



# FALCON'S VIEW

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## PERSCO Airman Maintains Deployment Accountability

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There are many moving parts to a mission that deploys U.S. service members overseas, and someone has to be in charge of those moving parts. For Senior Airman Terrance Hammond, a personnel specialist with the 346th Air Expeditionary Group, his role is keeping track of personnel and making sure the correct number of people get to where they're going and back.

"Our mission is making sure all our members are accounted for 24/7," Hammond said.

As a member of the two-person PERSCO, or Personnel Support for Contingency Operations, team, he must know at any given moment where every member of the deployed group is supposed to be, and whether or not they're actually there.

"Whenever Col. (Darren) Ewing (346 AEG commander) comes to me and asks how many people we have here, in Coclé for example, I need to know the answer."

He says one of his biggest hurdles as a member of PERSCO is miscommunication.

"Miscommunication is a big issue, since we're responsible for knowing these numbers and where people are. If they don't communicate with us or just leave without telling us, it can cause big problems," said the Air Force Reservist from Chicago, Ill. "So far though, nothing like that has happened during this deployment."

Hammond is currently deployed with the 346 AEG in Panama in support of New Horizons 2018, a joint combined training exercise focusing on civil engineer, medical, and support services training to prepare, deploy, operate, and redeploy to and from a location outside the United States. The mission has U.S military members from all branches of the services deployed to three different provinces, all quite a distance from one another.



Senior Airman Terrance Hammond, 346th Air Expeditionary Group PERSCO, discusses in-processing and slides with Lt. Col. Pedro Burton-Taylor, 346th Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron deputy commander, April

He says his job while deployed is much different than back at home station.

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# Attention!

The deadline for the July 2018 issue of the Falcon's View is 2 June.



### Saturday, May 5th

#### Chicken Fajitas

Spanish Rice  
Scallop Potatoes  
Calico Corn  
Cauliflower  
Dinner Rolls  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Salad

### Sunday, May 6th

Sweet and Sour Pork Chops  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Steamed Rice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mix Veggies  
Fried Cabbage  
Snickerdoodle cookies  
Salad bar

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## **AF announces changes to Courses 14 and 15**

*Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Effective immediately, Air Force officials have removed the requirement to complete Courses 14 and 15 for all Airmen serving in the active component. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will have the option to complete their enlisted professional military education through distance learning or in-residence attendance.

Airmen will no longer be required to complete distance learning prior to in-residence attendance at the noncommissioned officer and senior NCO

academy. Active component Airmen will complete EPME in-residence, while Guard and Reserve Airmen can complete through DL or in-residence.

“Ultimately, Airmen are always encouraged to focus on their own self-improvement and life-long learning,” said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. “However, because our enlisted members have a 100 percent opportunity to attend in-residence NCO and SNCOA, this change provides Airmen greater flexibility and reduces redundancy in professional military education.”

All active component Airmen currently enrolled in Courses 14 or 15 may continue the course or disenroll. Guard and Reserve Airmen currently

