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Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force visits 183d Fighter Wing

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Airmen assigned to the 183d Fighter Wing kicked off the new year with a visit from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody on Jan. 10-11.

Chief Cody spent January's drill weekend getting to know more about the 183d and its airmen during various events over the course of the two days.

Enlisted members were given the opportunity to ask Chief Cody questions and discuss challenges faced by today's Air Force during question and answer sessions.

"We certainly have challenges ahead and I'm confident our Airmen, here at Springfield and across our Air Force, are ready and able to take on those challenges and succeed," said Cody. "Our Air National Guard will continue to work through changes as we find the right force structure balance between our components and adjust the mission sets

a bit to best suit our Air Force. You've experienced some of that transition and uncertainty here at the 183rd Fighter Wing in recent years as you've transitioned to a new mission. This wing and these Airmen are a great example of how to work through those challenges as a team, and continue to provide a strong, well-trained force for our nation."

Although the Air National Guard differs from the Active Duty component, Chief Cody expressed the role and importance of all components of the Air Force.



"Our Reserve Component Airmen - National Guard and Reserves bring tremendous capability and flexibility to the fight for our combatant commanders, and they have for years," said Cody. "We'll continue to look for ways to capitalize on that flexibility, as well as adaptability and responsiveness - traits the reserve component is uniquely capable of delivering - as we pursue greater agility throughout our Air Force. Most importantly, we have to find the right active-reserve balance to ensure the right level of

operational readiness...and we're taking deliberate steps to get there. Make no mistake, the Air National *see CMSAF, page 11*

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Friday February 6th

Box meals
Ham/Turkey Sandwich
Chips / Fruit cup
Granola bar / Juice/Soda

Saturday, February 7th

Grilled Chicken in hunter sauce
Lasagna
Vegetable Medley
Peas and mushrooms
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread

Sunday, February 8th

Italian Beef
Pulled Pork
Cole Slaw
Baked Beans
Carrots
Tossed Salad

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Take Charge of Your Career

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OPRs, EPRs, DD Form 214s, LESs, points, and the list goes on... As stand-alone documents, these may not seem important to a young Airman or Officer, but as you move through your career and seek opportunities for promotion, position, or retirement, these are critical documents that, by not being reviewed on a regular basis, could significantly impact those goals. You do not want to find out at 20 years time in service mark that you do not have 20 good years and are required extend in order to retire.

I recently ran an officer selection records discrepancy report and found that 41 officers on base have one or more items missing from their files. These involved a combination of missing decoration citations/orders, missing evaluations, and duty history discrepancies. A points review of an NCO during the same timeframe revealed that the individual was missing 50 points that had been earned. 50 points is a good year....

Back in the "good ole days", the Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO) was the "go to" for records management for all base personnel. If you needed it, they had it, and if it was needed, that's where you went to fill out the paperwork in order to create it. CBPO maintained physical copies of your records and ensured that the proper documentation was on file. If you needed to see your records or access anything, you went to CBPO and they would pull them and make copies for you.

Today's technology has pushed much of the responsibility for creating and accessing your records down to you through various applications. YOU have the ability to review and the responsibility to ensure that your records are correct and up to date. There are many online applications that are available to help you stay current with your career, but the following four should be accessed on a regular basis in order to ensure that your records are true and correct.

Personnel Records Display Application

(PRDA). This tool allows you and your supervisor to view copies of documents that are part of your personnel file. Copies of DD Form 214s, all evaluations, decorations, DD Form 2096s, etc... should be viewable and printable through this application. If you do not see a document that should be in the record, and you have an electronic or hard copy of the document, you can upload it into your record. The Virtual Personnel Service Center will notify you if a document you upload is not one that belongs in your record. If you have questions as to whether a document belongs in PRDA, consult your squadron personnel specialist or the Force Support Squadron (FSS).

Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF). This application gives you the ability to conduct some of your personnel business online. Through the vMPF, you can do a Duty History Review, Records Review and Update, Awards and Decorations Review (to include a depiction of your ribbon rack), update your Record of Emergency Data, change your address, and many more applications. Your Orderly Room or the FSS can help you with any questions you may have.

Virtual Personnel Center – Guard & Reserve (vPC-GR) The vPC-GR is another avenue for personnel to update their records online. Available functions include: requests to correct duty history/awards & decorations/service dates/retirement points, etc... You can also request a reissue of your "20 Year Letter", corrections to/copies of DD Form 214s/NGB Form 22s, request a VA home loan letter, etc...

