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183rd Fighter Wing members receive national awards

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The men and women of the 183rd Fighter Wing continue to stand in the spotlight on the national stage. This year, members of the 183rd Medical Group, 183rd Security Forces Squadron, and the 217th Engineering Installation Squadron have been recognized as the best in their respective fields.

Following in the footsteps of last year's five award winners, 183rd Medical Group had nine members selected for national honors including a team award.

Innovation, teamwork, sustained superior job performance and dedication are recognized through national level awards. This year nine members of the Medical Group were awarded for their outstanding actions that improved medical operations and provided substantive results throughout the year. Though each award's criteria is different through enlisted, officer, team, Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC) and duties there are consistent characteristics

that all of the winners hold. The constant denominators include an intense workload but the willingness to volunteer outside of their normal scope of duties, meticulous attention to detail, motivation and commitment to make their programs the best, and job knowledge.

The Medical Group is proud to acknowledge the following members that were recognized with an Air National Guard Medical Service national award: Capt. Amanda Shull was awarded the Biomedical Clinician Officer of the Year. In the past year Capt. Shull streamlined the Medical Liaison Officer process for the Wing Fitness program, standardized training for new medical providers, volunteered to manage the Infection Prevention and Control Program, spearheaded the provider performance review process for the deployment working group and spends off drill time pre-deploying members to meet mission readiness.

Tech. Sgt. Kayla Kent was awarded the Outstanding Aerospace Medicine NCO of the Year award. Tech. Sgt. Kent revived the EMT/BLS programs by adding new instructors and scheduling quarterly training classes achieving 100% compliance. Tech. Sgt. Kent's work ethic and skills make her sought after for CERFP standby mission, she conducts and instructs new members on immunizations, lab, PHAs, record reviews and hearing exams.

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February Lunch Menu **Menu subject to change*

Friday

SUBWAY SANDWICHES

Turkey	Ham
Italian BMT	Cookies
Chips	Fountain Drink

Saturday

Fried chicken	Mostaccioli w/meatsauce
Potatoes au gratin	Whole kernel corn
Salad	French, Ranch, House Dressing
Rolls and margarine	Assorted crackers
Fruit Punch	Coffee

Sunday

8 oz. America's Cut pork chop baked w/gravy	
Home made meatloaf w/brown gravy	
Mashed potatoes and gravy	
Green beans	Rolls and margarine
Tossed salad	French, Ranch, House Dressing
Assorted crackers	Coffee and fruit punch

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The deadline for the MAR 2014 issue of the Falcon's View is, 1700 hrs. 8 FEB.



The importance of recruiting

By Lt. Col. James Bentley
Commander, 183rd Maintenance Squadron

In December's Commander's Commentary, Col. Paul stated for 2014 that the Wing is continuing to explore and pursue additional missions. As part of this effort, he emphasized the importance of recruiting. In December, the Wing had over 800 personnel assigned, out of over 900 authorized for an end strength of approximately 90%.

Why is this important? The Air National Guard is comprised of almost 90 Wings and over 150 geographically separated units across approximately 200 locations that represent over 100,000 members. During this time of difficulty and national budgetary realities all our fellow units are competing for the same limited resources. If we are not fully manned or near that 100% mark we could be at risk of losing out on any potential new missions.

Every month ANG puts out a recruiting and retention report listing each Wing's current end strength percentages. For a Wing to be listed as green it has to be at 100% or better, to be yellow between 95 and 99% and to be red less than 95%. In last month's report, around 40 wings were green, almost 30 were yellow and approximately 20 were red. The 183rd is currently red (the other two wings in Illinois, the 126th and 182nd, are both green).

2014 is shaping up to be another challenging year with the issue of sequester cuts and the report from the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force scheduled to be presented to Congress later this month. This report will provide detailed recommendations to the president and Congress on how the Air Force and its three components — the active, Reserve, and Guard — should divvy up their

missions and resources. The House and Senate Armed Services committees will then both hold hearings on the report and use it to form future budget decisions.

Given that this will be a trying period, there are always winners in every down market. Deborah Lee James, the new Air Force secretary, stated in her first public testimony at the final meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force that while the Air Force looks to possibly cut active-duty aircraft and airmen the reserve components can expect growth in the areas of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and cyber operations. James stated that "Effective utilization of our reserve components is critical if we want to get the best defense of our nation, particularly if resources are scarce."

