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## Vice Chief of National Guard Bureau Visits Illinois Training Areas, Illinois Servicemembers

by Sgt Robert R. Adams

*Illinois National Guard Public Affairs*

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Air Force Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, visited Illinois National Guard leaders and service members Sept. 26 at the 183d Fighter Wing and Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill.

The visit started at the 183d wing with a presentation of the newly-fielded UH-72 Lakota helicopter. After the presentation Lengyel, spoke to

Airmen of the 183d over lunch about the upcoming challenges the National Guard will be facing. He also emphasized the Guard's importance to the safety and well-being of the U.S. Lengyel then listened to their concerns to take back to the Pentagon.

"Anytime you can give your opinion to someone who can make a difference, I think it's important and you should," said Senior Airmen Alicia Braun of Springfield, Contract Specialist and Warranted Contracting Officer with the 183d Fighter Wing in Springfield, Ill.

After lunch, Lengyel visited the wing's communications building and the Composite Repair Facility.

"It is important for generals to go out into the field and visit to stay in touch with the airmen and

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for the Sept.  
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is, 1700 hrs.  
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## November Lunch Menu

*\*Menu subject to change*

### Saturday

Roasted Turkey	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Bean Casserole	Broccoli
Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots
Sliced Zucchini	Yellow Squash
Fresh Tossed Salad	N.Y. Style Cheesecake

### Sunday

1/4 BBQ Chicken	Au-Gratin Potatoes
Texas Baked Beans	Fresh Tossed Salad
Southern Style Green Beans	
Apple Crisp	

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# 217th EIS Airmen Earn Joint Award in Afghanistan

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Over the September drill weekend I talked to some of our deployed members. They are all doing well and counting the days until they come home. We have 35 members deployed on seven different teams, six different bases and four different countries in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The largest number of our deployed airmen are tasked under the Request For Forces (RFF) and are working directly for the Army. Their main mission has evolved since our last rotation which ended in May 2011. They have gone from installation of Technical Control Facilities throughout Afghanistan to preparing key facilities and locations that have been designated as enduring bases. These bases are being built up and will continue and expand operations after the drawdown of US forces.

Recently our teams were called upon by the Army to install vital communications infrastructure to a new Command and Control Operation Center supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Here is an excerpt from a recent article...

"The contributions of this elite Engineering Installation (EI) team were critical in the completion of the new Command and Control Operation Center. This facility supported US and Coalition forces and was strategically necessary to provide communication tools and systems to the war fighters who travel inside and outside the wire. The communication infrastructure that these nine members installed is the backbone to control systems and information to keep our service members synchronized and on target while completing the mission in a safe and timely manner.

The EI team, composed of personnel from the 217th Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS), Springfield, IL, and the 220th EIS, Zanesville, OH, was handed a project with unrealistic deadlines but

with a team effort, perseverance and determination from both units, failure was not an option. The team installed over 4 miles of copper wiring to the new facility while terminating over 160 data endpoints that provide military forces the use of SIPRNET, CENTRIX and NIPRNET networks.

During the execution of this project the team faced many obstacles and challenges but still managed to excel. The EI team was led by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Behl, who with years of engineering experience provided outstanding direction to the nine man functioning team. Additionally, Tech. Sgt. Behl recruited EI members with a history of success in the EI field. This was a key factor to meeting mission demands. Among the nine members was Senior Master Sgt. Jim Wynn, who with over 20 years of experience and the eight airmen met project deadlines with time to spare. After completing this project, all members were awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal by Maj. Gen. Austin S. Miller for their service."

Some of the teams have re-deployed to work special projects; the team mentioned above went



Major General Austin Miller, awards the Joint Service Achievement Medal to members of the 217th and 220th Engineering Installation units on their accomplishment. (Courtesy photo)

on to a site near the Afghanistan capital of Kabul. Most teams are now in place working their last set of projects until they return. Our largest installation team is nine members and includes both cable and

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## Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau

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soldiers of the National Guard and see what they do on a daily basis," said Brig. Gen. William D. Cobetto of Hillsboro, the Assistant Adjutant General Air for the Illinois National Guard. "Also, it is important so they can continue to tell the story about our professionalism and to get the views of Airmen and Soldiers on new policies that have come out and how they affect their lives."

Later, Lengyel toured Camp Lincoln where he shook hands and thanked Soldiers at the Central Issuing Facility (CIF).

"It makes us feel good that we are being recognized for all the hard work that my team and I do," said Army Sgt. Christopher Behrends of Virginia, Ill., materials handler for CIF, with the 1544th Transportation Company of Paris, Ill.