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# **MAJOR CHANGES**

**TO**

# **EPME**

**3 BIG TICKETS**

**TO**

# **REMEMBER**

**1**

### **ACTIVE DUTY**

Courses 14 & 15 removed  
Will attend In-residence PME



**2**

### **RESERVE & GUARD**

Option to complete via  
Distance Learning  
or In-residence



**3**

### **TOTAL FORCE**

Promotion policy remains  
the same



## E&I Members Key In Deployed Communications Projects

by Master Sgt. David Schreffler  
217th Engineering Installation Squadron

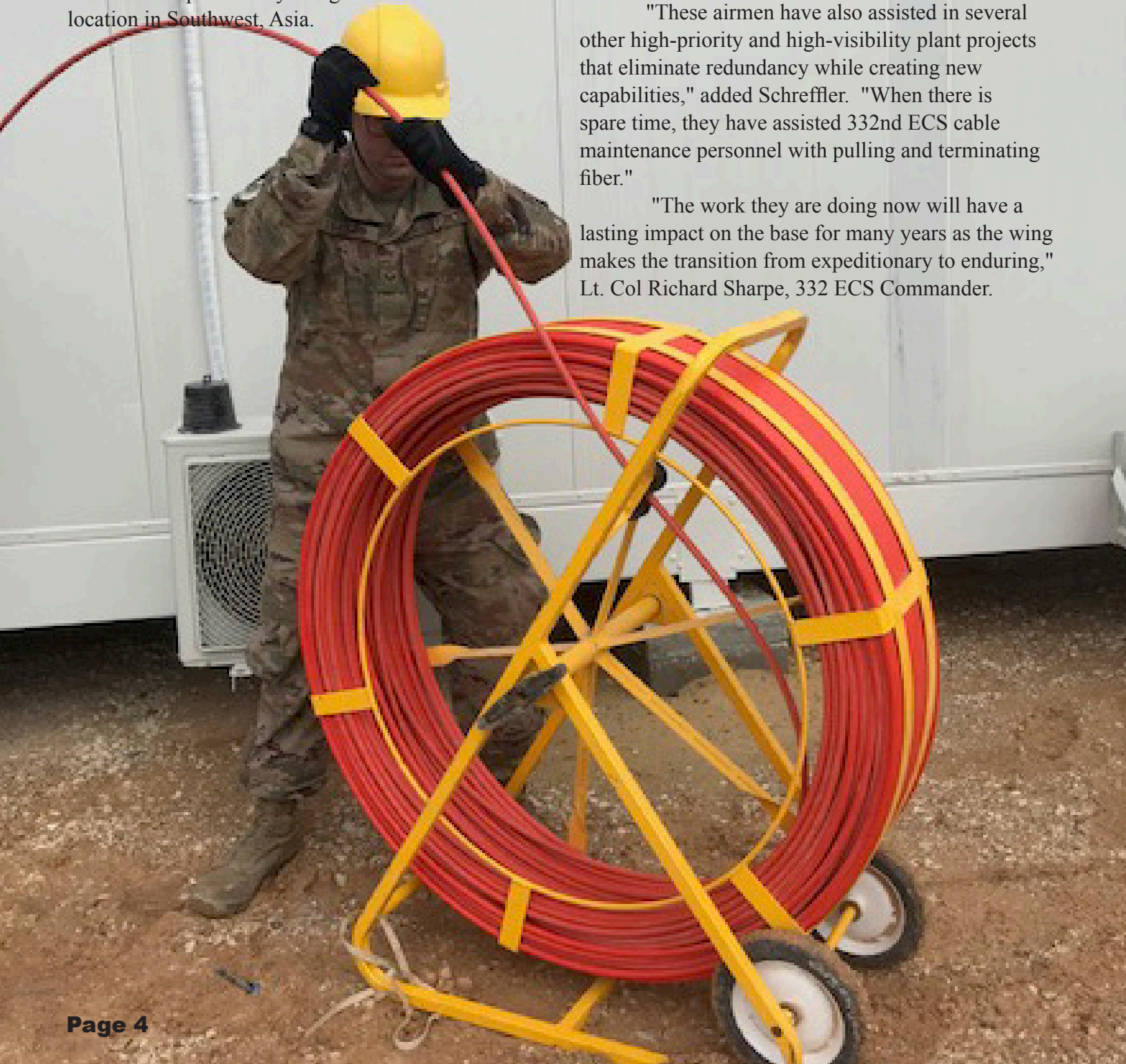
Air National Guard Airmen deployed from 217th Engineering & Installation Squadron, 183 WG at Abraham Lincoln Capital Air Port, Springfield, IL, are currently initiating communications projects in support of a new life support area (LSA) for the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at an undisclosed location in Southwest, Asia.

