



FALCON'S VIEW

183rd Fighter Wing

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General Electric visits, observes maintenance squadron's LEAN process

By Tech. Sgt. Andria Sapp
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Since the inception of the Springfield-based Illinois Air National Guard's existence – until October of 2008 – there have always been planes parked on the flight line and inside the hanger. Many people assume that because the planes no longer reside at the 183rd the unit no longer exists. Nothing is further from the truth. Although the 183rd's current mission does not include multi-million dollar aircraft that break the sound-barrier, it does reach out to other units across the globe making it possible for their aircraft to do so.

One of the 183rd Fighter Wing's missions is the Centralized Repair Facility (CRF) for the General Electric (GE) F-16 engine (F110). The planes themselves may be gone, but the engines and the praise-worthy people that build them are still here.

The average time it takes the 183rd to overhaul a F110-GE-100 engine is 25 days, while other units can, and typically do, take up to 180 days. How is this possible you ask? The reason for this success is two-fold. The first, and most important, is the highly-skilled Airmen working on the engines and the pride that they have in their work. The second is a streamlined process called LEAN that was implemented in conjunction with GE engineers to constantly strive to make the overhaul process more efficient. The LEAN process used by military and civilian production alike essentially increases efficiency to create more value and less waste.

The 183rd's LEAN process is constantly challenged by the



Master Sgt. Todd Stockton, Tech. Sgt. Don Ballowe, both of the 183rd Fighter Wing, and Mr. Mark Trzepakcz of General Electric Aviation, discuss the F110 Accessory Gear Box section during a LEAN event held at the 183rd Composite Repair Facility. (National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt Shelly Stark/Released)

Airmen who make up the maintenance to trim excess time and/or steps needed to repair and send out an engine back to our worldwide customers with zero defects.

The F-16 engines that are repaired here at the 183rd are manufactured by GE, and because of the success of the 183rd LEAN process GE has twice sent employees to partner with the maintenance squadron's LEAN events. The most recent visit was July of this year. During that time GE sent two representatives to observe and to help continue to improve the processes. Those representatives were: Ms.

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<u>Duty Performed</u>	<u>Pays out (approx.)</u>
OCT 13-14	OCT 24
NOV 3-4	NOV 14
DEC 1-2	DEC 12

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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October Lunch Menu

**Menu subject to change*

Meals catered by Hickory River

Saturday: Family Day! Pulled Pork Sandwich, Scallop potatoes, Green beans, Corn bread



Sunday: Chopped Brisket, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet Corn, Corn Bread

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The deadline for the November issue of the Falcon's View is, 1200 hrs. October 13!



The importance of family in today's Guard

by Lieutenant Colonel James Bentley

Commander, 183rd LRS

"Families and loved ones are the source of strength for today's Combat Airman and an integral part of the Air National Guard's success before, during and after deployments in support of our nation's defense and security," said Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, Director of the Air National Guard.

In recognition of the tremendous sacrifices that our military spouses, family members and friends of Air National Guard members make in support of our mission, the 183rd Fighter Wing will take the opportunity to celebrate our families and the critical role they play in our success during the October Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekend with our annual Family Day.

Family Day gives the Wing a chance to say thank you to our families.

Without their support we would be unable to respond when called upon for temporary duty assignments, overseas deployments, or for natural disasters such as floods or blizzards. The support they provide on a daily basis allows us to carry out our mission knowing that they are taking care of everything at home. They are making sure that all the homework is completed, coordinating school functions, transporting children to sporting events, caring for sick family members, calling the repairman to fix that broken appliance, etc. These are just some of the many things that we usually assist with when we are here but become a full-time additional duty for our families when we are away.

"Without a family, most of us would not be doing

this," said Gen. Frank Grass, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. "The family has got to be there to stand behind you. When we deploy off, Guardsmen are busy and their mind is focused on the mission. Somebody back home has to pick up what's going on back home, whether it's taking the kids to a soccer game or continuing to work and keep the household going."