Lengyel also visited the United States Property and Fiscal Office, the Combined Service Maintenance Shop, the Allied Trades Building and the Illinois State Military Museum.

"For General Lengyel to get to interact



Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, speaks to Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan C. Little of Pleasant Plains, Ill., Field Maintenance Site (FMS) 1 shop supervisor and Army Warrant Officer Mike Maass of Hillsboro, Ill., FMS1 Inspector during Lengyel's tour of 183d and Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill. Sept. 26. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)



Master Sgt. Carl Hasselbring of Bloomington, Ill., 183rd Maintenance Squadron, briefs Lt. Gen. Joseph Lengyel, Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau, on the mission of the 183rd Fighter Wing's jet engine Centralized Repair Facility (CRF) at the 183rd Fighter Wing Sept. 26. The CRF tour was a part of Lengyel's visit to connect with servicemembers at the 183rd and Camp Lincoln. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr/Released)

with the Soldiers and Airmen today was a great opportunity for him to see what we do and how we accomplish our mission." said Army Col Christopher J. Hall of Mount Carmel, Ill., United States Property and Fiscal Officer for the Illinois National Guard.

Hall said it is important for servicemembers to see the level of care and concern from senior leadership.

"When you go to the field and see the people that are actually doing the work and that they are motivated and focused on their jobs, it motivates me to go back to the Pentagon and keep the right focus," said Lengyel. "It really is about the Soldiers and the Airmen and enabling them to do their jobs."

Lengyel said the National Guard is a part of the solution to improve the fiscal environment in the United States right now.

"We have proven ourselves over the past 12 years particularly since 9/11 that we are so well equipped and so well trained and ready to do all of our missions, which includes war-time mission and homeland defense and civil support mission," said Lengyel.

## Director of the Air National Guard visits Illinois Units

by 2nd Lt. Shane P. Hill  
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Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, Director of the Air National Guard, visited the three operational wings of the Illinois Air National Guard located throughout the state, during a two day visit to Illinois that began Sept. 7.

The director made the trip as part of his initiative to get out to operational ANG units and interact with airmen to gain their standpoint on issues related to the force.

“The opportunity for me to get outside the Pentagon and actually visit with the Air National Guard is important to me as a Director of the Air National Guard,” said Clarke. “When I work with the Air Force on issues concerning the total force, particularly as it applies to the Air National Guard, it is important for me to have the perspectives of the commanders, supervisors, first sergeants, and airman themselves, that are actually in the Air National Guard out in the states.”

Clarke began his trip at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, visiting the 126th Air Refueling Wing. He then visited the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield, Illinois, followed by the 182nd Airlift Wing in Peoria, Illinois. During his trip, the general explained that the visits help him place emotion behind ANG initiatives and the reaction of airmen.

“Obviously with eye-to-eye contact you can carry on a conversation as opposed to having an electronic chat... and actually having follow-up questions with an emotional perspective (is important). You can tell more when you actually get to visit units and members, and tell the morale of the unit, how proud they are of what they do. And that’s important for me to understand where the unit is with

regard to morale.”

During his visit, each unit had an opportunity to demonstrate their morale by showcasing what each unit is capable of doing. The 182nd Airlift Wing, like the other Illinois units, was able to demonstrate many of their multiple mission capabilities in a static display that included many first responder duties



ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITAL AIRPORT, Illinois -- Master Sgt. Carl Hasselbring, 183d Maintenance Squadron, briefs Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke, Director, Air National Guard, on the mission of the 183d Fighter Wing’s jet engine Centralized repair Facility (CRF), a new mission at the unit. (Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt Shaun Kerr/Released)

for the unit. The demonstration included hazardous material (HAZMAT) response operations and a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosive (CBRNE) enhanced response force package, also known as CERFP.

Through the demonstrations and interactions with airmen in operations, Clarke stated that the dedication that Illinois Air National Guardsmen have to their mission is clear.

“My assessment of the Illinois Air National Guard is that they meet the pillars that I set forth for the total force, and that is that we must meet the same standards, for the total force, we have to take

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# Leadership lesson: My biggest mistake as an NCO

by Chief Master Sgt. David Duncan  
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What was the most important leadership lesson you learned during your career? This question has been asked of me quite a few times as I get the awesome opportunity to speak with our Airmen around base. I have been asked this question from such groups as the First-Term Airmen Center, Airmen Leadership School and the Senior NCO Induction class this past July. I think they are expecting me to come up with some incredible quote or leadership principle from one of a hundred authors we have the chance to read during our times in profession military education. When answering this question, I usually set people back a little by telling the story of what I think was my biggest mistake as a young NCO.