Reaching and surpassing 100 percent unit manning will definitely place us in a position to accept additional missions. It is not a singular goal focused on only the recruiting staff though, but one we all must share. If you have a good idea on how to improve our overall unit manning numbers, from getting people brand new to military service in the door, to attracting prior service members, or keeping people in the unit until they obtain at least 20 good years of service, please speak up.

Also, as Col Paul stated if you know someone interested in joining the 183rd team, please get them in touch with our recruiters. A current benefit is that with the Fiscal Year 2014 Recruiting and Retention Initiatives, the number of bonus eligible enlisted and officer AFSCs have increased. Also, with the Air Force stating in December that it may have to reduce its force by approximately 25,000 airmen over the next few years, you may know someone that will be leaving active duty that would be interested in joining the unit. It is imperative that we make every effort to increase our end strength.

People remain key to the Wing's future and it will take all of us to make sure that the 183rd is postured for future success.



CHIEFchat: CMSAF talks about force management, EPRs

by Staff Sgt. Devon Suits
Air Force News Service

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) --

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody addressed upcoming changes to enlisted performance reports and effects of force management during his 2nd worldwide CHIEFchat at Defense Media Activity here Jan. 9.

CHIEFchat is a recurring initiative, designed to give Airmen around the world a direct connection to the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. The chief received questions via video message, social media outlets and from members of a studio audience.

An Airman, via a video message, asked how the upcoming changes to the enlisted performance reports will affect Airmen in the future.

As you look at it today, with the current enlisted evaluation system we would not have to get too deep into a discussion before we understand how inflated the system is, Cody said.

“That’s why General Welsh directed the senior enlisted leadership of our Air Force to look at this and make recommendations to transform the enlisted evaluation into something that, first and foremost,

values performance,” Cody said.

According to the chief, rating Airmen as threes, fours and fives will be a thing of the past.

“We were not even looking at those numbers fields in the future.” Cody said. “... We were looking at do you fit into this word picture; does this word picture describe you as an Airman and your performance?”

Airmen will start to see the evolution of the enlisted evaluation system once the new feedback form, or Airman Comprehensive Assessment, is released, Cody said. The new assessment will force supervisors to get to know their subordinates by asking deeper questions about finances, relationships and other things that can impact an Airman’s career.

“Most people are used to being told they are the best, even though they know they really are not the best,” Cody said. “... We were going to have to do a good

job of working through that emotional response and reaction to it and realizing this is for the good of all.”

The change in EPRs wasn’t the only topic on Airmen’s minds. Under the current force management actions, some Airmen lost the opportunity to retrain in a new career field. An Airman asked the chief via social media when these cross training opportunities will open up again.

“We suspended (cross training), but not totally ... there are still Airmen retraining but they are

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Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody answers a question from an Airman, via a video message, during his 2nd worldwide CHIEFchat Jan. 9, 2014, at Defense Media Activity, Fort Meade, Md. During this session of CHIEFchat, Cody addressed upcoming changes to enlisted performance reports and effects of force management. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jette Carr)

AF uniform policy update: welcome back morale t-shirts, badges and limitless athletic shoes

by Staff Sgt. David Salanitri
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force updated the policy governing uniform wear Jan. 17, with a goal of not financially burdening Airmen.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III approved several updates to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force Dress and Appearance, with many of the changes coming directly from Airmen.

During the past year, Welsh prompted Airmen to make their voice heard through the Every Dollar Counts campaign, held last spring, and suggestions made directly to him during base visits or comments to the uniform survey board itself.

“The policy changes revolve around three areas,” said Col. Patrick Doherty, Director of Air Force Services who has oversight of the uniforms and awards and recognition branch. “The first area of policy changes is focused on heritage, team building, esprit de corps and unit pride.

The second is recognizing and valuing Airmen’s experiences, qualifications and job performance, allowing Airmen to wear what they have earned. The last area is a group of common sense approach inputs from Airmen in the field that senior leaders thought were great ideas.”