Finally, MyPay. As the days of hard copy Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) are long gone, it's critical that you review your LES monthly to ensure that your pay and deductions are all correct. This is also the application for your end of year tax documents. See the Comptroller Flight for any questions regarding issues with your LES.

There are many functions and personnel on base, and across the Air Force, that make things happen for you in your personnel records. At the end of the day it's up to you to ensure that it is properly documented. Do not be the person up for the job, only to get rejected because your records weren't in order. It's your career.

The State of the Air Force

partial transcript from press briefing by:

*Deborah Lee James
Secretary of the Air Force*

*General Mark A. Welsh
Chief of Staff of the Air Force*

1/15/2015 - THE PENTAGON -- Since becoming the secretary of the Air Force about 13 months ago, our Air Force has dealt with many issues that are enormously critical to our national security.

First, the United States Air Force remains fully engaged in combat operations against ISIL forces in Iraq and Syria. To date, we have provided more than 60 percent of the 16,000 plus sorties that have been flown. We also continue, at the same time, our enduring efforts to provide air and space superiority, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, rapid global mobility, our very important global strike, our nuclear forces, and command and control. These, of course, are our five core missions and we deliver them through the air, space, and cyberspace domains.

We have never wavered, even with this operation ongoing in the Middle East with our sizable and our long-standing commitments in Europe and throughout the Pacific, and we certainly will not be wavering in the future.

Additionally, we have been navigating in our Air Force through some very challenging issues that are facing us as an institution, including shortfalls in our nuclear enterprise, tackling sexual assault, and the very tough decisions involving the downsizing.

In order to increase our perspective, the chief



and I have made a commitment to routinely get outside the Beltway and insure that we are getting some firsthand feedback and firsthand look at the missions that are being performed by our airmen and the issues that are affecting our airmen and their families. So, the chief and I have been on the road a good bit this past year.

We also are staying very connected with our sister services, with the combatant commanders, with Congress, industry, our allies, and international partners. We meet with them routinely to hear their needs and their concerns and so that they can hear ours as well.

And so the bottom line, if I step back, and what's my key take-away from all this, is everyone wants more Air Force. And indeed, we have never been busier around the world.

So, demand for our services is way, way up. But we are meeting those demands today with the smallest Air Force in our history. And when you couple that smaller force against the backdrop of austere budgets, and with the huge demand, what we have is we have a total force that is under significant strain. And of course by total force, I mean our active duty, our National Guard, our reserve, our civilians, and their families.

And indeed, General Welsh and I saw this strain firsthand as we conducted our travels.

Fortunately, we have very dedicated and professional people who have been getting the job done despite all of these pressures. However, it is taking a toll.

For full transcript of press briefing, visit link below:
<http://www.defense.gov/Transcripts/Transcript.aspx?TranscriptID=5571>



Overcoming Failures

by Maj. Eric Tucker

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WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. (AFNS) -- You will fail. The question is, how will you respond?

This reminds me of a parable of the carrot, egg and coffee.

A senior airman was distraught when he learned he did not make staff sergeant after his first time testing. His staff sergeant supervisor saw a teaching opportunity and the next day he filled three pots with water and placed each on a stove. After they came to a boil, he placed carrots in the first pot, eggs in the second and ground coffee in the last.

After 20 minutes, he fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out into a cup. Turning to the senior airman, the staff sergeant asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs and coffee," the senior airman replied.

Then he asked the senior airman to feel the carrots, which he did and noted they were soft and mushy.

The staff sergeant then asked the senior airman to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, the senior airman observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked the senior airman to sip the coffee. He smiled as he tasted the coffee with its rich aroma.

The senior airman said, "nice, but what does all of this mean?"

The staff sergeant laughed and explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity -- boiling water -- but each reacted differently.

"Which are you?" the staff sergeant asked, "are you a carrot that seems strong, but with pain and

adversity, becomes soft and loses strength? Are you the egg that appears not to change but whose heart is hardened?

"Or, are you the coffee bean that changes the hot water, the very circumstances that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance and flavor. If you are like the coffee bean, when things are at their worst, your very attitude will change your environment for the better, making it sweet and palatable."