Back in 1990, when I was a brand new staff sergeant, I thought the world revolved around me. Up to that point, I had been named the Squadron Airman of the Year, I was promoted to senior airman below-the-zone and had made staff sergeant in the second cycle of my first year eligible. Anyone with such an impressive resume was all that and a box of chocolates. I fell into the trap of believing my own press.

One day, a young airman 1st class who worked on my engine crew came to work with a very strong body odor. Everyone on my crew was complaining to me about this situation.

Being the straight forward person I am, I sat him down and discussed this issue with him. My intent was to straighten this Airman out and make things right. It turned out the neighborhood he, his wife and four-month old daughter were living in was

being torn down to allow for the construction of a new highway overpass just outside of the base. Theirs was actually the last house being occupied in this particular area. As a result, they had no electricity and no water. He had a house to move into in base housing, but wasn't able to get the key for another two weeks. However, he and his wife came from very poor families deep in the woods of Louisiana and they were quite content to "camp" for a few weeks until they could move to their new house.

I quickly realized just how bad I was at this whole leadership thing. Not only was I unaware of where my Airman even lived, I was unaware of this entire situation until this very discussion. In short, I failed my Airman and his family in a very big way. To make matters even worse, I was still selfishly only interested in taking care of his body odor condition

only, mainly because I couldn't see the bigger picture that was put before me. I am embarrassed to admit all I could come up with was that he and his family begin using the fitness center for taking showers. There, problem solved.

When I let my supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Miller, know of my "brilliant" solution to this problem, he said something that sticks with me to this very day.

He said, "Staff Sgt. Duncan, that is the most stupid thing I ever heard come out of our mouth and you did not earn your pay today."

Then he quickly proceeded to ask me some very basic questions concerning their ability to do laundry, wash dishes, provide healthy food, and even baby formula for their new daughter. I remember we had a very long and informative discussion about helping agencies and how it was my job as an NCO to know them and know how to use them. He was very disappointed in my performance that day. Long story short, Tech. Sgt. Miller, my Airman and I walked out of the housing office less than one hour later with a set of keys to his new house and the rest of my crew

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## Clarke Visit

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the same inspections, and we have to be operationally engaged...” said Clarke. “I would tell you every wing that I visited in here Illinois; it proved that they are doing that; meeting standards, taking inspections, doing an outstanding job in all of the inspections, and clearly exceeding them in many cases.”

Following his visit to Illinois Air National Guard Units, Clarke went on to visit the Wisconsin Air National Guard as well. Before leaving to continue his trip, Clarke made it clear that it up to each airman to continue helping to tell the story of what he witnessed on his visit to Illinois.

“I would say continue your service to the state and the nation, and continue to be proud airman, and share that with others. Not just others in the guard but share it with people outside. (Tell people) how much it means to you as an individual to be a part of the Air National Guard and the Air Force... that you look to forward to further service to them overseas or something at home the Governor might ask you to do,” said Clarke.



Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke, Director, Air National Guard, speaks to 183d Fighter Wing airmen about ops tempo and the state of the Air National Guard during a tour of the unit's new missions and facilities. (Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt Shaun Kerr/Released)

## Commander's Commentary

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electronics members. We have three engineering teams, cable teams, Quality Assurance evaluators, Vehicle Maintenance, Supply and Drafting teams.

Col. Joe Morrissey, EI Deployed Commander, stated that the EI teams will complete over 5500 man days of work for over 80 projects on this rotation. We are the installer of choice. The presence of contractors has been significantly reduced and Army leadership has looked to EI to fill gaps left behind by the loss of contractors. Our EI teams, especially at Bagram Airfield, have worked closely with the 25th Signal Battalion soldiers and adopted them as part of our workload team. This provided additional EI communication infrastructure training to the 25th Signal Battalion which was greatly received. The Soldiers and their leadership truly embraced the training opportunity since their capabilities and resources were limited. As a result we now have an



Major General Austin Miller, congratulates the 217th and 220th Engineering Installation Units on their accomplishment, thanking them for their service and support. (Courtesy photo)

integrated competent and thriving working team relationship with all parties. There is no doubt why our teams are always called upon to accomplish the high visibility and most demanding projects requiring expeditious completion.

Our customers have come to expect that EI will get the job done and that we will provide a first-rate product. The deployment has been long and it has been challenging but we can expect additional tasking and challenges in our future. We will step up and we will meet those expectations!