There are dozens of updates to the AFI, including the following:

Morale T-shirts/patches representing individual squadrons that were worn in the past to increase unit pride are now authorized to wear on Fridays. Squadron color T-shirts may be worn with the ABU or flight suit when in-garrison or on-station during unit temporary duty assignments and contingency deployments. Shirts must be one color throughout the squadron, and may have only

a small squadron patch over the left chest. Wing Commanders can authorize personnel from different units to wear the same color T-shirts to facilitate esprit de corps and team building.

For example, maintainers, life support personnel and flight doctors are allowed to wear the color T-shirt of the flying squadron they support. Also, authorized is the in-garrison Friday wear of morale patches and nametags that have tasteful nicknames or call signs on flight suits. Unit commanders have approval authority for morale patches and nametag naming conventions.

Earned Air Force and other services’ badges are authorized to wear, but only the command insignia pin is mandatory. This reverses a previous decision to prohibit wear of qualification badges and various patches on ABUs, to eliminate the need to remove and replace badges for deployment or permanent change of duty station moves.

In recent years, Airmen deployed to Afghanistan wore the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern (OCP). The OCP is flame retardant, treated with insect repellent and also used by the Army. Following this evolution, the ABU has become primarily an in-garrison uniform, according to Air Force senior leaders.

“The increased wear of the ABU in-garrison, coupled with Airmen’s long-term desires to wear the qualification badges and the command insignia they have earned, makes authorized wear on the ABU a logical step,” said Lt. Gen. Sam Cox, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services.

A list and examples of all newly approved badges authorized for wear on the ABU is located in attachment five of AFI 36-2903.

The Air Force physical training uniform no longer has color restrictions for athletic shoes. Airmen are now also authorized to wear black socks with their athletic shoes.

Cell phones no longer have to be black, as long as they are not worn on the uniform or attached to a purse.

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Air Force leaders commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. birthday

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air

experiences, knowledge, and skills reflect a diversity that is one of our Nation's greatest strengths. Air Force leaders are committed to creating an environment that promotes dignity and respect and brings together different backgrounds and perspectives to benefit mission effectiveness. Embracing each Airman's talents and capabilities will help build and sustain a diverse and inclusive culture

that strengthens our Service.

In celebration of 50 years following Dr. King's historic march on Washington, his life of service demonstrates the power in each of us to energize and create positive change. On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, we encourage you to reflect on the lasting impact of Dr. King's ideals and their continuing relevance today.



Force James A. Cody issued the following message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

As America commemorates the federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we call upon all Airmen to reflect on Dr. King's enduring legacy and on the importance of service in the cause of justice, equality, respect, and freedom.

At the height of the U.S. civil rights movement, Dr. King rallied our Nation to live up to the promise of full equality under the law, without regard to race, color, or creed. Striving to build on Dr. King's legacy today, we have a responsibility to ensure that all Americans enjoy their right to equal opportunity and constitutional protections.

Each of our unique personal histories,

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Changes came directly from the field and major commands, said Cox.

"The changes are the result of months of the Chief of Staff listening to what Airmen had to say about ABUs and other uniform wear policies," Cox said.

Airmen can expect to find the optional badges on the AAFES website by mid-July to early August. The commander's insignia pin will be mandatory once the cloth pins go on sale at AAFES.

For more information, please view Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

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Tech. Sgt. Michelle Mulcahy was awarded the Outstanding Dental NCO of the Year. Her exceptional knowledge of the programs ensured the Medical Group received a perfect score of 4 out of 4 on the HSI. She spearheaded the new digital x-ray conversion, developed and delivered training on the Corporate Dental Application, and validates over 850 dental records for quality assurance.

Senior Master Sgt. Natalie Durbin was awarded the SNCO Excellence Award. AFIA inspectors acknowledged "Outstanding" Nursing Services Leadership scoring 4 out of 4 on the inspection. Senior Master Sgt. Durbin developed innovative training plans and tools which streamlined the nursing staff development program, medical readiness, recurrent skills verification, basic life support and the reserve component periodic health assessments. Through her insight and enhanced changes the Medical Group has decreased patient wait time by 20%.

Senior Master Sgt. Misty Duncan was awarded the SNCO Leadership Award. Her knowledge and mastery of the full spectrum of medical programs and willingness to empower those around her make her a role model and leader within the group. Her oversight of the RCPHA/Medcon/LOD/ and ASIMS was instrumental in receiving an "Outstanding" on the recent HSI. Her quality assurance programs ensure 100% accountability of records, DES/MEB documentation and individual medical readiness statistics.

