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## 183d Security Forces Provide Aid to over 15,000 in Puerto Rico

*By Senior Master Sgt. Edward Ferguson  
183d Security Forces Squadron*

Part of the Air National Guard's mission statement is, "to provide assistance during national emergencies." In the months following the devastation Hurricanes Irma and Maria brought on Puerto Rico, the Air National Guard has fulfilled this charter by aiding hurricane affected areas by providing resources and manpower. The Illinois Air National Guard has responded to this disaster, sending several teams to Puerto Rico, serving in numerous capacities. The 183d SFS deployed a 14 member team to augment the 156th Security Forces Squadron (Puerto Rico Air National Guard) in their security and manning deficiencies. Like most of the island, the 156th sustained severe damage to their infrastructure. The 183d SFS aided in providing resource protection to the installation, providing standard SFS functions, such as static patrols, vehicle and foot patrols, aiding in VIP security, and responding to numerous events such as in flight emergencies and medical responses.

In addition to resource protection, the 156th conducted missions for FEMA. Many not-for-profit organizations were having difficulties transporting their donations from the United States to Puerto Rico. FEMA had a method, however, the amount of red tape, was too cumbersome and time consuming to work efficiently, and the Department of Defense (DoD) stepped in to help out. The DoD aided in arranging transportation from the continental U.S.

to Puerto Rico. Then military bases, such as the 156th, sorted the donations and worked with the organizations and FEMA to distribute the much needed aid. As an augmentation force to the 156th, the 183d SFS were tasked to help in these missions. These mission requirements were typically filled by SFS members who volunteered in their downtime. The missions ranged in distance and in scope; protecting military members in high crime areas, providing support to not-for-profit organizations, and aiding the wing in distributing donations. During the 30 day deployment, 183d SFS made a direct impact. The 20 missions they conducted resulted in directly providing aid to over 15,000 Puerto Rican citizens. They assisted in providing over 9,000 pounds of rice, 34,000 liters of water, and over 11,000 pounds of mixed food. Our SFS team gained new perspective



through this experience. "When you have older individuals, grandfathers, grandmothers, coming out in tears just wanting to hug you, you get a sense of pride. No words to describe that", said Tech. Sgt. Luis Pozo, 183d SFS team member.

Team Leader, Senior Master Sgt. Edward Ferguson was very proud of team's motivation and accomplishments. "It has been very gratifying to see so many Airmen to volunteer to make a difference for the citizens of Puerto Rico. I had a list of SFS members wanting to go on their days off to help deliver the much-needed supplies. It was a perfect illustration of service before self."

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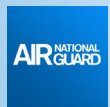
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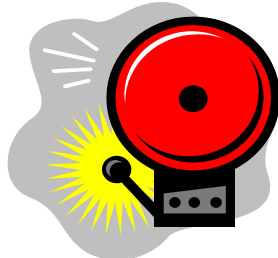
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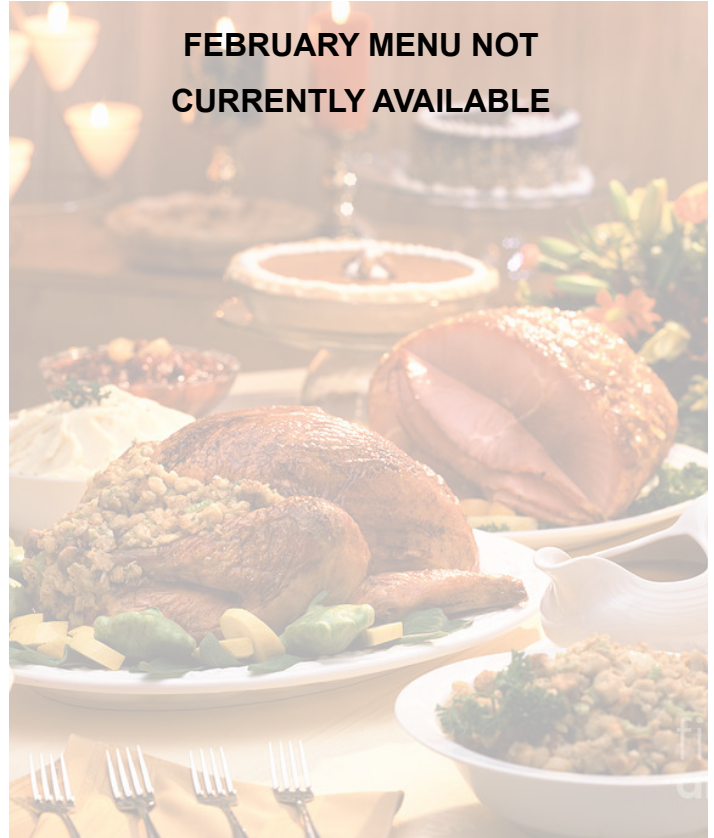
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# 183D WING NEWS