## Sleep Apnea

*Senior Airman Ashley Burtle  
183d Medical Group*

Has there ever been a time when you or a loved one had trouble sleeping? Have they had loud and chronic (ongoing) snoring, choking or gasping followed by pauses? That would be a sure sign of sleep apnea. According to the SomnoMed website, sleep apnea affects the way you breathe when you are sleeping. In untreated sleep apnea, breathing is briefly interrupted or becomes very shallow during sleep. These breathing pauses typically last between 10 to 20 seconds and can occur up to hundreds of times a night, jolting you out of your natural sleep rhythm. As a consequence, you spend more time in light sleep and less time in the deep, restorative sleep you need to be energetic, mentally sharp, and productive the next day.

This chronic sleep deprivation results in daytime sleepiness, slow reflexes, poor concentration, and an increased risk of accidents. Sleep apnea can also lead to serious health problems over time, including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, and weight gain. But with treatment you can control the symptoms, get your sleep back on track, and start enjoying what it is like to be refreshed and alert every day. There are three types of sleep apnea: Obstructive, Central and Complex. Obstructive sleep apnea is the most common type of sleep apnea. It occurs when the soft tissue in the back of your throat relaxes during sleep and blocks the airway, often causing you to snore loudly. Central sleep apnea is a much less common type of sleep apnea that involves the central nervous system, occurring when the brain fails to signal the muscles that control breathing. People with central sleep apnea seldom snore. Complex sleep apnea is a combination of obstructive sleep apnea and central sleep apnea.

It can be tough to identify sleep apnea on

your own, since the most prominent symptoms only occur when you are asleep. But you can get around this difficulty by asking a bed partner to observe your sleep habits, or by recording yourself during sleep. Major signs of sleep apnea are loud and chronic snoring, choking, snorting, or gasping during sleep, long pauses in breathing and daytime sleepiness, no matter how much time you spend in bed.

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) is the use of continuous positive pressure to maintain a continuous level of positive airway pressure. There is a solution other than wearing the CPAP. To me it seems like you are gearing up to go scuba diving every night. Instead of using all of that equipment you can go to your dentist and have a custom made device worn during sleep to increase the upper airway volume and reduce collapsibility. SomnoDent is an oral device that is comprised of upper and lower dental plates with a unique patented fin coupling component to maintain mandible protrusion. The fin coupling mechanism is a key differentiator from other oral devices as it enables the patient to maintain normal mouth opening and closing while wearing during sleep. The product slowly moves your jaw forward to keep your airway open. It is close to wearing a retainer. Not only will you be receiving a better night sleep but you will be helping yourself remain healthy in a comfortable easy manner. Please contact your local dentist and they can give you more information.



## Susan Baird, Young Hero

*Capt. John Moyer  
183d Logistics Readiness Flight*

What is a hero? A firefighter that walks into a burning building to save someone he has never met? A fellow airman or soldier that suits up each and every day to fight for his or her country? Or is it a suffering child fighting for life, yet still looks into her parents' eyes and says, "It's going to be alright". Today I had the pleasure to meet a real hero, one who does not wear a uniform but a hero none the less, and her name is Susan D. Baird.

Susan was diagnosed with an Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma, which is a form of brain cancer, in April of this year. The cancer has now spread into her spine. Susan has been so incredibly brave since she was first diagnosed. She has courageously



been enduring chemotherapy as well as radiation treatment, and is now exploring alternative medicine treatment options during this difficult time. With her strong determination and

faith, along with the never-ending love and support of her family, Susan has been a true inspiration and touched the lives of countless individuals throughout her community.

With the permission of Tech. Sgt. Trevor Baird and the Baird Family, it was our privilege to present Susan D. Baird with a 183d Fighter Wing Young Hero award. Thank you Susan for showing us your bravery, your strength and your love of life. You are our hero!

*Susan passed away on Tuesday, 27 August 2013. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.*

If you would like to nominate a Young Hero, please contact Capt Tara DeJanovich at 217-757-1223 or tara.dejanovich@ang.af.mil.

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and I moved his family into their new house by the end of the day.

So the most important leadership lesson I ever learned in my career is very simple. Being an NCO or Leader is not about you. Rather, it is about everyone one around you. Surely, it is about the Airmen and their families who the Air Force trusts you to care for. It is not about having the right answer all the time. But it is about being smart enough and humble enough to admit that you don't know the right answer and you might be in over your head. It is about having situational awareness and knowing you have resources and helping agencies all around you which are available to assist you in taking care of your people.