Master Sgt. Elizabeth Bruce was awarded the SNCO Excellence Award. As NCOIC of Medical Readiness she received the highest readiness training percentages seen to date by the Health Services Inspection team. Her expert knowledge and vision allowed a proactive approach to develop a 5 year strategic plan. She took on the role of lead MDG planner for the medical response mission.

Airman 1st Class Heather Harrison was awarded the Outstanding Base Bioenvironmental Airman of the Year. She issued and trained over 750 M50 Joint Service Masks, assisted in the implementation of the 976 BEE Detection and Triage response packages and setup over \$300,000 of BEE CBRN equipment. Airman 1st Class Harrison took on the responsibility of evaluating the ventilation systems and inspecting CATM and Metals technology for air pollution.

Lt Col Schell was awarded Biomedical Specialist Officer of the Year. Lt Col Schell was recognized for his expertise in Occupational Health Programs, Home Station Response and actions as Project Officer for the Health Service Inspection/CUI.

The 183rd MDG Bioenvironmental Engineering Section received the USAF Biomedical Science Corp Team Award. The award recognized the outstanding performance of Bioenvironmental Engineering in the Wing Occupational Health Programs and as an ANG Leader in Home Station Response, earning "best seen to date" kudos from multiple inspection teams.

The 217th Engineering Installation Squadron continues to forge a path to the forefront of the Engineering Installation (EI) community.

Senior Master Sgt. Ron Thrall was selected EI Team Chief of the Year. He competed with Team Chiefs from all 16 ANG EI units nationwide. During 2013 he deployed on his second consecutive six month deployment supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He was selected by AFCENT/A6 to lead a 13-man team on the AORs largest Outside Plant project. He ran multiple crews, briefed senior leaders and established mission critical Command and Control at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait and Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia. The 386th Expeditionary Communications Commander stated that his performance as Team Chief epitomized the

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word professional. He and his team always displayed a can do attitude and fully integrated his team with the base. He earned the nickname “Thrallunteer”; his team had 100% participation at 5K runs, the base Dining In, Commander’s Breakfasts and Warrior Day. He presented an outstanding image of an EI Cyber Warrior at all deployed locations. He also earned his Professional Management Certification via CCAF while deployed. He was a Customs Agent volunteer and helped reduce processing time by 50 percent; he provided training to new members during 11 missions and over 120,000 pounds of cargo. He completed the Customs Border Clearance Agent Course. He was the catcher for the Eskan Village Softball team; his efforts resulted in winning the 2013 Fall Championship!

Tech. Sgt. Brian Barnard was selected EI Installer of the Year. He competed with EI Installers from all 16 ANG EI units nationwide. The Installer is the most competitive category of all the EI Awards. During 2013 he deployed for six months to Bagram Afghanistan. Tech. Sgt. Barnard has an electronics AFSC in Airfield Systems and was part of the Initial Communications Installation Team. He wired the new 101st Airborne Brigade HQs with 8,000 feet of fiber, 125,000 feet of Cat 5e and over 1400 network drops. This facility provided oversight for all operations south of Kabul and serviced 16,000 US military and 60,000 Afghan National Army personnel. He also provided trenching, network drops and terminations for the 85th Medical Detachment Warrior Recovery Center, Bagram’s base Entry Control Point and the 610th Transportation Company. He earned his Team Chief qualification installing almost 4,000 feet of fiber supporting the BED HARDCORE Humanitarian Relief project. He helped assemble over 40 pieces of new gym equipment for the Medical Detachment; equipment was used for physical therapy for wounded soldiers. He also helped dig a pit for a black water storage tank and helped set the tank; providing shower and laundry facilities for the 610th

Transportation Company. Tech. Sgt. Barnard has been selected by unit leadership for a commissioning opportunity in Engineering.