Even when we are at home our families still have a willingness to sacrifice. It seems there many anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, and many other life events that are missed because we are at a UTA or coming in early or staying late in preparation for an upcoming inspection. Despite these inconveniences, our families continue to pick up and carry on.

The whole emphasis of the Air National Guard is family and having this type of event reinforces the whole Guard family. There are also several programs in the Wing, such as the Airman and Family Readiness Program and the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program that provide services to support and sustain a strong family bond. The goal of such programs is to ensure our military families remain resilient despite

the many challenges we face and the sacrifices that are made.

In addition to our Family Day, November is Military Family Appreciation Month where military families around the world are recognized for their commitment and the many contributions they make every day in support of the military and our nation.

Our families are truly critical to our success. We cannot do this job without their support. Please take some time to thank your family for everything they provide. You do your best every day and your family does too so please thank them for what they do. Without them we would not be the best Wing in the Air National Guard.



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Lolita Tam and Mr. Mark Trzepacz. Mr. Tom Higgins was the on-site GE representative.

During an interview with the representatives they said the 183rd processes were very impressive, and they called the 183rd a first class operation. Ms. Lolita Tam, a GE black-belt, said the 183rd has one of the best laid out LEAN events she has ever seen and that she was confident the Airmen were anxious and willing to learn. She went on to say she was sure that any recommendations they were able to make would be tried and tested under the Airmen's current processes for validity.

Master Sgt. Carl Hasselbring, Propulsion Element Supervisor, said the thoroughness and pride of the Maintenance Squadron stems from the desire and willingness of the Airmen to do the best they can with the mission.

"Change is hard, but we want to do whatever our task is to the best of our ability," said Hasselbring. "Before the GE representatives arrived we spent months planning, mapping and documenting our processes to make sure we were prepared to make the most of their time here."

Mr. Trzepacz, a GE green-belt, said the Airmen's planning was evident and that he sees tremendous potential in the future of the 183rd's CRF mission.

Mr. Higgins pointed out that the learning was two-sided in the sense that not only did the 183rd learn ways to further streamline their processes, but they, as GE representatives, learned a lot that they can take to other bases to help improve their processes as well.

"There is little doubt our CRF team is ready for any challenge; we've been able to take a very complicated process and streamline it to a point our actions have critical savings benefits for the GE F110 engine community," said Lt. Col. McCutcheon, Commander, 183rd Maintenance Squadron. "In our current climate we have little choice but to improve our process to compete at every level on the business model for this engine core. Our processes have the ability to be scaled to fit other engines; we're the first to implement these process and we believe it's a new standard and future model for DoD engine repair efforts."

McCutcheon added that he has identified this as potential annual or biannual event focused at keeping the GE family intertwined with the 183rd and their ever growing process improvement efforts.

Air Force 65th Birthday

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued the following message to the Airmen of the United States Air Force:

As we celebrate the United States Air Force's 65th birthday, we salute all of the dedicated Airmen who serve or have served in our Nation's youngest and most innovative Service.

Throughout our proud history, the Air Force has embraced the technology that continues to revolutionize our capabilities in air, space, and cyberspace. We owe an enormous debt to the ground-breaking visionaries and engineering pioneers who brought the technology of flight to life, and to the professional strategists and tacticians who imagined the military possibilities of these new technologies and propelled the science, theory, and application forward.

While our Service enjoys an unbreakable connection to state-of-the-art technology, we must never forget that everything we do depends on our people, the living engine of our Air Force. Today, more than ever, the Air Force can take pride that our Service culture promotes and benefits from the know-how, determination, and commitment of a diverse group of men and women who embody our Core Values -- Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do -- while pursuing adaptive and innovative solutions for our Nation's security.

Every day, our Airmen have an opportunity to add a bright new chapter to the Air Force story by serving our Nation in the world's finest air force. The challenges confronting our country are great; but our Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen have never failed to answer our Nation's call. Working together in common purpose as one Air Force, we will keep America secure today and for all the years to come.