To be an effective leader one must know their people. A leader knows not just where their people live, but under what conditions they (and their families) are living. A leader is not concerned with building their resume. They are concerned with developing their subordinates to become the best Airmen our Air Force deserves. Where are your Airmen in terms of Career Development Courses, their Community College of the Air Force degree, physical fitness? How is your Airman's family doing? What is their spouse's name? What about the names of their children? What school does your Airman, their spouse, their children attend? How are their parents doing? What about their brother who has been sick lately, how is he doing?

The word sergeant means servant. NCOs are expected to serve the sons, daughters, nieces and nephews of our country. Those very moms, dads, aunts and uncles send their most precious gifts to us and expect us to be good stewards of these gifts. Be the good sergeant they expect you to be.

In the end, this Airman thanked me for taking care of his family and for the lesson I taught him about taking care of people. Tech. Sgt. Miller is the one who deserved all the credit for the final outcome of this situation. Truth be known, I should have been thanking both my Airman and my supervisor for the lesson they taught me that day -- a lesson, which has stuck with me for the rest of my career.

# Air Guard celebrates Air Force birthday

by Senior Master Sgt. Jerry R. Bynum  
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9/23/2013 - JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md.

-- Members of the Air National Guard celebrated the Air Force's 66th birthday Tuesday at the Air National Guard Readiness Center here.

"We are celebrating 66 years of excellence and outstanding service," said Col. Eric W. Mann, ANGRC vice commander. "For the last 66 years, America has had an able sentry called the U.S. Air Force to be her shield and sword in the air, in space and cyberspace, defending our nation against our enemies and adversaries."

President Harry S. Truman signed into law the National Security Act of 1947 on Sept. 18, 1947, separating the Air Force from the Army. During the course of the last 66 years, the Air Force has achieved an unpatrolled level of technological success in global air and space superiority. The Air Force has become a vital role in providing a strategic, tactical and defensive force for the skies.

"While thinking about today's event, it struck me how fast the Air Force has modernized and evolved into a technological powerhouse," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony L. Whitehead, ANGRC command chief. "The Air National Guard is proud to have played a critical part in the history of our Air Force."

Whitehead went on to discuss the heritage of the ANG and how it has contributed to building the greatest air force in the world. He discussed how the Air Guard has evolved since 1970 changing into a ready, capable, and value-added resource for the Total Force.

Airmen are the most valuable resource leading to the Air Force's 66 years of success. The nation has maintained an asymmetric airpower advantage because Airmen continue to lead the way in integrating military capabilities across air, space,

and cyberspace.

"In the face of an unknown and unpredictable future, the American military's ability to conduct successful joint operations is enhanced by the power of Airmen," said Mann. "Our Air Guard Airmen are our most valuable resource."



Chief Master Sgt. Tony Whitehead, the Command Chief of the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md., addresses airmen during a ceremony recognizing the 66th birthday of the Air Force, Sept. 17, 2013. In 1947, the National Security Act turned what was then known as the Army Air Corps in the United States Department of the Air Force. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Marvin R. Preston/RELEASED)

Mann discussed the contributions Airmen have made to the Air Force from the Berlin Airlift more than 65 years ago to Operation Desert Storm to operations going on today. He highlighted the sacrifices of our Airmen.

"Whether on America's main streets or the mountains of Afghanistan, our ANG Airmen are engaged and effective ... without fail," said Mann.

"That is because of the people in this room, no matter what our nation requires, we are there ... I appreciate the opportunity to be here today and to celebrate the Air Force's birthday with the Air Force's most valuable resource."

### Preparation

by Lt. Col. Jeff Laible  
Chaplain, 183d Fighter Wing

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International travel has a way of changing one's perspective on life and world view. Anytime I have had the opportunity to travel overseas, I have always returned home to the USA with a broader vision of humanity, different cultures and people. And while traveling to a different country might, at the outset, sound adventurous, even thrilling, sometimes, particularly for those in military service, overseas travel can take you to difficult and dangerous places. All those who have deployed to combat zones around the world would likely agree that traveling internationally can, in some circumstances, be unnerving.

Such was my experience as I traveled throughout Israel, the West Bank and the Golan Heights during the month of July. The month long educational program I enrolled in exposes its student participants to a wide variety of cultural, historic and religious sites that mark the landscape of Israel, Palestine and the Golan Heights. The historical significance of Israel and Palestine, dating back thousands of years, is a living testimony to the convergence of nationalities, languages and significant historic events. Marked by times of peace and war, the Middle East, to this day, draws significant attention from nations around the world.

Despite the significant tension that results from so many nationalities and cultures that live in a very small space, and the constant threat of uprisings and impending war, I was struck by my frequent interactions with local citizens (in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Golan Heights), as they spoke of their longing for peace in their homeland.