The 183rd Security Forces Squadron received great news when the Director of the Air National Guard, Lt Gen Stanley E. Clarke III, announced that Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Zellers was selected as the 2013 Outstanding ANG Security Forces Support Staff NCO. Tech. Sgt. Zellers represents the best the Air National Guard has to offer and will compete against the best from each active duty MAJCOM. Selection of this award is such an outstanding accomplishment, as there were 11,752 Security Forces Defenders eligible for selection for this award throughout 54 States and Territories – Nick was #1! Despite the keen competition, Tech. Sgt. Zellers earned this honor through his extremely hard work and exceptional dedication to duty. A few highlights from his award winning package note that, as the Squadron’s Electronic Security System NCO, Tech. Sgt. Zellers authored four intrusion detection system requirements totaling \$120,000, designed a perimeter access turnstile plan, and provided outstanding oversight of civilian contractors who installed these systems. As the NCOIC of the Pass & Registration office, he provided outstanding oversight of the implementation of the Defense Biometrics Identification System, the Advantor Alarm System, and the Contractor Access Program. Additionally, as the Squadron’s Orders Clerk, Tech. Sgt. Zellers created 239 travel orders while expertly examining Defense Travel System authorizations and vouchers for accuracy. It’s dedicated NCOs like Tech. Sgt. Zellers that have helped ensure the success of the 183rd Security Forces Squadron, and will undoubtedly ensure its success for years to come.

Congratulations to all of the award winners and continued success as you compete with those at the next level.

Technology vs. open storage classified areas

by Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Ressler
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There have been some changes in the last few years how we communicate, exercise, entertain ourselves, and utilize the World Wide Web (WWW). These days we communicate through social media, smartphones, computers and tablets. We exercise using GPS trackers and our phones. There are several versatile options in order to entertain ourselves via the WWW. Most of these changes were driven by advancements in technology allowing for us to carry these capabilities in our pockets. It is amazing the potential we have due to our infinitely changing technology. While our technological advancements are fast paced, the unfortunate part is the guidance which regulates our operations cannot keep up with these same advancements. That being said, let's clarify some FAQs to technological devices and how today's regulations apply to open storage areas. Consult the references below for may or may not be allowed.

AFI 31-401, AFGM 3, Para 4.8.1. further restricts this by stating "Personally owned information systems or storage media are prohibited in areas where classified is processed."

AFSSI 7702, para 5.4.1. states "No Bluetooth devices, cordless phones or micro-phones, wireless keyboards or mice, wireless LANs, or Infrared LANs are allowed in areas where classified information is discussed, briefed, or processed."

AFMAN 33-282 defines a PED as any non-stationary electronic apparatus with singular or multiple capabilities of recording, storing, and/or transmitting data, voice, video, or photo images. This includes but is not limited to laptops, personal digital assistants, pocket personal computers, palmtops, MP3 players, cellular telephones, video cameras, and pagers. (CNSSI 4009)

6.8.4. Do not connect privately-owned media or peripheral devices (including, but not limited to, music/video CD/DVDs, i-devices, commercial MP3 players, and Universal Serial Bus [USB] drives) to Air Force Information Systems (AF ISS) and Government Furnished Equipment (GFE)

6.12.9. Do not use wireless-enabled devices in areas where classified information is discussed or processed without written approval from the DAA, the Certified TEMPEST Technical Authority (CTTA), and adherence to EMSEC requirements.



Some examples of the items which are not authorized are: iPods, iPads, smart phones, cell phones, any type of recording device, wireless devices, Bluetooth enabled devices, personal laptop

computers, and any other electronic device personally owned by a member that has not been approved or at least examined for approval by a Unit Security Manager.

Items that are authorized which must be first approved by the Unit Security Manager:

- Non transmitting radios
- Alarm clock radios
- CD player radios
- Anything that does not transmit a signal or that can record or store information.

Combatting the winter blues

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The holidays have come and gone. The decorations are stored away for another year. The extended family has returned to their homes. Our vacation days are gone and now we are back to work. It is cold, dreary, and we have had some snow. The road conditions have not always been the best and it seems like everyone I know has had the flu.

Somehow the sparkle of December has a way of quickly fading as we move into the heart of the winter months. While I have met some people along the journey of life who really like winter, they seem to be the exception rather than the rule. It is not that I do not like winter. That is not the case at all. In fact, the changes of the season are really beautiful in Illinois. What I find difficult about winter is the effect it has on my body.

A combination of shorter daylight hours, colder temperatures, and a lack of outdoor activities; it just seems that the body does not respond to the cold, drab, dreary days of winter very well. How I long for sunny, bright, and warm days! Spring and summer seem so far away.