Happy Birthday, Air Force! Aim High...Fly-Fight-Win!

Click the link below to view a video celebrating 65 years of Air Force heritage, or go to Youtube and search "Air Force 65th Anniversary video".

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogXUtQj8ufo>

Remembrance

by Chaplain Lt. Col. Jeff Laible
183rd Chaplain

Veterans from across the spectrum of ages and wars, ranging from WWII to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, share a range of similarities and differences. We could easily point out some differences in this vast group of veterans. Urban warfare, which was a signature element of Operation Iraqi Freedom was likely very different than fighting in the mountainous regions of Afghanistan or the South Pacific (during WWI). Geography, climate, military technology and modern warfare are distinguishing factors that could easily help identify the wars of the past century.

What would be similar in warfare, regardless of the decade or even century? No doubt, the tremendous sacrifices that warriors make on behalf of freedom and democracy. Could we begin to “count” the sacrifices that our troops have made on behalf of the many freedoms that we enjoy? We could at least try, but any “list” would be sorely inadequate. Nevertheless, those who have deployed to a combat zone, or in support of the war effort, regardless which war we might highlight, share the stress of being away from family and home for long periods of time, are exposed to dangers both inside (and especially outside) the “wire,” have lost comrades and seen their fellow service member injured (sometimes severely), can experi-

ence symptoms of post-traumatic stress, while others suffer silently from TBI (traumatic brain injury), hearing loss and a variety of physical and emotional health related issues.

Sadly, innocent civilians can also get caught in the “cross-fires” of war, both inside and outside the war zone. And the recent anniversary of September 11, 2001, vividly reminds us that thousands of American civilians lost their lives as they went about the business of their daily duties.

We will not forget the tragedy of 9/11! We will not forget the pain families and friends still endure to this day. Nor will we forget the sacrifices of First Responders, as they valiantly made every effort to rescue those caught in burning buildings.

A lot has changed in the past eleven years, but what has not changed is our resolve to defend freedom and democracy.

Equally important, however, we remember in our thoughts and prayers our warriors (and their families) who daily put their lives at risk. Finally, for all those who lost their lives on 9/11 (and those whose lives were cut short due to injuries they sustained in their rescue efforts), we pledge our prayers and grateful appreciation.



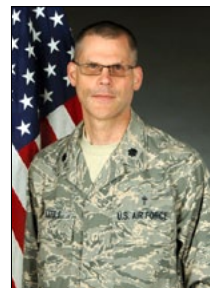
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Farewell to: Gregory A. Pettit who retired August 15

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, November 6. They say they meet at 8 a.m., but if you're not there by 7:30 the early birds have taken the good seats!



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

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NCO Academy Graduates Association

Air National Guard reflects on past 65 years

*by Technical Sgt. Andria Sapp
Public Affairs*

The 183rd Fighter Wing, based at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, reflects on the past 65 years of the Air Force and Air National Guard.

The U.S. Air Force was formed Sept. 18, 1947 as the aerial warfare service branch of the U.S. military. While it is the youngest branch of the U.S. services, it is the largest and most technologically advanced air force in the world. Access to ever-developing technology allows Airmen to continue to hone their skills and revolutionize their capabilities in the air, space, and cyberspace warfare.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued a message that in part said, “while our Service enjoys an unbreakable connection to state-of-the-art technology, we must never forget that everything we do depends on our people, the living engine of our Air Force. Today, more than ever, the Air Force can take pride that our Service culture promotes and benefits from the know-how, determination, and commitment of a diverse group of men and women who embody our Core Values -- Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do -- while pursuing adaptive and innovative solutions for our Nation’s security. “

The Air Force’s state counterpart, the Air National Guard, celebrates their 65th birthday on September 18 as well. The Air National Guard was developed to serve under the jurisdiction of each state’s governor with the ability to be federalized by the president should the need arise. Collectively the total number of U.S. Guardsmen reaches around 105,000 men and

women. These men and women not only serve roles in the local communities as public and private sector employees, they also stand by for a moment’s notice to respond to domestic disasters such as hurricanes, floods, fires, and earthquakes. They can also be called upon by the president to fulfill roles in time of war and national disasters.

