations, but also said airmen should not underestimate the combat capabilities of their own service in winning today’s fight.

“No one else can bring what we bring to the fight, and any real warfighter knows that,” he said. “Don’t ever doubt yourself or this service.”

Welsh also addressed his stance on issues affecting the well-being of airmen.

“When it comes to airman resiliency, suicide prevention, and sexual assault prevention and response, I believe you’re either part of the solution or you’re part of the problem,” he said. “There is no middle ground.”

Welsh also said the Air Force must shape the future and that will require innovative thinking and different approaches to problems, along with modernization.

Welsh was nominated by the president May 10 and confirmed by the Senate on Aug. 2.

In his previous position as the commander of U. S. Air Forces in Europe, he was in charge of Air Force activities in an area of operations covering nearly one-fifth of the globe.

Welsh, a 1976 graduate of the Air Force Academy, has served in numerous operational, command and staff positions, such as commandant of cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command and associate director for military affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency.

“When I became a squadron commander, I felt excited. When I became a wing commander, I felt proud. When I became a major command commander, I felt privileged and a little bit old,” he said. “Today when I was sworn in as chief of staff of the Air Force, I felt humbled to be given the honor of leading its incredible Airmen.”

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Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley swears in Gen. Mark A. Welsh III as the 20th Air Force chief of staff, assisted by Welsh's wife, Betty, during a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Aug. 10, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash)

His experience includes nearly 3,300 flying hours, most of which came in the A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

As the ceremony ushered in a new chapter in Air Force history, it also served as the final chapter for Schwartz's four years as the service's senior uniformed leader and his more than 39 years of military service.

Schwartz's career began in 1973 after graduating from the Air Force Academy. He has logged more than 4,400 flying hours and participated in military operations in Vietnam, Iraq and Cambodia.

"Anyone looking for an example of Air Force core values need look no further than Gen. Norty Schwartz," Donley said. "Thank you for your lasting contribution to our Air Force and the character and quality of your service."

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta presented Schwartz with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, which is awarded to service members who perform exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility.

The award citation highlighted his success in restoring excellence in the Air Force nuclear mission, his efforts to partner with joint and coalition teammates in support of operations worldwide, modernizing the Air Force's air and space inventories, and care for airmen and families. Schwartz's wife Suzie was also recognized for her devotion to airmen and family support programs.

"The Air Force has afforded us an honorable and rewarding journey for the entirety of our adult lives," Schwartz said.

Your health can be influenced, positively or negatively, through the lifestyle choices you make every day. To maximize the health and wellness of service members, retirees and their families, TRICARE is taking aim at lifestyle choices.

We are also asking you to be a partner in your health care. When you take an active role in your health care, research shows you fare better. Take advantage of preventive health screenings and examinations. These screenings can help avoid illness and improve health at no additional cost. Find out more about your benefits and screenings at www.tricare.mil.

Obesity: More than one quarter of all Americans ages 17-24 are unqualified for military service because they are too heavy. Being overweight is no fun, but losing weight is not always easy. TRICARE encourages you to "Get Fit" and "Get Moving!"

Eating and physical activity patterns that are focused on consuming fewer calories, making informed food choices and being physically active can help you attain and maintain a healthy weight. They can also help you reduce your risk of chronic disease and promote overall health.

"Get Fit" (www.tricare.mil/getfit) is an award winning communications campaign to educate you and your children on the dangers of being overweight and provide resources for weight loss. Visit the website for healthy living tips, links, games and articles.

Take a peek at First Lady Michelle Obama's website, Let's Move! (www.letsmove.gov). Let's Move! is a campaign to end childhood obesity in the United States. Parents play a key role in making healthy choices for their children and teaching their children to make healthy choices for themselves. Let's Move! offers parents the tools, support and information they need to make healthier choices for their families.

Source: <http://www.tricare.mil>

"Our Airmen have reinvigorated the nuclear enterprise, institutionalized remotely piloted aircraft capabilities into our service, strengthened our support and our care for one another and for our families, clearly demonstrated our committed to the joint fight and established a program of record for the long-range strike family of systems." – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz reflecting on his time as Chief of Staff, July 24, 2012.

Back To School

by Chief Master Sgt. Steven E. Stewart
183rd Safety

Hard to believe but summer is coming to an end and schools are back in session. We need to be thinking about buses, automobiles, bikes and pedestrians. Here are some tips for you and your children.

We need to be very alert in school zones while driving. During the summer we tend to be less alert while driving in school zones.

Let us start with the buses. School bus transportation is the safest; yes, it really is safer than riding in cars. I will not go into the numbers, however the students that were killed or injured last year in buses were not from crashes, but from getting on or off of the bus.

Here are several thoughts to help those riding the bus:

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic or the street.
- Make sure your child knows to stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver says "All aboard" or signals for you to get on.
- When being dropped off, take 10 GIANT steps away from the bus. Remember the driver cannot see you unless you are backed away from the bus.
- When you are climbing or going down the steps on the bus, use the handrail. If you have a backpack or books, have someone hold them for you or set them down in front of you on the bus before climbing the steps.



- Stay alert to traffic around you. Drivers have rules they are suppose to follow but not all do! Stay safe and watch out!