One of the greatest challenges and opportunities we have as members of the National Guard is to bring peace and stability, not only to our community and Nation, but to the larger world.



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Wherever we are, wherever we are deployed, wherever our mission takes us, our presence and what we represent (freedom and respect for all) is a key factor in establishing and maintaining peace and stability. As defenders to peace, we have taken on a unique responsibility. Our active presence in the local community and in our State

can make a positive difference for peaceful relations between all peoples, regardless of race, nationality, creed or religion.

Together, we forge ahead each day, in a sometimes volatile world, to serve our world, Nation and community, as defenders of peace.



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## Halloween Safety

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It is that time of the year, the ghost, goblins, and monsters of every type and size will be out in full force in our neighborhoods in search of candy and other sweet treats. Here are a few tips to help make your kids trick or treating a little bit safer the season.

- 1) Do not have your kids wear a costume that drags on the ground. Kids can trip on their own costumes.
- 2) Have kids wear a glow necklace or bracelet while they trick or treat. Have each of your kids wear a different color glow necklace so you know which one is which and who you might be missing.
- 3) Parents and kids alike should have a flash light.
- 4) Do not walk in the street; stay on sidewalks.
- 5) Wear shoes that fit like tennis shoes. Do not wear high heels.
- 6) Make sure any masks have clear eye holes and have clear breathing holes. Have the kids double check that they can see and breathe before using at night.
- 7) Walk do not RUN! You will get there. You have all night!
- 8) If your kids bring props such as a knife or sword make sure they are flexible, not hard or sharp.
- 9) Bring water or Gatorade in case the kids get thirsty.
- 10) If you plan to trick or treat far from your home make sure you park the car somewhere you can remember. Sometimes you can trick or treat for hours in a strange subdivision and bam you have no clue where you are and the kids are tired. Here is a tip... trick or treat up and down a street then jump in the car and drive over to the next set of streets. Keep the car



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close to where you trick or treat.

- 11) Do not walk up to houses that do not have lights on.
  - 12) Make sure you do not trick or treat much past 9:30pm to 9:45pm. Most cities have designated times and days to trick or treat. Make sure you know what time you can do so!
  - 13) Eat before you go out to trick or
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## Uniform News You Can Use

by Maj. Sean Heup

Inspector General, 183d Fighter Wing

### 6.2. Headgear.

**6.2.1.** The Men's Service Cap (Wheel Cap). Will only be worn with the service dress and service uniforms. Women are authorized to wear the men's service cap.

**6.2.1.1.** The visor-type service cap is banded with dark blue 1 3/4 inch braid and has a front black chin strap. An optional version has a braid of an open mesh construction and an optional black leather back strap. The cap sits squarely on the head with no hair protruding in front of the cap. Officers wear the service cap insignia without a circle and with the appropriate clouds and darts (based on rank) centered on the front of the cap. Enlisted wear the service cap insignia with a circle, centered on the front of the cap. Service cap is mandatory for Majors and above to maintain and optional for all others.

**6.2.2.** The Women's Service Cap (Bucket Cap). Will only be worn with the service dress, service and maternity service dress and service uniforms. Women

are authorized to wear the men's service cap.

**6.2.2.1.** Rounded design, sides form a front brim, with a solid blue hat cover. The cap sits squarely on the head. Clear plastic rain scarf or white net wind scarf is optional. Scarf will have a helmet-type designed to cover headgear and tie under chin. Officers wear the service cap insignia without a circle and with the appropriate clouds and darts (based on rank) centered on the front of the cap. Enlisted wear the service cap insignia with a circle, centered on the front of the cap. Service cap is mandatory for Majors and above and optional for all others.

**6.2.3.** Rank Indicators and Insignia.

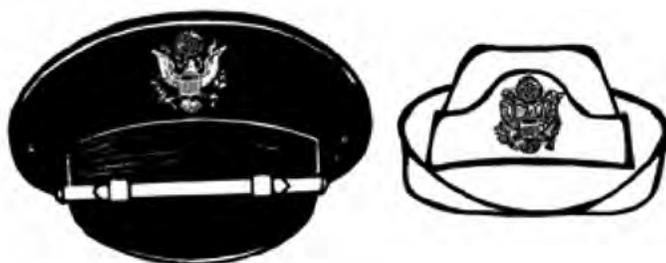
**6.2.3.1.** General Officer Service Cap. The visor will have three clouds and darts on each side and the insignia will not have a circle.

**6.2.3.2.** Field Grade Officer Service Cap. The visor will have two clouds and darts on each side and the insignia will not have a circle.

