

183rd AIR OPERATIONS GROUP

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The Illinois Air National Guard will stand up an Air and Space Operations Center. The center is an aerospace operation planning, execution and assessment system for the Joint Forces Air Component Commander. It is the primary tool for commanding and executing aerospace power. The new unit would augment Air Force headquarters staffs in planning, coordinating, allocating, tasking and controlling air operations in a wartime theater of operations. It will be designated as the 183rd Air Operations Group. "For many of us, this will be a logical progression – going from aircraft operators at the tactical and unit level of war to planners at the operational or theater level of war," said Col. Rick Yoder, commander of the 183rd Operations Group. "We'll no longer be tasked with operating, fixing, supplying or supporting a single airplane. We'll be seeking solutions to issues that affect a whole theater of war." The conversion from the wing's flying mission to the two new missions will begin in fiscal year 2009. Both should be fully operational by fiscal year 2011. "We all feel that these are very important missions that will be well performed by the men and women of the 183rd," said Col. Michael A. Meyer, commander of the 183rd Fighter Wing.

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