When you face failure, will you be the carrot, egg or coffee? I offer three suggestions when dealing with failure. First, own up to your failures. Don't explain failures away, instead deal with them head-on. Don't look around for other people to blame. That happens way too often today. Admit your failures and take accountability for them. Being accountable for your failures shows responsibility. Accepting your failure will give you the courage to apologize, if that's appropriate to the situation.

Taking ownership of your failures enables the second step, learning: FAIL (First Attempt In Learning). This is how you need to view failures -- a lesson on what didn't work. While learning from your mistakes, don't expect a miracle recovery overnight. Take the time you need to learn the appropriate lessons. Don't short-circuit the process. Bouncing back is good, but you want to bounce back in a healthy way and not force it. Forcing it will only hinder your opportunity for growth. The beautiful thing about failure is it teaches you the resiliency needed to cope with future failures. Also, don't go in alone. Ask for help if you need it. I like this quote from B.F Skinner: "A failure is not always a mistake; it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying."

Third, with the wisdom gained from growing through your failure -- thrive. Life isn't about luck. Life is about hard work -- hard work that is born from

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Are The Winter Blues Affecting You?

by Master Sgt. Jennifer Killen
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The Winter Blues, a less severe form of Seasonal Affective Disorder, affects over 14% of the adult U.S. population each year, according to psychiatric mood disorders researcher, Dr. Norman E. Rosenthal, of the National Institutes of Mental Health. Dr. Rosenthal has conducted numerous research studies in different geographical latitudes within the U.S. His findings suggest that in more northern regions, which are exposed to less daylight and are colder in temperature starting in the Fall and going through the Spring, more people are affected by this mood disorder. This includes the population of Illinois.

According to Dr. Rosenthal, “every year, as the days become short and dark, people with Seasonal Affective Disorder develop a predictable set of symptoms. They slow down and have a hard time waking up in the morning. Their energy level decreases, they tend to eat more, especially sweets and starches, and they gain weight. Their concentration suffers, and they withdraw from friends and family. As you can imagine, their work and relationships suffer, and they can become quite depressed. People with winter blues sleep 1.7 hours more (the general population sleeps 0.7 hours more in the winter). This symptom cluster often lasts for four or five months until the days become longer again.”

So what do you do if you recognize these symptoms in a friend or loved one, or even in yourself? According to NIH, or National Institutes of Health, researchers have been studying the Winter Blues for more than 3 decades. They’ve learned about possible causes and found treatments that seem to help most people. Also, “winter blues is a general term, not a medical diagnosis. It’s fairly common, and it’s more mild than serious. It usually clears up on its own in a fairly short amount of time,” says Dr. Matthew Rudorfer, a mental health expert at NIH. “The so-called Winter Blues are often linked to something specific, such as stressful holidays or reminders of absent loved ones.”

NIH researchers first recognized a link between light and seasonal depression back in the early 1980s. These scientists pioneered the use of light therapy, which has since become a standard treatment for more serious forms of seasonal depression. This therapy involves sitting daily in front of a light box for 30 minutes. Since most of us do not have the extra time to spend every day, this therapy is not right for everyone. Another therapy

is cognitive behavioral therapy, or talking with a counselor in order to reframe one’s way of thinking. Behavioral changes might include having lunch with friends, going out for a walk, or volunteering in the community. Trying to identify activities that are engaging and pleasurable, and trying to schedule them into a daily routine is beneficial. Also, stress management, engaging in exercise programs, and maintaining a healthy diet are all ways one can help beat the Winter Blues.



Air Force risks becoming too small to succeed under sequestration

by Tech. Sgt. Natalie Stanley
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- During testimony on Capitol Hill Jan. 28, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III stressed the negative impact sequestration will have on future Air Force capabilities, emphasizing further budget cuts will lead to low morale and declined readiness in the Air Force.



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee Jan. 28, 2015, in Washington, D.C., as Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., looks on. Other service leaders present during the hearing were Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond Odierno and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert. (U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash)

“Pilots sitting in a squadron looking out at their airplanes parked on a ramp certainly feels like a hollow force, whether we define it that way or not,” Welsh said. “People are not joining this business to sit around.”

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Identity Theft

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Identity theft and identity fraud are terms used to refer to all types of crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person’s personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception. For DoD members this is a serious issue, as the compromise of our identity can affect Security Clearance, mission readiness and even financial liability. Surprisingly, identity theft wasn’t even a serious offense until 1998 when Congress passed a bill making it a felony.