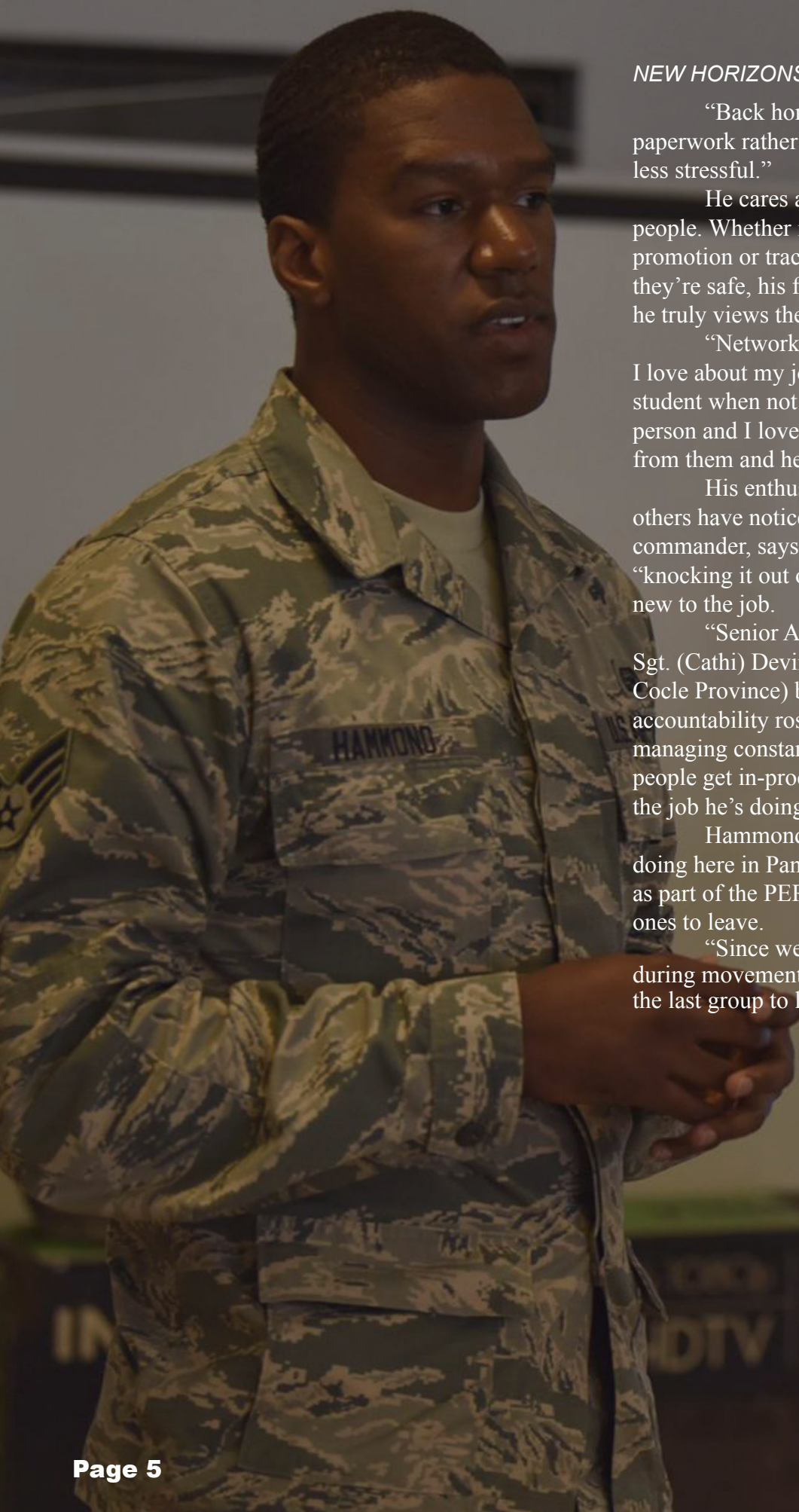
Staff Sgt. Justin Britton, Staff Sgt. Chris Schulz, Staff Sgt. Antonio Williams, and Senior Airman Evan Funk are currently assisting the 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron with installing cable inside newly constructed modular buildings.

"These modular buildings are essential in moving personnel out of tents. In addition, the install team is tasked with assisting the Engineering & Installation contractors with completing outside plant projects," said MSgt David Schreffler, CAOC A67 Project Engineer.

"These airmen have also assisted in several other high-priority and high-visibility plant projects that eliminate redundancy while creating new capabilities," added Schreffler. "When there is spare time, they have assisted 332nd ECS cable maintenance personnel with pulling and terminating fiber."

"The work they are doing now will have a lasting impact on the base for many years as the wing makes the transition from expeditionary to enduring," Lt. Col Richard Sharpe, 332 ECS Commander.





*NEW HORIZONS, from front page*

“Back home, I really focus on tracking paperwork rather than tracking people, so it’s a little less stressful.”

He cares about his job because he cares about people. Whether it’s tracking their paperwork for promotion or tracking their whereabouts to make sure they’re safe, his favorite part of the job is people and he truly views them as such, not just numbers.

“Networking and meeting people is what I love about my job,” said Hammond, a full-time student when not in uniform. “I’m definitely a people person and I love meeting new people and learning from them and hearing their stories.”

His enthusiasm shows in his work, and others have noticed. Col. Darren Ewing, 346 AEG commander, says Senior Airman Hammond is “knocking it out of the park” despite being relatively new to the job.

“Senior Airman Hammond, under Master Sgt. (Cathi) Devine’s tutelage, came out here (to Cocle Province) by himself to deal with the personnel accountability roster and is doing an outstanding job managing constantly changing time lines and helping people get in-processed. I couldn’t be happier with the job he’s doing.”

Hammond is also excited about the job he’s doing here in Panama, which is a good thing because as part of the PERSCO team he’ll be one of the last ones to leave.

