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## Illinois National Guard supports inauguration



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Lealan Buehrer, 182nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

(Left) Sgt. Jacob A. King of Monticello, Illinois, with the 233rd Military Police Company in Springfield, Illinois; Sgt. Marc D. Troxel of Macomb, Illinois, with the 1744th Transportation Company in Robbins, Illinois; Chief Master Sgt. Diana L. Braun of Morrisonville, Illinois; and Master Sgt. Jennifer E. Weitekamp of Cantrall, Illinois; both with the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield, Illinois, all members of the Illinois National Guard color guard, present the colors Jan. 12, in support of the inauguration ceremony of Gov. Bruce Rauner in Springfield, Illinois.

By Staff Sgt. Aleah M. Castrejon  
Illinois National Guard Public Affairs Office

**SPRINGFIELD, III.** - The Illinois National Guard supported the inauguration of Governor Bruce Rauner, Jan. 12, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Rauner is the Commander in Chief of the Illinois National Guard when they are not under federal activation.

“We had a great chance to represent the Guard,” said Maj. Bryan Miller of Naperville, Illinois, 566th Air Force Band (AFB) commander. “It’s an honor to be part of an integral part of the inauguration.”

The 144th Army Band and 566th AFB performed more than 20 songs during the event, playing an hour before the event as well as post inauguration. The two bands prepare for the event every four years as a part of their ongoing mission. Nevertheless, there are many different pieces to coordinate with such a large event.

“We have to take care of the logistics and protocol within the convention center,” said Miller. “We have to work with the technical aspect and the governor’s staff to ensure we have the correct script and timing. We must be prepared to start the event late and remain on time with the script.”

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### 126th Air Refueling Wing practices for “no-fail” mission exercise

Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III.** - Illinois Air National Guard personnel at the 126th Air Refueling Wing spent three days, Jan. 9-11, to hone their skills during an exercise at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

“This mission is no-fail for the defense of the nation. Therefore, we take it very serious throughout the Wing,” said Col. Chris Mauk, Vice Commander of the 126th ARW. “All members need to know the playbook. This is a way we practice the playbook.”

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### Illinois servicemembers invited for 2015 Cubs Caravan



U.S. Army National Guard photo by Capt. Dustin Cammack  
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**More than 200 servicemembers from all five branches had a special lunch with the Chicago Cubs and USO of Illinois, in Chicago, Jan. 15.**

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### 182nd Airlift Wing Airmen return from sustainment mission

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**PEORIA, III.** - Nine Sustainment Services Flight Airmen with the Illinois Air National Guard’s 182nd Airlift Wing in Peoria, Illinois, returned home Jan. 17 after a seven-month deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

“We are very proud to welcome home our services personnel who deployed in support of our missions overseas,” said Col. William P. Robertson of Peoria, Illinois. “Our services personnel are second to none.”

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#### VISION:

The Premier State Joint Force within the National Guard

#### MISSION:

The Illinois National Guard is a Joint Team of Citizen Soldiers and Airmen Ready to Help our Neighbors, Protect our State and Defend our Nation.

#### KEY TENETS:

Personal -- Professional  
Organizational -- Ready  
Responsive -- Accountable  
Resilient -- Relevant



# Where We're At and Where We're Going

Much information comes to the The Adjutant General in bits, pieces, dribbles and drops. On occasion, it is challenging to organize, synthesize and interpret all the information so a coherent Vision is developed, a plan worked and success achieved. Long ago I learned, 'in order to know where you're going, you've got to know where you are.' To that end – getting to the future - I asked leadership for a list of



**Maj. Gen. Daniel Krumrei**  
The Adjutant General

things we in the Illinois National Guard do well. What I received was . . . a book . . . over an inch thick. I read every page. While we are always ready to be where needed, what follows may give you an understanding of the excellence of where we are as we begin Calendar Year 2015.

YOU did it. We are doing it. We will even get better at doing what we do. Because of you, the ILNG – Army and Air – is Ready, Responsive, Accountable, Resilient and Relevant. Day by day we are becoming premiere, wherein others ask US, 'how is it done?'

On behalf of our neighbors, our state and our nation, I thank you and your Families, for your service and sacrifices. We are strong – and as you look around, you too will see – we are getting stronger.

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# Airmen of the Year announced



U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Jason Dorsey  
Joint Force Headquarters

**Airmen with the 182nd Airlift Wing based in Peoria, Illinois, pose for a picture at the Illinois State Military Museum, Springfield, Illinois, Jan. 10. The Airmen were the winners of the Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2015. These Airmen will compete at the national level.**

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## Hanging up their boots after 20+ years of service

- **Maj. Jason W. Adams**  
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Tech Sgt. James Boyd**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Tech Sgt. Mark Buzenski**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Staff Sgt. Jesus Centeno**  
Co. B, 935th Support BN
- **Tech Sgt. Charlene Delozier**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Master Sgt. Daniel Faczek**  
108th CS, HHC
- **Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hackworth**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Tech Sgt. Arthur Losher**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Tech Sgt. Tyler Plogger**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Jacqueline Rutledge**  
Medical Detachment
- **Master Sgt. Renata Sellars**  
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Tech Sgt. Christopher Slater**  
126th Air Refueling Wing

## Duckworth awarded Abraham Lincoln Veteran Champion

ABC 7, Chicago, Illinois

**WHEATON, III.** - Lt. Col. (ret.) Tammy Duckworth was honored Jan. 15, for her work on behalf of her fellow veterans.

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs presented her with the Abraham Lincoln Veteran Champion Award.

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## Rosenthal appointed director of natural resources

Alton Daily News, Alton, Illinois

**MORRISONVILLE, III.** - Brig. Gen. (ret.) Wayne Rosenthal, who served for 30 years in the Illinois Air National Guard, was named director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Jan. 15.

Gov. Bruce Rauner has named Rosenthal to head the IDNR.

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## Clements selected for SECDEF advisor position

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Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Clements

**SPRINGFIELD, III.** - Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Clements of Pittsfield, Illinois, was recently selected as the senior enlisted advisor for the Department of Defense Transition Veterans Program Office (TVPO) in Rosslyn, Virginia. Clements is the first National Guardsman to hold the multiservice position.

TVPO helps servicemembers of all military branches transition from the military to civilian world with various resources including resume building, budget training and higher education.

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## Prairie Minuteman Scholarships available

Scholarships are open to dependents (both children and spouses) of NGA members in good standing. One \$1000 and three \$2,500 scholarships are available.

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## Equine Assisted Military Youth Camp

Activities include horseback riding and horse care. Sessions focus on strengthening family bonds, communication and teamwork. Limited number of available seats per session.

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

- **Glenarm Soldier promoted to colonel**
- **Chatham Soldier promoted to major**
- **Oak Park Soldier commissions as Army officer**
- **182nd Airlift Wing builds teamwork through fitness**
- **Jacksonville Soldier receives Legion of Merit Award**

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