In one notorious case of identity theft, the criminal, a convicted felon, not only incurred more than \$100,000 of credit card debt, obtained a federal home loan, and bought homes, motorcycles, and handguns in the victim’s name, but called his victim to taunt him before filing for bankruptcy, also in the victim’s name. While the victim and his wife spent more than four years and more than \$15,000 of their own money to restore their credit and reputation.

To reduce or minimize the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud, there are some basic steps you can take. Start by adopting a “need to know” approach to your personal data. If someone you do not know calls you on the telephone and offers you the chance to receive a “major” credit card, a prize, or other valuable item, but asks you for personal data, chances are you are being scammed.

Periodically ask for a copy of your credit report. Your credit report should list all bank and financial accounts under your name, and will provide other indications of whether someone has wrongfully opened or used any accounts in your name. Maintain careful records of your banking and financial accounts. Do not use a “universal” password for all your online accounts like email, banking and social media. Finally, be careful what information you put out there for others to see. There is nothing wrong with sharing pictures of the family around Christmas dinner. One might however, be concerned if they’re practically sharing the blueprints to their home and the infrastructure to their security system! Do not be the victim. Be the deterrent!

Safety Reminders

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Well, February 2015 is here. At the time of this writing, I do not know if Pennsylvania's famed groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, has emerged from his lair to see his shadow or not. So, just in case he did see his shadow predicting six more weeks of frosty winter weather here are a couple of reminders.

Space heaters:

- Use space heaters to provide supplemental heat. Do not use them to thaw pipes or dry clothing.
- Select equipment that has the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL®) mark.
- Keep anything that may burn at least three feet away from space heaters.
- Be sure to turn off space heaters when leaving a room or going to sleep. Use space heaters with an automatic shut-off feature and heating element guards.
- Watch children and pets at all times when around a space heater. Even the slightest contact with a heating coil or element will cause a severe burn.
- Check your space heater for frayed or broken wiring. Have all problems repaired by a professional technician before operating.
- Avoid using extension cords with space heaters. Extension cords can easily overheat when used with a space heater.
- Keep your space heater cord away from high traffic areas in your home. Tripping on or knocking over the heater can cause an injury or even a fire.
- If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use

only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never substitute fuel as this could cause a fire. Before refueling, let the heater completely cool. Clean any spills quickly.

Carbon Monoxide:

Carbon monoxide (CO) is tasteless, odorless and dangerous to humans. When CO is inhaled, it disrupts the transportation of oxygen throughout the body and causes asphyxiation. Symptoms of CO poisoning can include: burning eyes, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, confusion, shortness of breath, increased episodes of angina in people with coronary disease and unconsciousness.

Some visible indications of the presence of carbon monoxide are: black soot around air registers, moisture inside windows, dead or dying houseplants or pets and abnormal-looking flames on appliances or burners.

Generator Safety:

- Call your electric company if you plan to install a back-up generator!
- Carefully read and follow the instructions for proper connection and use of a permanent or portable standby generator. You are required by law to ensure that no electricity from your standby power generator back feeds into power lines during an outage.
- Proper installation of a generator is critical. Improper use cannot only damage your equipment or electrical system, but also potentially result in injury or death to those who use them and to utility workers.
- Do not directly connect a portable generator with your electrical system. A direct connection could result in voltage on utility lines and presents a significant safety concern for utility workers and generator owners. Contact a qualified professional for connections of this type.

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Deployments and Reintegration

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A good deal of time and effort is spent prior to deploying – preparing ourselves, our families, our civilian employment – and a variety of other tasks. It takes a lot of time and effort to get everything we need for deployments “in order” before heading out for several months.

What awaits us at our deployment location requires another set of skills. Even though we have been trained for the mission, executing that operation downrange can be filled with uncertainty and endless challenges. As the weeks and months of the deployment unfold, there is a building anticipation about “returning home.” Some members look forward to “coming back” to the familiar, while others might fear or even dread their return. Reintegration and reunion come with its own set of challenges and difficulties.

My six overseas deployments have taught me a few lessons about what to expect when I finally “get home.” These “lessons” are not listed in order of importance.