How will I make it through until the warmer days of summer? I cannot head south to a warmer climate. I do not have any leave time and my vacation fund is empty! Here are some low cost ways to have some winter fun.

Exercise! Exercise! Exercise! Get up and get out. Head to the gym. There is a lot of positive energy at there!

Plan a movie night with friends. Start with

a potluck dinner. Select a movie that everyone will enjoy. Enjoy one another's company and friendship. Help someone in need. There are a lot of older citizens who are lonely and cannot get out of their homes during the winter months. Stopping by to visit them will not only boost their spirits but will give you a chance to make a positive difference in your community.

Stay connected to your spiritual community. Maintaining active engagement with a spiritual-faith based community can really bring much peace and joy in our lives.

Finally, reach out to a returning warrior. Several of our airmen recently returned from a long and difficult deployment. It is really great to be welcomed back after you have been deployed.



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retraining into career fields that are not taking those reductions,” Cody said. “We will look at it again this summer ... when we start to put together (the list) for fiscal year 2015 retraining opportunities.”

With a lot of things changing in the Air Force, an Airman in the audience asked Cody his advice on how current and future supervisors should handle these changes.

“We have to know our people,” Cody said. “If you really want to be a good supervisor you have to know about the people you are supervising. You have to know what’s important to them, what their goals and aspirations are. You have to know what’s going on in their life to the degree that you can support them, understand them and appreciate them. ... The more you know about your people, the more they will know you care about them and the more they will care about what they are doing.”

Furthermore, Cody said, because of the current force management actions, it is critical that supervisors spend time with their Airmen to ensure they are not alone in this process.

Closing this session of CHIEFchat, Cody answered a question on what Airmen should say to people who have questions about joining the Air Force.

Changes in Air Force benefits and entitlements are expected due to the Department of Defense budget constraints, the chief said.

However, “It’s still going to be an exceptional environment to be part of,” he added. “All those benefits, all those entitlements, they may slow but they are still going to be really good, and you would be hard pressed to find anything comparable outside our Air Force.

“This is the world’s greatest Air Force because of the men and women that serve and while we go through this significant force reduction ... it’s still going to be the world’s greatest Air Force,” Cody said. “There is still going to be a lot of men and women out there that want to come in and serve their nation.”

CONGRATULATIONS



Promotions!

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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 183rd 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:



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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, Feb. 4. They say they meet at 8 a.m. but if you are not there by 7:30, the early birds have taken the good seats!

Family Readiness

HELP WANTED

The 183rd 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: 183rd Family Readiness Group, 3101 J. David Jones Parkway, Springfield, IL. 62707-5001
Phone: 217.757.1569 email: toni.clark.ctr@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 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 or by calling 217-757-1569.

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Vacancies

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OFFICER VACANCIES

52R3	Chaplain
11F3Y	Fighter Pilot
48R3	Res Trnd Flt Surg
48A3	Aero Med Spc
17D3B	Cyberspace Ops
35P4	Public Affairs
10C0	Ops Commander
41A4	Health Service Admin
32E4	Civil Engineer
13B4B	Air Battle Mgr

12M3T	Mobility CSO
12F4Y	Fighter CSO
12F4W	Fighter CSO
12B4Y	Bomber CSO
11F4Y	Fighter Pilot
11F4U	Fighter Pilot
11F4B	Fighter Pilot
11B4Y	Bomber Pilot
11M3T	Mobility Pilot
11M3S	Mobility Pilot

ENLISTED VACANCIES

1C072	Aviation Resource Mgt
1C371	Command Post
1C571	C2 Battle Mgt Oprs
1C771	Airfield Mgt
2A571	Aircraft Maint
2T051	Traffic Mgt
2A671G	Aerospace Propulsion
2A751	Aircraft Mtl Techology
3D052	Cyber Sys Ops
3D071	Knowledge Ops Mgt

3D152	Cyber Transport Sys
3D156	Airfield Sys
3D157	Cable & Antenna Sys
3E072	Elec Pwr Pro
3E451	Water/Fuel Sys Maint
3E691	Ops Mgt
3S271	Education & Training
4N071	Aerospace Med Svs
5R051	Chaplain Asst