**6.2.3.3.** Company Grade Officer Service Cap. The visor will be plain black (women's service cap visor will be blue) and the insignia will not have a circle.

**6.2.3.4.** Enlisted Service Cap. The visor will be plain black (women's service cap visor will be blue) and the insignia will have a circle.

Figure 6.6. Service Cap.



Men's service cap with officer insignia

Women's service cap with officer insignia

Figure 6.7. Service Cap Insignia.



UTA Weekends

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### Wanted: Equal Opportunity Specialist

by 1st Lt. Stephen Younker  
183FW Equal Opportunity Office

The 183d Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity Office (EO) is seeking a highly motivated individual to serve in the enlisted position of Equal Opportunity Specialist.

The EO specialist:

- Promotes an environment where individuals are treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability.
- Provides advice, consultation, education, mediation services, and referral services to enhance mission effectiveness.
- Advises personnel on EO responsibilities, policies, and programs and provides information to those seeking assistance.
- Serves as an authoritative program data source for the installation commander.
- Identifies existing and potential EO and other Human Relations issues, clarifies military EO complaints and incidents and advises and assists commanders, directors, supervisors, and base personnel with possible solutions in resolving EO concerns.
- Conducts and analyzes unit human relations climate assessments, preparing news media articles and reports and analyzing program statistics in an effort to prevent or eliminate adverse conditions that have the potential to impact mission effectiveness.



- Develops EO and other related human relations education (HRE) programs and prepares lesson plans and support.
- Provides oversight on special interest items as dictated by higher headquarters, e.g., sexual harassment, dissident and protest activities.

If Interested please contact 1Lt. Stephen Younker:  
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### Safety News

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treat. Also make sure everyone goes to the bathroom. Demand they do the bathroom thing before you move!

14) Make sure adults accompany the kids and never enter a stranger's home!

15) Make sure any costume you buy is flame retardant. Remember those pumpkins and bonfires are open flames! Some costumes go up in smoke in seconds! Make sure your child's is not one of them!



16) Stay away from homes with barking animals.

17) Bring home the haul and have all candy inspected by a parent prior to eating!

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

## Announcements

### Visit MyPers online for 24/7 access to your personnel records

Did You Know... The myPers website provides a 24/7 online self-service capability to numerous personnel actions?

Log on to [myPers.af.mil](http://myPers.af.mil) using your CAC:

1. Go to [myPers.af.mil](http://myPers.af.mil)
2. Click the "CAC" Login" selection
3. Select the appropriate certificate
4. Input your Personal Identification Number (PIN #)
5. Review the home page and select from the helpful links to learn more about services available

--OR--

If accessing with your Username (User ID) and Password:

1. Go to [myPers.af.mil](http://myPers.af.mil)
2. Click in the "User ID" box and input your user name
3. Click in the "Password" box and input your password
4. Click "LOG-IN"

Cannot remember your User ID and/or password? Click on the link, "Forgot your username or password?" and simply follow the steps provided. Please note using the "User ID/Password" option will limit access to some online self-service applications. The myPers website is your Total Force source for personnel information and online service. Go check it out!

### Know a good dentist?

To all unit members:

With the retirement of Dr. Petro Krafcisin, our base is left with only one dental officer, Lt. Col. Todd Martin. With over 800 members and one dental officer, we need your help. The next time you are getting your teeth cleaned

or your cavity filled, ask your dentist about joining the 183d Fighter Wing. Many may not be aware of the benefits the Guard has to offer, such as TriCare,

possible retirement, lifelong friendships, and the pride associated with serving your country. Any questions regarding this position may be forwarded to:

Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Vorreyer (217)757-1359

[wayne.vorreyer@ang.af.mil](mailto:wayne.vorreyer@ang.af.mil)

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## Retiree News

***WE HAVE MOVED!*** As always, the retirees gather on the first Tuesday of each month to share breakfast and talk about the good ole days. We have now moved the location to **Leann's Parkway Cafe**, 2715 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield. Join them Tuesday, Nov 5. 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!