It takes time to “come back” so try to be patient with yourself and with others. This is easier said than done and might be one of the greatest challenges I’ve faced in returning from a deployment. While I’m back physically, coming back (and staying back) mentally has been, at times, especially difficult. While the deployment mission was difficult, with long hours and facing a lot of uncertainty, it was also very, very rewarding. Life “back home” can seem to be less significant, and perhaps for some “without meaning.” It takes time to reconnect and recommit to our lives “at home,” so give yourself some space to readjust and know that what you are experiencing and

feeling is a normal part of the reintegration process. Stay in touch with your deployment buddies. I’ve found it important to maintain contact, for a period of time, with my wingman co-workers. We worked together under very stressful and difficult circumstances, and were changed by the deployment. I’ve found it helpful to maintain some “connection” upon returning home, whether through a phone call, e-mail or other social media networking.

A journal might help. Sure, it’s difficult for friends and family to “understand” what you have been through, what you’ve seen and heard while deployed. Writing down your thoughts, emotions, ideas, and some of your experiences can help integrate the deployment experience, and provide an effective way to better understand how your deployment has changed you and your outlook on life.

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Creating Strength Through Resilience

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Service Members are trained to manage risks and overcome challenges.

We assist them to re-train their minds to resolve psychological health challenges.

The National Guard Psychological Health Program provides service members and their families with resources to master psychological health challenges to maintain operational readiness. The Director of Psychological Health (DPH) can provide educational resources, leadership consultation, short-term solution-focused counseling, and assessment and referral to resources near your home.

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- 24/7: Toll free peer support line (855)838-8255, email or Chat features available
- Anonymous & Confidential
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- Online Resource Library

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- Welcomes ANG & ARNG Members & their families
- Promotes social, spiritual, mental and physical fitness
- Incorporates the key areas of resilience from both the AFs Comprehensive Airman and

the Army Comprehensive Soldier & Family Fitness programs

- Offers online comprehensive care provider directory by State/Wing/Unit
- Wingman/Safety Day Planners available
- App available for mobile devices

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- Confidential services, including non-medical counseling and specialty consultations. Eligible individuals may receive confidential services at no cost. Check eligibility.
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- 24/7: Confidential 800-424-7877
- inTransition is a voluntary program to support the SM as they move between health care systems or providers if they're currently receiving mental health care. A personal coach, along with resources and tools, will help the SM during this transition period.
- Offers each Service member a one-on-one Transitional Support Coach, available by phone, who is a master's-level, licensed behavioral health clinician
- Support for Service members' mental health and wellness through the coaches' use of motivational interviewing, readiness, and action planning to identify and address challenges
- Information about local community resources, support groups, healthy lifestyle options, benefit enrollment and other health resources

183d Fighter Wing news

CMSAF, from front page

Guard is critical to our health and ability to project airpower around the world.”

During his time in Springfield, Cody also attended the 183d’s military ball on the evening of Jan. 10. At the ball, Cody recognized and congratulated Airman of the Year recipients.

Chief Cody wrapped up his visit on Sunday with a tour of the different squadrons throughout the base. The tour allowed Cody to witness and learn more about the work airmen assigned to the 183d accomplish during drill weekends.



Master Sgt. Carl Hasselbring explains to Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody, the process of inspecting the compressor rotor on a GE-110 jet engine being repaired at the 183d Fighter Wing’s Composite repair Facility. (Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Alexandria Rockford/RELEASED)

“One thing you learn quickly in this position is that it’s not about you,” said Cody. “This position is all about our Airmen, and that’s where I focus my energy. My entire focus is on making sure we continue to develop our Airmen and care for them and their families so they can win the fight in an emerging and unpredictable environment. There is nothing more important.”

Despite the weekend being short, Chief Cody’s visit is one that is appreciated and will be remembered by airmen at the 183d.

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- Ensure that the total electric load on your generator will not exceed the manufacturer’s rating.
- Never use a portable generator indoors. Place a portable generator outdoors in a dry area far away from doors, windows and vents.
- Exercise extreme caution when handling fuel for portable generators. Do not attempt to refuel your generator while it is running. Let the generator cool down before adding fuel.

Hopefully, the groundhog did not see his shadow this year. But, just in case, if you read these reminders you’ll be ready for another six weeks of winter.



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The common tone of the testimony by all the service chiefs was maintaining the faith and trust each military member has in their respective service by ensuring they have the training, tools and equipment needed to win any fight, now or in the future.

“We can’t continue to cut force structure to pay the cost of readiness and modernization or we risk being too small to succeed,” Welsh said.