The more than 900 members of the 183rd Fighter Wing (FW) serve in these capacities in your community’s own back yard. The last seven years have been a period of constant change at the 183rd, and many still question the mere existence of the unit. Be assured, that since the 183rd’s inception in 1948, the members have strived to ensure not only the success and future of the unit, but also the safety and security of Springfield community and the State of Illinois.

Col. Meyer, Commander of the 183rd FW, takes pride in the members of the 183rd and encourages the community to celebrate the Air Force, Air National Guard, and Illinois Air National Guard.



“We salute the USAF on its 65th birthday,” said Meyer. “We in the 183rd and our predecessor units have worked hand-in-hand with the USAF for all but one of those years since we celebrate our 64th birthday this year. We look forward many more years of collaboration in serving the American public both abroad and at home.

Donley, Welsh and Roy concluded their statements with this statement: Every day, our Airmen have an opportunity to add a bright new chapter to the Air Force story by serving our Nation in the world’s finest air force. The challenges confronting our country are great; but our Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen have never failed to answer our Nation’s call. Working together in common purpose as one Air Force, we will keep America secure today and for all the years to come.

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Welsh: ‘The only way to move forward is together’

from NGAUS Conference in Reno, NV, Sept 11, 2012

RENO – The active-duty Air Force, its Reserve and the Air National Guard must work together to move forward, the chief of staff of the Air Force said here last week.

“I have trouble seeing lines between components of services, because I believe on the air side we have an Air Force -- it has three components, but we all are working together,” Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh told the 134th National Guard Association of the United States General Conference. “We have to, or we can’t be successful.”

To discuss the future, Welsh drew on the past.

More than diagrams, organizational charts or process flow, Welsh said he sees people when he thinks about institutions. So he told the story of one of his favorite members of the National Guard, Jim Duane, born in the late 1800s in Johnstown, Pa.

Duane’s father died trying to rescue neighbors during a flood that destroyed the family’s home. His mother took the 3-year-old boy to New York City and a new start.

At 18, the young man went on Broadway for the first time in his civilian acting career and also enlisted in the New York Army National Guard, - a citizen soldier.

The family moved again, and Duane transferred to the Massachusetts National Guard. He deployed to Mexico as a private, returning as a first sergeant in a time of much faster promotions.

He took a break in service, pursuing his acting career

and opening a jewelry store.

In 1917, during World War I, Duane rejoined the Army National Guard and enrolled in officer training. That was interrupted by his call to the trenches of France, where he arrived as an infantry private and left as a major simultaneously commanding two infantry battalions who, though thrice-wounded and also gassed, never left the line; had a reputation for being first out, last in and led nighttime sorties to ensure neither wounded nor dead were left behind.

“This is my favorite Guardsman,” Welsh said. “When I look at organizations ... I see faces of people who are committed to doing the right thing. Faces of people who are willing to risk everything to protect what’s important. People like Jim Duane.”

Welsh noted the contribution of the National Guard since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

“Quite possibly, the National Guard today is more important than it has been since you stood watch at Concord,” Welsh said. “Over the last 10 years, almost half-a-million guardsmen have been to the war zone.”

The day Welsh spoke was the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

“Most Americans sat paralyzed either in their office or at home staring at their television in disbelief,” Welsh said. “A few Americans - a few very special people - did what they always do. They ran toward the carnage. They stepped into that chaos to defend American citizens and to protect the nation. Many of those people were guardsmen.”

Air National Guard pilots were the first airborne after the attacks, including some who were willing to die to prevent further attacks, Welsh noted.