“Since we’re responsible for accountability during movement of personnel, we’re always part of the last group to leave a deployed location,” he says,

### Opioids... What's the big deal?

by Capt. Ashley Whitley  
183d Medical Group

Opioid narcotics have been used for years to treat multiple different types of pain. These medications are very strong pain killers and seem to make their way into multiple peoples' lives daily. Common medications we see people using daily and on a schedule are hydrocodone and oxycodone medications. Opioid dependence affects nearly 5 million people in the United States and leads to approximately 17,000 deaths annually.

These medications are both physically and mentally addictive. Opioids stimulate the brain to trigger the reward system. The triggering of the reward system is the same mechanism that leads a dependency upon a legitimate prescription from your trusted healthcare clinician. When using any opioid the judgment can become impaired and therefore a person is not legally able to operate heavy machinery or make any importance decisions while under the influence of an opioid medication.

The struggle many people experience is the physical addiction even though the prescription has been used appropriately for the prescribed pain. Patients will often return to their prescribing clinician and want to discuss how the pain is continued or now a new pain is being experienced. This could potentially be due to a physical withdrawal from opioid medication. Other symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Autonomic symptoms - diarrhea, rhinorrhea, diaphoresis, lacrimation, shivering, nausea, emesis, piloerection
- Central nervous system arousal - sleeplessness, restlessness, tremors
- Pain - abdominal cramping, bone pains, and diffuse muscle aching
- Craving - for the medication

The use of opioids within our country has more than doubled over the past 5 years. Within this time frame the CDC released recommendations in an attempt to better educate prescribers and patients about appropriate pain management. Within the recommendation the CDC reported the use of any opioid pain medication should not be first-line treatment for pain- unless short course (5 days or less) for postsurgical pain control. First line of therapy initiated should include non-opioid pharmaceutical interventions.

This new pronounced epidemic, declared in 2017, is affecting everyone. Federal agencies are now monitoring prescription fills within the pharmacy records and identifying any person that maybe overusing or abusing these medications. If you or someone you know is suffering from addiction to opioids medications please to not hesitate to contact the Illinois Department of Public Health Helpline for addiction- 1-833-2FINDHELP.

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enrolled are encouraged to complete the course unless they are currently scheduled to attend in-residence.

“We want to ensure each level of EPME is meaningful to our Airmen and works to further develop them as professionals, warfighters and leaders,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. “As we work to evolve our EPME, we have to remain flexible, ensuring we have content and delivery models that work for everyone.”

The decision was based on feedback from the 2017 Enlisted Professional Military Education Triennial Review Committee, EPME working groups, and EPME students and instructors.

The 2018 National Defense Strategy calls on all services to evolve their PME, emphasizing intellectual leadership and military professionalism in the art and science of warfighting, deepening our knowledge of history while embracing new technology and techniques to counter competitors.

“We are working with our teammates at Air Education and Training Command and Air University

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# CONGRATULATIONS



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183 FSS

## Retiree breakfast

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 The Parkway Cafe, 2715 N. Dirksen Pkwy. Join them Tuesday, June 5th. 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!

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to enhance our EPME and ensure it meets the intent of our most senior leaders," Wright said. "We need to ensure that our EPME can evolve over time as technology changes, so to that end we're working to ensure our content and delivery evolves, too."

If Airmen choose to remain enrolled and complete the course, completion will be reflected in their personnel records along with the appropriate Community College of the Air Force credits awarded.

Additionally, the enlisted promotion policy remains the same and is not affected by this revision.

For more information, visit myPers.

Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions on the Air Force Retirees Services website.

## 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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# 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.

**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

1C371	Command & Control Op	3D153	RF Transmission Systems
1C853	Raw Systems	3D157	Cable & Antenna Systems
1C771	Airfield Management	3D173	RF Transmission Systems
2A651F	Aerospace Propulsion	3E052	Elec Pwr Production
2A771	Acft Mtl Technology	3E151	Heat/Vnt/AC/Rfg
2E052	Elec Power Production	3E551	Engineering
2F051	Fuels	3E571	Engineering
2G071	Logistics Plans	3F071	Personnel
2S051	Materiel Management	3F151	Services
2T071	Traffic Mgmt	3F571	Administration
2T171	Ground Transportation	3N075	Photojournalist
2T271	Air Trans	3P051	Security Forces
2T377	Fleet Mgmt & Analysis	4H071	Cardiopulmonary Lab
2W071	Munitions Systems	4N071	Aerospace Med Svc
3D071	Knowledge Ops Mgt	6C071	Contracting
3D151	Client Systems		

### 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