Welsh stated 24 years of combat operations has taken a toll on the Air Force and the need for modernization is no longer a debatable issue.

“We currently have 12 fleets of aircraft that qualify for antique license plates in the state of Virginia,” he said. “Air Forces that fall behind technology fail and joint forces without the full breadth of the air, space and cyber capabilities that comprise modern airpower will lose.”

Welsh credited improved combat squadron readiness over the past year to the Balanced Budget Act, which targeted individual and unit readiness, but stated future sequestration would immediately reverse this trend.

“Squadrons would be grounded, readiness rates would plummet, Red and Green Flag exercises would have to be cancelled, Weapons School classes would be limited, and our aircrew members’ frustration will rise, again,” Welsh said.

He explained sequestration has led to intentional underfunding of infrastructures that produce combat capability over time including training ranges, test ranges, space launch facilities, simulation infrastructure, and nuclear infrastructure.

Welsh appealed to the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee to join with the military to ensure current and future combat capability.

“We do need your help to be ready for today’s fight and still able to win in 2025 and beyond,” he said. “Our Airmen deserve it, our joint team needs it, and I believe our nation still expects it.”

OVERCOME, from page 5

failure. Learning from failure and thriving from the growth you made will help reach your full potential in life.

We never try to fail on purpose. But at the same time if you stay so far away from failure, if you don’t ever push yourself to where failure is a possibility, you’re probably not pushing yourself enough. Failure presents opportunities for personal growth. It also teaches you about willpower, persistence, self-discipline and hard work. I encourage people to be empowered, take initiative and move out. Step out of your comfort zone and take a chance. There are very few “one strike and you’re out” failures in the Air Force. Be adventurous and try something new. If you fail, own up to it, learn from it, change your circumstances and thrive!

Don’t be a carrot or an egg.

AFIS Inspection Positions Available

In order to comply with the new Air Force Inspection System (AFIS) requirements, the Wing Inspector General’s office has positions open for qualified personnel to become full time or part time AFIS Inspectors on the Wing IG staff.

Currently, positions available are 0-5, 0-4, E-8 and E-7. Two full time positions will be advertised shortly. Please contact Lt Col William Wheeler at (217)757-1374, for further details.

As always, the retirees gather on the first Tuesday of each month to share breakfast and talk about the good ol’ days. We have now moved back to our previous location inside **KINGPIN LANES**, 3115 E. Sangamon Ave. Join them Tuesday, February 3rd. 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!

Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS



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Welcome
Glad you're here!

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In case you missed it, the display case outside of the dining facility has been updated with photos of 183d personnel. Do you have a great idea for the next display update? If so, please email it to the 183d Public Affairs inbox (183fw.pa@ang.af.mil).



Announcements

**OFFICER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
183D FIGHTER WING
3101 J. DAVID JONES PARKWAY
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707-5001**

TITLE: Wing Inspector General

AFSC: 87G0

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 183d Fighter Wing (C81CFL5S)

AUTHORIZED GRADE: Lieutenant Colonel /O-5

OPENS: 11 January 2015

CLOSES: 27 February 2015

SELECTION BOARD: March UTA

SELECTING OFFICIAL: Col John E. Patterson, 183 FW/CC

REMARKS: Applicant must; be either a Major/O-4 or Lieutenant Colonel/O-5, meet physical fitness requirements IAW AFI 36-2905, have demonstrated ability to prepare written reports, have No Unfavorable Information File, civil convictions (other than minor traffic violations), or open IG investigations.

WHAT TO SUBMIT: All interested applicants must submit the following documentation:

- **Resume:** include information pertaining to past/present military & civilian work experience
- **Record Review:** available on the virtual MPF or by contacting your CSS
- **Current Air Force Fitness Test**

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

Lt Col William L. Wheeler
183 FW/CCE
3101 J. David Jones Parkway
Springfield, IL 62707-5001

Questions about interviews or selection should be directed to:

Lt. Col. William Wheeler

Comm: (217) 757-1374

DSN: 892-8374

william.wheeler@ang.af.mil

Announcements

WING INSPECTOR GENERAL

1. Special Duty Summary. Plans, directs, conducts, and manages all Wing Inspector General (IG) programs. Provides policy guidance, procedures, planning, oversight, and direction for implementing the Air Force Inspection System, Complaints Resolution Program, and Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) Program and the Commanders' Inspection Programs (CCIP) at wing/wing equivalent level. Related DoD Occupational Group: 271200.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Directs, conducts, and leads all Wing IG activities. Operates and manages the Wing Office of the Inspector General, responsible for overall operation, administration, and management of Wing IG inspections, Complaints Resolution, FWA Program, and Commanders' Inspection Program (CCIP).

