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Commander recognizes WPAFB for post-windstorm support

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — Two entities with close ties to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base received special recognition Tuesday from Col. Bradley Spacy, 88th Air Base Wing and WPAFB installation commander for their work providing support to base personnel affected by the Sept. 14 windstorm.

Spacy visited The Properties at Wright Field, 5924 Hickam Drive, and Alutiiq's housing maintenance center, located on the base in Area C.

The Properties at Wright Field, the company that oversees Wright-Patterson's two privatized housing developments, made 100 vacant homes available at no cost for airmen, civilian and contractor employees who were without electric power, according to information provided by the Air Force.

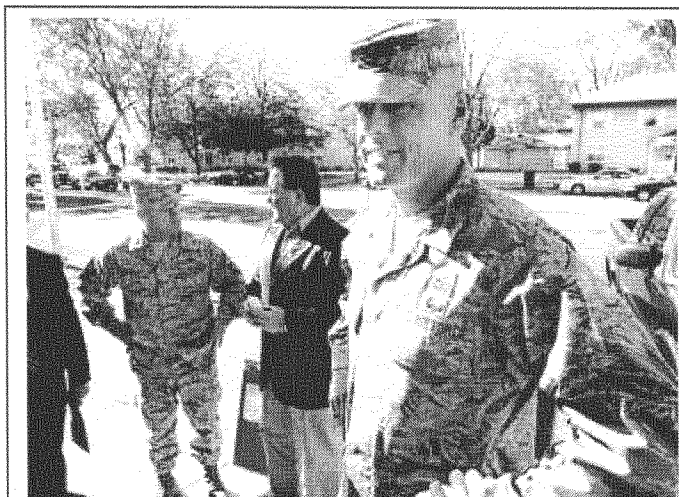
Approximately 90 families took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy electricity, hot water, air conditioning, and major appliances in the vacant Prairies at Wright Field, formerly known as Page Manor, homes. Visits ranged from a few days to a few weeks, until power at the employees' homes was restored.

Alutiiq, the contractor which provides housing maintenance services to residents in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base military family housing areas, provided rapid repairs to the homes of families on the installation who suffered damage from the wind storm. Damage ranged from broken glass windows from blowing debris to major roof collapse due to falling mature trees.

Michael Dalton, PWF property manager, said that despite approximately \$300,000 in damage and some staff among those without power, The Properties at Wright Field had power and worked to accommodate the families on a first-come, first-served basis.

The sense of community between American bases and their surrounding areas is strong everywhere Spacy has been in his military career, he said.

"I gotta tell you though, I have been all over the world, and I have never seen it like this ... The one team, one fight, everybody's truly in it together," Spacy said. "It seems sincere. It's not all just because Wright-Patt's this big employment base. It seems like just patriotic, gung-ho Americans that want to help out and I think this is a great example ..."



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Wright-Patterson AFB and 88th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Bradley Spacy arrives at The Properties at Wright Field housing facility Tuesday afternoon to personally thank management and employees for their quick response to provide housing to those who lost electric power after remnants of Hurricane Ike struck the Miami Valley.