Since then, Air Guard members have deployed overseas, responded to domestic disasters and undertaken

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humanitarian relief efforts. They have partnered with the Army Guard at home and overseas. They played key roles in Libya, “Bringing expertise that we don’t have on the active force,” Welsh said. “Filling a gap we can’t fill, no matter how much money we pull out of our pocket. To me, that’s the National Guard.”

Operations over Libya highlighted the ability of the all-volunteer force to deploy and act, the ability of commanders to step forward and act and the smooth operation of the Total Force, Welsh said.

National Guard members have helped honor the dead at Dover Air Force Base; fought fires at home; provided airlift and aeromedical evacuation overseas; flown unmanned aircraft; provided chemical and biological response capability and flown domestic air sovereignty alert missions, among a plethora of other roles, Welsh said.

“All over the world today, Total Force integration is real,” he said. “Those people who are operating at the front end of the business are looking back over their shoulder at those of us back here going, ‘Fix this problem and let us do our work.’”

Improved communication and transparency between the three components of the Air Force are vital, Welsh said.

“We have to fight and argue and throw emotion on the table and debate the tough issues,” he said. “We have to include ... state requirements at the front end of this process, not at the end. We have to understand that we are not going to agree on everything. ... We’ve got to understand that the only way - the only way - we can move forward successfully is together.

“We’re going to work together to solve this problem



Air Force Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, the chief of staff of the Air Force, addresses the 134th National Guard Association of the United States General Conference in Reno, Nev., Sept. 11, 2012. About 3,700 Army and Air Guard officers, spouses, defense officials and others from all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia registered.

... and you guys need to be part of the solution,” Welsh said.

There was more point to the story of the Air Force chief of staff’s favorite Guard member Jim Duane.

After World War I, Duane helped found the American Legion. Lung damage from being gassed drove him to settle in Arizona. He married and had three children.

“His youngest daughter married a fighter pilot,” Welsh said.

“And they had a son.

“And he got to speak in Reno, Nevada, at the NGAUS convention in 2012,” Welsh said. “I’m pretty proud of my grandfather. To me, he is the National Guard.”

Chief's role integral in NATO success

by Tech. Sgt. Andria Sapp
Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Erin L. Roesch, Plans and Resources Chief at the 183rd Fighter Wing, served in an integral role during the NATO summit this past May.



When Chief Roesch was initially contacted about being Brig. Gen. Robert J. Pratt's aide while he served as the first-ever dual-status commander during a NATO summit she was apprehensive about accepting the position. Upon researching how to prepare to be a general's aide her concern grew. She

learned that there were schools to attend and protocol lessons to learn, but she knew that time would not allow her to complete the training in time.

It was not until she was encouraged by the very people that asked her to take the job that she found the faith in herself that was seen by them all along. From that moment on she decided that she would put her instinctive organization and planning skills to work and not only step up to the challenging position but to tackle it with dedication and pride.

Her days were long and filled with meetings, briefings, awards ceremonies and making sure Brig. Gen. Pratt maintained situational awareness at all times. She was busy to say the least. Her work ethic and hard work did not go unnoticed. While there she was coined by

Brig. Gen. Pratt, Command Sgt. Maj. Allan P. Free-land, 65th Troop Command Brigade's senior enlisted officer, and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Winzenried, the command senior enlisted leader for North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command.

"Chief Roesch was recommended to be the aide to Brig. Gen. Pratt because of her knowledge of technology, organizational skills and knowledge of operations at both the strategic and tactical levels," said Col. Baggerly. "Her skills and abilities were well-suited to the needs of the Dual Status Commander for the NATO Summit (Brig. Gen. Pratt) who wanted to be able to have a constant picture of the events/movement within the Area of Responsibility (AOR) and the ability to rapidly communicate with his commanders and geographically separated Task Forces deployed within the AOR. She did an outstanding job while serving as Brig. Gen. Pratt's aide during the Summit and was an integral part of our success during this mission."

Congratulations Chief Roesch on a job well done!