2.2. Organizes IG activities. Develops, establishes, and controls methods and procedures to implement IG policies and programs. Provides oversight and policy guidance concerning IG programs, plans, requirements, management, education and awareness initiatives.

2.3. Provides IG support. Maintains liaison with MAJCOM/IG and SAF/IG where appropriate to receive, process, refer, and manage Wing Inspection information, resources, assets, and activities to support operation and management of the Air Force's Inspection and Complaints Resolution and FWA Programs. Certifies Wing IG personnel and evaluates IG programs and activities.

3. Special Duty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Knowledge of Air Force Inspection objectives, leadership and management concepts and their relationship to mission accomplishment is mandatory.

3.2. Education. For entry into this SDI, a Master's degree in management, industrial management, education, psychology, criminal justice, public administration, or business administration with a major in management is desirable.

3.3. Training. For retention of this SDI, completion of the Air Force Basic Inspector and Installation Inspector General Training Course taught by SAF/IGQ is mandatory. Wing Inspectors General assigned to Nuclear Certified Units must also attend the Air Force Nuclear Inspectors Course.

3.4. Experience. Previous IG and command experience at the unit, wing or MAJCOM is highly desired.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:

3.5.1. For entry into this specialty, recommendation by unit commander.

3.5.2. For entry and retention of the SDI:

3.5.2.1. Must meet requirements listed in Chapter 8 of AFI 90-201, The Air Force Inspection System.

3.5.2.2. No Unfavorable Information File, civil convictions (other than minor traffic violations), or open IG investigations.

3.5.2.3. Demonstrated ability to prepare written reports.

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

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 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 vacancies, contact Master Sgt. Matt Allen at 217-757-1292 / DSN 892-8292.

ENLISTED

1A271	Aircraft Loadmaster	6F071	Financial Management/Comp
1C171	Air Traffic Control	8I000	Superintendent
1C191	Air Traffic Control	9E000	Command Chief
1C371	Command Post		OFFICER
1C571	C2 Battle Mgt Oprs	10C0	Operations Commander
1C771	Airfield Management	11B4Y	Bomber Pilot
1C791	Airfield Management	11F3Y	Fighter Pilot
1C852	Airfield Systems	11F4B	Fighter Pilot
1C872	Airfield Systems	11F4H	Fighter Pilot
1N071	Operations Intelligence	11F4U	Fighter Pilot
1N171A	Geospatial Intelligence	11F4Y	Fighter Pilot
1W071	Weather	12B4Y	Bomber CSO
2A571	Aircraft Maintenance	12F4Y	Fighter CSO
2A652	Aerospace Ground Equipment	12F4W	Fighter CSO
2A672	Aerospace Grd Eqpmt	12M3T	Mobility CSO
2A751	Acft Mtl Technology	12M4S	Mobility CSO
2F051	Fuels	13B4B	Air Battle Manager
2F071	Fuels	13S4	Space and Missile
2G051	Logistics Plans	14N4	Intelligence
2G071	Logistics Plans	16R4	Planning/Programming
2R071	Maint Mgmt Analysis	17D4Y	Network Operations
2T071	Traffic Management	17S4Y	Cyber Warfare Ops
2T171	Vehicle Operations	32E4	Civil Engineer
2W051	Munitions Systems	38P4	Personnel
3D072	Cyber Systems Operations	43H3	Public Health
3D151	Client Systems	43H4	Public Health
3D152	Cyber Transport Systems	48A3	Aero Med Spc
3D172	Cyber Transport Systems	48R3	Res Trnd Flt Surg
3D174	Spectrum Operations	51J4	Judge Advocate
3D177	Cable & Antenna Systems	87G0	Wing IG
3E052	Elec Pwr Production	87I0	Wing Inspections
3E151	Heat/Vnt/AC/RFG	87Q0	Complaints Resol
3E251	Pave/Contr Eqpm		
3E351	Structural		
3E451	Water/Fuel Sys Maint		
3S071	Personnel		
3S373	Manpower		
4N071	Aerospace Med Svc		
5R051	Chaplain Assistant		
5R071	Chaplain Assistant		