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Leadership development and team building expert, Stephon Williams, brought his enthusiastic message of diversity and inclusion to the 183d yesterday. Williams is an engaging speaker, who creates an atmosphere of inclusion and open dialogue within his audience. This was noticeable from the start, as he personally greeted and shook hands with each person as they entered the room prior to his presentation.

Williams' presentation began with a brief history lesson on Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month, citing the innovations of George Washington Carver, Thomas Mensah, George Alcorn, Garrett Morgan, Lewis Latimer, and Charles Drew, and how their accomplishments helped shape our lives and the world we live in today. Additionally, he touched on the role of the National Guard in the aftermath of the landmark Supreme Court case, Brown vs. The Board of Education of Topeka, KS, where civil unrest and rioting occurred when the desegregation of schools was being enforced.

Through an amusing exercise linking pairs of members together with rope, the members had to share with learn about each other, in order to free themselves; the message being communication, knowledge, and partnership. Opening lines of communication leads to knowledge, which then can lead to inclusion, acceptance, and partnership. All of these things lead to more effective leadership and have a greater effect on mission accomplishment.

Unconscious bias and racial stereotypes are perhaps the greatest barriers to open and effective communication. In an exercise aimed at breaking down those barriers, Williams said, "the best way to combat these barriers, is not to act on them".

"Why is this type of training important?" Williams asked. "If members feel accepted and included, they will strive to do more, and be the best they can be." If a person feels valuable, they will want to continue to improve and stay where they feel like part of a team, making their work environment a better place. In the military, this can be tied directly to effective recruiting and retention. "We are leading people, not machines", said Williams.





### Helmets: Worth the Wear

by Master Sgt. Kayla Smith  
183d Medical Group

It's too hot. It messes up my hair. I'm not going to fall. People give all sorts of reasons to not wear a helmet when doing certain activities, including riding a bike, a motorcycle, or a horse. Head injuries can occur with something as simple as a quick jarring motion, a sudden stop, or a strong impact causing a concussion or skull fracture. Those injuries, whether minor or serious, can cause memory loss, sleep disorders, permanent disability, or even death. According to the World Health Organization, a helmet aims to reduce the risk of serious head and brain injuries by reducing the impact of a force or collision to the head.

A helmet works in three ways:

- It reduces the deceleration of the skull, and hence the brain movement, by managing the impact. The soft material incorporated in the helmet absorbs some of the impact and therefore the head comes to a halt more slowly. This means that the brain does not hit the skull with such great force.
- It spreads the forces of the impact over a greater surface area so that they are not concentrated on particular areas of the skull.
- It prevents direct contact between the skull and the impacting object by acting as a mechanical barrier between the head and the object.



How to ensure a helmet fits correctly:

- Fits snug, but comfortable
- Helmet cannot move in any direction
- Must have a secure buckle that keeps it from moving or falling off on impact
- Forehead should be properly covered

Keep in mind there are different helmets for different activities. Once a helmet has sustained a fall, often times it will need to be replaced. Check the manufacturer's recommendation on each helmet. Remember, fit a child's helmet to the size they currently are. Do NOT try to buy a bigger helmet in hopes it will last longer.



