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108th SB takes command in Kuwait

Story by Staff Sgt. Michael Camacho
108th Sustainment Brigade

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – The Illinois Army National Guard’s 108th Sustainment Brigade (SB) in Chicago, took over sustainment support operations from the Ohio Army National Guard’s 371st Sustainment Brigade in a transfer of authority ceremony Feb. 18 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

“Today we honor and salute the outgoing 371st Sustainment Brigade and welcome the incoming 108th Sustainment Brigade,” said Maj. Gen. Darrell Williams, the commanding general of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command. “The 371st performed magnificently... I know for certain the 108th is ready to support; our war fighters won’t skip a beat.”

In early February, the 108th SB arrived in Kuwait and began preparing for its mission by training with the 371st SB.

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108th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Col. Drew Dukett of Roodhouse, Ill., the commander of the 108th Sustainment Brigade in Chicago, Ill., and Command Sgt. Maj. John Burns of Benld, Ill., unfurl the brigade colors at a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait Feb. 18. The 108th takes over sustainment support operations from the Ohio National Guard’s 371st Sustainment Brigade.

■ **Bland takes command of Watercraft Company** ■ **108th Soldiers receive combat service patch**

Moushon announced as Air Chief of Staff

Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Col. Clayton W. Moushon of East Peoria, Ill., has been appointed as the Illinois Air National Guard’s Chief of Staff by Brig. Gen. Daniel M. Krumrei, the Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard and will be promoted to brigadier general.



Col. Clayton Moushon
Illinois Air National
Guard Chief of Staff

“This is a great opportunity for Colonel Moushon in his service through the Illinois Air National Guard, a great day for his family and friends and an important step into the future for the Illinois National Guard,” said Krumrei.

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182nd Airlift Wing doctor deploys to Antarctica

Story by Staff Sgt. Lealan Buehrer
182nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

PEORIA, Ill. -- The commander of the 182nd Medical Group in Peoria, Ill., returned from a rare seven-week deployment to Antarctica Jan. 4, where he provided medical care at the McMurdo Station.



Photo submitted by Col. Steven Norris

Col. Steven S. Norris, 182nd Medical Group commander, stands with a LC-130 Hercules at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, Nov. 26, 2013.

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106th Cavalry celebrates a year of accomplishments

Story by Staff Sgt. Patrick DeGeorge
33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

EAST PEORIA, Ill. – Soldiers and family members of the 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry Regiment (2-106th) gathered for the seventh annual cavalry ball at the Riverfront Conference Center in East Peoria, Ill., Feb. 22.

The evening began when the Draper Armor Leadership Award was presented to Troop B, 2-106th in Dixon, Ill., an award given to top cavalry units in the nation. Capt. Michael R. Kowalski of Chicago Heights, Ill., Troop B commander, retired 1st Sgt. Eric L. Brown of Dixon, Ill., former Troop B first sergeant and 1st Sgt. Kevin T. Guyot of Lindenhurst, Ill., current Troop B first sergeant, received the award on behalf of the troop.

“The Draper, as a troop award, really embodies how far we’ve come as a two-time deployed cavalry unit,” Kowalski said.

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Guard partners with Springfield emergency responders for training

Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois National Guard conducted an active shooter exercise at Camp Lincoln, March 12 to enhance cooperation between agencies during a variety of emergency scenarios.



U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Aleah Castrejon, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Chepulis, Illinois Guard provost marshal office deputy director, briefs emergency responders at Camp Lincoln, March 12.

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Royal Bahraini Air Force members visit 183rd



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr, 183rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

(Left) Master Sgt. Carl Hasselbring of Bloomington, Ill., with the 183rd Fighter Wing, explains the importance of cleanliness during the engine rebuilding process to Capt. Ahmed Badia Alsaad (middle) and Capt. Loay Yusuf Almannaei (right) of the Royal Bahraini Air Force, during a tour of the 183rd Fighter Wing Centralized Repair Facility March 6.

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Hanging up their boots after 20+ years of service

- **Lt. Col. Tim Franklin**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Lt. Col. Scott Selzer**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Lt. Col. Jeffrey Verville**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **CW3 Michael Clemens**
Joint Force Headquarters - BEST A11
- **Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Mahr**
Joint Force Headquarters - Air
- **1st Sgt. David Ziolkowski**
Troop C, 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry
- **Master Sgt. Joe Apodaca Jr.**
HHC, 404th Manuever Enhancement Brigade
- **Senior Master Sgt. David Ashley**
182 Airlift Wing
- **Master Sgt. Eric Batty**
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
232nd Combat Support & Sustainment Brigade
- **Master Sgt. Heather Gill**
1544th Transportation Company
- **Senior Master Sgt. John Maguire**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Master Sgt. Richard Schap**
HHC, 404th Manuever Enhancement Brigade
- **Sgt. 1st Class Gwendolyn Bennett**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Sgt. 1st Class William Brewer Jr.**
Company D, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry
- **Master Sgt. Vanessa Burhorn**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Master Sgt. Joel Garrett**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Merrill**
Company A, 33rd Brigade Special Troops
Battalion
- **Master Sgt. Frederick Roe**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Wilson**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Tech. Sgt. Robert Brooks**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Staff Sgt. Patrick Paquette**
Company E, 634th Brigade Support Battalion
- **Staff Sgt. Joseph Sandage**
Company A, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry
- **Staff Sgt. James Coffey**
3637th Maintenance Company
- **Tech. Sgt. Edward Stromski**
182nd Airlift Wing

The missions before us!

The Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei, has provided us with a Strategic Vision to become The Premier Joint Force within The National Guard, Helping our Neighbors, Protecting our State and Defending our Nation. Together we must move from our current position as a "Strong Illinois National Guard to a Stronger Illinois National Guard" -- from Strong to Stronger!



Brig. Gen. William Cobetto
ATAG - Air

The Strategic Vision provided by Brig. Gen. Krumrei and the Strategic Plan developed by the Joint Staff provides a roadmap to make us a stronger National Guard. The development of the Strategic Plan has required a lot of hard work by many and it will require much more work by all.

The Strategic Plan is a living document. As such, periodic adjustments will be made to capture progress and improvements, new or updated information, and to ensure a deliberate course toward developing and sustaining a high quality, talented, stronger Illinois National Guard.

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

- The Adjutant General meets with Polish commander in Poland
- Soldiers, civilians become sexual assault victim advocates
- 33rd Military Police company holds change of command ceremony
- Desert Storm veterans honored at military museum
- 1st Battalion, 178th Soldiers earn German proficiency badges
- Peoria Rivermen host Air National Guard night

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Falling apples : a firefighter and first sergeant

"Falling Apples" is an ongoing series highlighting Air National Guard parents and children stationed together at the 182nd Airlift Wing in Peoria, Ill.

OCS Class 58-13 dining out held in Springfield Feb. 22

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Graduation set for April 6, 2014
Illinois Military Academy

1 p.m.