Unit News

What does the Air Force consider to be Waste?

by Maj. Sean Huep
Inspector General, 183FW

Waste: The extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of Air Force funds or the consumption of AF property.

Gross Mismanagement: A Management action or inaction that creates a substantial risk or significant adverse impact on the ability to accomplish the mission.

*It DOES NOT include management decisions that are debatable – there MUST be an element of blatancy.

Gross Waste of Funds: An expenditure that is significantly out of proportion to the benefit expected to the government.

Blood drive success!

25 members presented to donate, 19 units of blood were collected and 7 new members donated!



The Central Illinois Community Blood Center hosted the 183rd's annual blood drive Friday, Sept. 21, 2011. Jason Lee, a charge nurse, assists Tech. Sgt. Amber N. Havens in her blood donation. (National Guard photo by Technical Sgt Andria Sapp/Released)



The 183rd recently installed 12 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in buildings around the base to be better prepared in case of an emergency. Lt. Col. Robert J. Schell displays the AED located near the recruiters office. (National Guard photo by Technical Sgt. Andria Sapp/Released)

Free AFCLC 'Intro to Culture' online course offers CCAF credit, registering now

from the Air Force Culture and Language Center

Officials at the Air Force Culture and Language Center, part of Air University's Spaatz Center at Maxwell Air Force Base Ala., are now taking applications for the fall session of its "Introduction to Culture" course.

Enrollment began Sept. 6 and continues through Oct. 3. This general education course introduces Airmen to the principles of culture in the Air Force context. It fulfills three resident hours of social science or program elective credit in the Community College of the Air Force program.

ITC is an entirely online, self-paced course, and is offered at no charge to enlisted active duty, Air Reservists or Air National Guardsmen enrolled in a CCAF program. The fall 2012 class begins Oct. 11 and ends Jan. 16, 2013.

ITC is one of two CCAF-credit courses offered by the AFCLC. Enrollment for the second course, Cross-Cultural Communication, will begin Oct. 4. Courses are delivered via AU's web-based Blackboard Learning Management System. Internet access is required. For more information on these courses, e-mail afclc.enroll@maxwell.af.mil or see the website at www.culture.af.mil/courses.

AFCLC MISSION: The Air Force Culture and Language Center creates and executes language, region and cultural learning programs for Total Force Airmen, and provides the Service with the subject matter expertise required to institutionalize these efforts.

Excellence personified

*By Master Sgt. Debra Schmitz
Honor Guard Program Manager, 183FW*

Ever wonder why an Honor Guard member does not wear a name tag on their uniform? Because the member represents all Airmen, vowing to stand sharp, crisp and motionless. In volunteering, ceremonial guardsmen display the excellence and precision of all Airmen as they participate in military ceremonies and community events.

The 183rd Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard is always looking for sharp Airmen with a deep devotion to duty and a strong sense of dedication. If you exhibit the highest professional military standards; if you look forward to the challenge of leading Airmen and representing all others serving your nation, then you are exactly the Airman the 183FW Base Honor Guard is looking for. All members are entrusted to uphold the standards of all Airmen in the Air Force and Air



The 183rd Fighter Wing Honor Guard displays the colors during the singing of the national anthem at the annual Springfield Mile motorcycle race. (National Guard photo Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)

National Guard -- you represent them. You must epitomize perfection in dress and appearance, customs and courtesies and drill and ceremonies. You are responsible for ensuring that you, and your fellow wingmen, are physically and mentally prepared to flawlessly execute the Honor Guard's mission.

For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Debra Schmitz via email or 217-757-1551.

SharePoint

*By Master Sgt. Debra Schmitz
Top Level Site Owner (TLSO), 183rd FW*

What is a SharePoint site?