## Announcements



### Promotions!

#### MAJOR

David L. Varner 183AOS

#### 1ST LT

Holly A. Shelton 183AOG

#### SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Natalie D. Durbin 183MDG

#### MASTER SERGEANT

Nathaniel R. Bostic 183SC

#### TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Kayla M. Kent 183MDG

#### SENIOR AIRMAN

Steve V. Jeffries 183CES

Heather Moore 183CES

### Welcome Aboard!

Maj. Dustin L. Brothers

183ACOS

Capt. Reid R. Bristow 183AMOS

1st Lt. Emily M. Opfer 183ACOS

2nd Lt. Spencer P. Oberg 183ACOS

2nd Lt. Kimberly A. Phelps 183AIS

Tech. Sgt. Christine Brooks 217EIS

Tech. Sgt. Wesley E. Tower 217EIS

Senior Airman Eric N. Huff 217EIS

Senior Airman Jordan M. Collins 183ACOS

Senior Airman Kevin R. Troxell 183ACOS

Senior Airman Christopher Harmon 183CES

Airman 1st Class Nathan E. Weiss 183FSS

Airman 1st Class Andrew J. Eldridge 183CES

Airman 1st Class Daniel D. Wallace 183ACOS

Airman Savannah K. Brewer 217EIS

### Retirements

Master Sgt. Gary M. Wemple 183CES

Master Sgt. Lynette S. Weiss 217EIS

### CCAF Degrees

Master Sgt. Jacob M. Boehm	183AOS
Tech. Sgt. Chelsea T. Grubb	217EIS
Master Sgt. Cory J. Moore	217EIS
Master. Sgt. Aaron N. Myers	183FW/CP
Tech. Sgt. Faith A. Patton	183CTPF

### Unit Spotlight



**Who:** Airman 1st Class Benjamin Casson

**What:** Cyber Surety, 183d Communications Flight

**When:** Enlisted September 1, 2011

**Why:** I enlisted in the Air National Guard for a few reasons. I wanted to follow in the footsteps of many family members before me and get financial assistance for college. Above all, however, I felt like it was truly a higher calling to help defend and support my country.

**Civilian Employment:** I currently work as a temporary technician for the 183d Communications Flight.

**Recent/Favorite Deployment:** I have yet to go on a TDY, but I look forward to future opportunities for deployment.

## Family Readiness

### HELP WANTED

The 183d Family Readiness and Support Group needs your help. We are trying to recruit members, both new and old and we would like 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, Mrs. Toni Clark, Family Readiness Assistant for Volunteer Sign-up Forms.

### Volunteer Sign-up Form

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: 183d Family Readiness Group, 3101 J. David Jones Parkway, Springfield, IL. 62707-5001  
Phone: 217.757.1569 email: [toni.clark.ctr@ang.af.mil](mailto:toni.clark.ctr@ang.af.mil)

If you have a member of your family that is a past or current member of the 183d, or have information that a current or past member of the 183d has passed away recently, please contact Mrs. Toni Clark, Family Readiness Assistant. 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 Mrs. Toni Clark by e-mail at: [toni.clark.ctr@ang.af.mil](mailto:toni.clark.ctr@ang.af.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

To inquire about the following officer vacancies, contact Master Sgt. Matt Allen at 217-757-1292 / DSN 892-8292 if interested in applying for these positions.

### OFFICER VACANCIES

52R3	Chaplain	13S4	Space and Missile
11F3Y	Fighter Pilot	13B4B	Air Battle Mgr
48R3	Res Trnd Flt Surg	12F4Y	Fighter CSO
48A3	Aero Med Spc	12F4W	Fighter CSO
17D3B	Cyberspace Ops	12B4Y	Bomber CSO
35P4	Public Affairs	12M3T	Mobility CSO
10C0	Ops Commander	11F4Y	Fighter Pilot
41A4	Health Service Admin	11F4U	Fighter Pilot
32E4	Civil Engineer	11F4B	Bomber Pilot
21R4	Log Readiness	11B4Y	Bomber Pilot
21R3	Log Readiness		
16G4	AF Ops Staff Off		
14N3	Intelligence		

### ENLISTED VACANCIES

1A171	Flight Engineer	3D152	Cyber Transport Sys
1C072	Aviation Resource Mgt	3D156	Airfield Sys
1C371	Command Post	3D157	Cable & Antenna Sys
1C571	C2 Battle Mgt Oprs	3D173	RF Transmission Sys
1C700	Airfield Mgt	3D190	Cyber Ops
1C771	Airfield Mgt	3E072	Elec Pwr Pro
2A571	Aircraft Maint	3E451	Water/Fuel Sys Maint
2T051	Traffic Mgt	3E691	Ops Mgt
2A652	Aerospace Ground Eq	3S000	Force Support
2A671G	Aerospace Propulsion	3S071	Personnel
2S071	Materiel Mgt	3S171	Equal Opportunity
2T351	Veh/Veh Eq Maint	3S271	Education & Training
3D052	Cyber Sys Ops	4N071	Aerospace Med Svs
3D071	Knowledge Ops Mgt	5R051	Chaplain Asst
3D072	Cyber Sys Ops		