Now how about riding in a car? You probably have that most traffic accidents happen close to home. Well they do! How can you protect yourself (hear the seat belt pitch)? Seat belts are the best way! They can lower the risk of injury by 45%. You are four times more likely to get injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle. Everyone needs to buckle up, parents, teens, and children. Younger children should be in an approved booster seat, which has been properly installed. Important thing to remember: there is no such thing as "just a short safe trip" unless everyone is wearing a seat belt.

Young pedestrians have a lot of decisions to make when walking or riding a bike to and from school because they are on their own with no supervision. Here are some safety tips to pass along to your children:

- Pay close attention to all traffic signals and or crossing guards.
- Never cross the street against a light! Even if you do not see any traffic!
- Walk with a buddy.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Wear clothing, which helps make you more visible to street traffic.

Hopefully this helps make your school year safer for everyone.

If you would like more information you can go to this web site. http://www.nsc.org/mem/youth/8_school.htm

2012 DoD Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections Questions & Answers

Q. What is the DoD policy regarding political activities by members of the Armed Forces?

A. DoD has a longstanding policy of encourage military personnel to carry out the obligations of citizenship. However, active duty members will not engage in partisan political activities and all military personnel will avoid the inference that their political activities imply or appear to imply DoD sponsorship, approval or endorsement of a political candidate, campaign or cause.

Q. How does DoD define when a political campaign begins and ends?

A. According to DoD policy, a political campaign or election begins when a candidate, including an incumbent officeholder, makes a formal announcement to seek political office or when an individual files for candidacy with the Federal Election Commission or equivalent regulatory office. Once initiated, a political campaign or election does not end until one week after the conclusion of the relevant election.

Q. What political activities can a Service member participate in and which ones are prohibited?

A. DoD has a longstanding policy of encourage military personnel to carry out the obligations of citizenship and certain political activities are permitted, such as voting and making a personal monetary donation. However, active duty members will not engage in partisan political activities and all military personnel will avoid the inference that their political activities imply or appear to imply DoD sponsorship, approval or endorsement of a political candidate, campaign or cause. Examples of political activities that are prohibited include campaigning for a candidate, soliciting contributions, marching in a partisan parade and wearing the uniform to a partisan event. For a complete list

of permissible and prohibited activities, please consult DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces.

Q. Does that mean a Service member can vote, but not actively support a particular candidate or cause?

A. Unquestionably, Service members can exercise their right to vote. However, active duty members will not engage in partisan political activities and will avoid the inference that their political activities imply or appear to imply DoD sponsorship, approval, or endorsement. For a list of permissible and prohibited activities, please consult DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces.

Q. Does DoD support and encourage its personnel to vote?

A. DoD encourages all members of the Armed Forces and federal civilian employees to register and vote. The Department actively supports the Federal Voting Assistance Program to ensure its personnel have the resources, time and ability to participate in their civic duty. Additionally, Department leaders and military commanders appoint voting assistance officers at every level of command and ensure they are trained and equipped to provide voting assistance.

Voting assistance information is available through the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301-1155. Voting assistance information also is available by telephone at commercial (800) 438-8683, (703) 588-1584, DSN 425-1584, by fax (703) 696-1352, DSN 426-1352, by e-mail (vote@fvap.gov), or at the website www.fvap.gov).

This guidance governs activities relating to federal, state, and local political campaigns and elections.

Submitted by 183rd Public Affairs. For more information regarding the Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections please contact the PA office at ext. 267

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:
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Address:	Phone Number:
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City:	State & Zip Code
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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 August 2. 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.

<p>CES E-5 3E4X1 Water/Fuel System Maint</p> <p>FSS E-5 3M0X1 Services</p> <p>MSG E-5 3S0X1 Personnel</p>	<p>AMOS E-6 1C0X2 Aviation Res Mgr</p> <p>ACOS E-7 3D1X3 RF Transmissions</p> <p>SFS E-5 3S0X1 Security Forces</p> <p>MXS E-5 2A7X3 Aircraft Structure Maint</p>
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The following is a list of officer vacancies as of August 2. 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.

<p>183 FW O-4 052R3 Chaplain O-6 011F3Y Fighter Pilot O-4 051J3 Staff Judge Advocate</p> <p>MDG O-5 048A3 Aero Med Specialist O-5 048R3 Flight Surgeon</p> <p>ACOS O-4 043H4 Public Health O-5 048R4 Flight Surgeon O-4 012M4Y Mobility CSO O-4 012M4S Mobility CSO O-4 032E4 Civil Engineer O-5 017D4A Cyberspace Operation O-4 011M3Y Mobility Pilot O-4 051J4 Staff Judge Advocate O-4 021A4 Aircraft Maint O-4 021R4 Logistics Readiness</p> <p>AMOS O-4 046F4 Flight Nurse O-4 041A4 Health Services Admin O-5 021R3 Logistics Readiness</p>	<p>AOS O-4 013S4 Space and Missile O-5 013S4 Space and Missile O-4 013B4B Air Battle Manager O-4 012F4Y Fighter CSO O-4 012F4W Fighter CSO O-4 012B4Y Bomber CSO O-4 011F4Y Fighter Pilot O-4 011B4Y Bomber Pilot O-5 013B4B Air Battle Manager O-4 011F4B Fighter Pilot O-5 011F4F Fighter Pilot O-5 011F4H Fighter Pilot</p> <p>HQ IL ANG O-4 017D4B Cyberspace Operations</p> <p>CES O-4 032E3G Civil Engineer</p>
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