A SharePoint site is a Web site that provides a central storage and collaboration space for documents, information, and ideas. A SharePoint site is a tool for collaboration, just like a telephone is a tool for communication, or a meeting is a tool for decision making. A SharePoint site helps groups of people (whether work teams or social groups) share information and work together. For example, a SharePoint site can help you:

- * Coordinate projects, calendars, and schedules.
- * Discuss ideas and review documents or proposals.
- * Share information and keep in touch with other military people through My Site features which are the social media piece to this software.
- * Provide approval processes and tracking through workflows
- * Discussion board, surveys, graphs, InfoPath forms, and reports add even more capabilities.

SharePoint sites are dynamic and interactive -- members of the site can contribute their own ideas and content as well as comment on or contribute to other people's pages as long as the permissions are set accordingly.



All personnel are required to attend one SharePoint End User training class that addresses our site and how to use it. Remember to check ARCNet for upcoming classes for scheduling.

Halloween Safety Tips

By Master Sgt. Michael Niepert
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It is that time of the year again, little ghosts and ghouls will soon be everywhere in the quest for Halloween candy or treats. Here are just a few tips to keep yourself and your children safe during Halloween.

- Do not allow a child to go “Trick or Treating” alone. Be sure older children TAKE A FRIEND and ensure an ADULT accompanies young children.
- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Be certain that parents are familiar with every house and all people from which the children receive treats.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
- Children should be cautioned not to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing.
- When using facial masks, make sure that children can see and breathe properly and easily.
- All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Children should be warned to NEVER approach any house that is not well lit and does not have a porch or “outside” light on.
- Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents and/or the proper official.
- Children should be cautioned to run away from people who try to trick them with special treats.
- Children should be instructed to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them, in any way, to go with them.

- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.

- A good alternative to “Trick or Treating” is for parents to organize parties at home, in schools, or in community centers.

If you stay home the night of trick or treating and you plan to hand out candy to children, here are a few tips for you to keep those ghosts and goblins safe while they are at your house.

- Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on your exterior lights.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.
- Ask your Neighborhood Watch or citizens' group to patrol the community.
- Involve students from a local college or university to be "witch's helpers." These students help trick-or-treaters cross busy streets and watch out for ghoulish behavior.
- Drive slowly all evening, you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your local police or sheriff's department.

I hope these tips will help you and your children have a safe Halloween. For more information on safe trick or treating check out these sites!

www.halloween-safety.com

<http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-spotlight/halloween-safety/>

Have a safe and fun Halloween!



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 did not. 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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Name:	Specialty:
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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 September 7. 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			SFSx		
E-5	3M0X1	Services	E-5	3P0X1	Security Forces
			E-5	3S0X1	Personnel
MXS			EIS		
E-5	2A7X3	Aircraft Structure Maint	E-5	2S0X1	Material Management
E-5	3D0X1	Knowledge Ops Mgt	E-5	3D1X3	RF Transmissions
JFHQ			E-6	3D1X6	Airfield Systems
E-6	2S0X1	Material Mangement			

The following is a list of officer vacancies as of September 7. 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-6	048A3	Aero Med Specialist	O-4	012F4W	Fighter CSO
O-6	048R3	Flight Surgeon	O-4	012B4Y	Bomber CSO
ACOS			O-4	011F4Y	Fighter Pilot
O-4	043H4	Public Health	O-6	011F4Y	Fighter Pilot
O-5	048R4	Flight Surgeon	O-4	011B4Y	Bomber Pilot
O-4	032E4	Civil Engineer	O-5	013B4B	Air Battle Manager
O-5	017D4A	Cyberspace Operation	O-4	011F4B	Fighter Pilot
O-4	011M3Y	Mobility Pilot	O-5	011F4U	Fighter Pilot
O-4	051J4	Staff Judge Advocate	O-5	011F4H	Fighter Pilot
O-4	021R4	Logistics Readiness	HQ ILANG		
AMOS			O-4	017D4B	Cyberspace Operations
O-4	046F4	Flight Nurse	CES		
O-4	041A4	Health Services Admin	O-4	032E3G	Civil Engineer
O-5	021R3	Logistics Readiness			