Tips for getting your child to wear a helmet:

- Be consistent
- Lead by example. If you are going for a bike ride or a horseback ride, wear your helmet to show children it's a natural thing for everybody to do.
- Never compromise. Either they wear the helmet or they don't get to ride their scooter, bike, etc.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, traumatic brain injuries, caused by those dreaded head injuries, are a major cause of death and disability in the United States. You have the power to prevent head injuries and traumatic brain injuries in yourself and your loved ones by simply adding a helmet to your routine. It's worth wearing.



## Security Forces



## **Announcements**

### **OFFICER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**183d WING**

**3101 J. DAVID JONES PARKWAY**

**SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707-5001**

**TITLE:** Wing Inspector General

**AFSC:** 87G0

**UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT:** 183d Wing (C81CFL5S)

**AUTHORIZED GRADE:** Lieutenant Colonel /O-5

**OPENS:** 11 January 2015

**CLOSES:** Open until filled

**SELECTION BOARD:** TBD

**SELECTING OFFICIAL:** Col. John E. Patterson, 183 WG/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:**

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183 WG/CC

3101 J. David Jones Parkway

Springfield, IL 62707-5001

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## **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 Springfield Illinois Family 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 Lt. Col. Sheila Perry, Force Support Squadron Commander 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: Springfield Illinois Family Support Group  
3101 J. David Jones Parkway  
Springfield, IL. 62707-5001  
Phone: 217.757.1569 email: [sheila.perry1.mil@mail.mil](mailto:sheila.perry1.mil@mail.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 Lt. Col. Sheila Perry, 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 Lt. Col. Sheila Perry by e-mail at: [sheila.perry1.mil@mail.mil](mailto:sheila.perry1.mil@mail.mil) or by calling 217.757.1244.

**1. AUTHORITY:** U.S. Code: Title 10, Subtitle E, Part I, Chapter 1007, Section 10204, and other subsets of Title 10.

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**3. ROUTINE USES:** This information will not be disclosed outside the Department of Defense.

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## Vacancies

To inquire about the following vacancies, contact Master Sgt. Matt Allen at 217-757-1292 / DSN 892-8292.

### ENLISTED

1C571	C2 Battle Mgmt Ops	3E052	Elec Pwr Production
2A651F	Aerospace Propulsion	3E151	Heat/Vnt/AC/Rfg
2A752	Nondestructive Inspection	3E451	Water/Fuel Sys Maint
2A771	Acft Mtl Technology	3N075	Photojournalist
2T271	Air Trans	3P051	Security Forces
2T377	Fleet Mgmt & Analysis	3P051B	Security Forces
3D071	Knowledge Ops Mgt	4H071	Cardiopulmonary Lab
3D151	Client Systems	4N071	Aerospace Med Svc

### OFFICER

10C0	Operations Commander	14N3	Intelligence
11B3Y	Bomber Pilot	15W3	Weather
11F3B	Fighter Pilot	16G3	Air Ops Staff
11F3Y	Fighter Pilot	16R4	Planning/Programming
11G3	Generalist Pilot	17D3Y	Network Operations
11M3T	Mobility Pilot	17D4Y	Network Operations
11R3A	Recon Surveil EW PL	31P3	Security Forces
12B3Y	Bomber CSO	38P3	Personnel
12F3Y	Fighter CSO	43H3	Public Health
12M3S	Mobility CSO	44Y3	Critical Care Med
12R3C	Recon Surv EW CSO	46F3	Flight Nurse
12R3Y	Recon Surv EW CSO	48R3	Res Trnd Flt Surg
13B3B	Air Battle Manager	87G0	Wing IG
13S3A	Space & Missile	87I0	Wing Inspections

