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Sheet metal mechanics

Staff Sgt. Dustin Rinehart, 445th Maintenance Squadron, grinds a sheet metal doubler for use on a C-5 Galaxy Aug. 16. The doubler supports an antenna which is located on the top side of the aircraft.

Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock

445th AES medics train on C-17, C-130, KC-135

*By Stacy Vaughn
445th Public Affairs*

Eleven reservists assigned to the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron joined eight AES crews from across the country to participate in this year's Dissimilar Aircraft Refresher Training (DART) for Air Force Reserve Command Aeromedical Evacuation squadrons in Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 8 and 9.

This year's DART was hosted by the 934th AES, Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn. Other participants came from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Lackland AFB, Texas, and March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

The purpose of DART is to provide AES nurses and technicians a bulk of their semi-

annual training requirements by having each participant train on different aircraft not typically flown at their home stations. Aircraft participating included; two KC-135 Stratotankers from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., and Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; one C-17 Globemaster III from Dover AFB, Del., and one C-130 Hercules from Peterson AFB, Colo.

"Each squadron has a primary aircraft that they fly on. For us, it's the C-130. For our job, we have to be qualified to fly on three different airframes," 2nd Lt. Katie Spellman, 445th AES flight nurse, said.

The role of an AES is to be ready to fill the need when events like natural disasters,

war or routine medical transportation by air is required. Each AES crew carries with them the necessary equipment to turn any cargo aircraft in the Air Force inventory into a flying ambulance almost instantly. DART allows the crews to maintain this readiness.

Lieutenant Spellman said the training involved taking the various AES participants on board their selected aircraft and giving them hands-on instruction into their capabilities, training on different configurations, how to load different patient loads and egress or evacuation procedures. Then it was time for each crew to fly their mission on their

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Are you ready for the UCI?

By Col. Stephen D. Goeman
445AW/CC

By the time you read this, our unit compliance inspection will be less than 35 days away. Please remember this is our chance to show the inspector general we are the Wright Team, with the RIGHT people, RIGHT now.

Our functional experts have been thoroughly reviewing programs with their monitors to make sure everything is up to date and consistent across all areas. Our units have been through a series of review boards to take a candid look at their programs.

Every Airman is expected to make a positive contribution that will ensure success.

Please take the few remaining days to make sure you look sharp, that your area looks sharp,



your programs look sharp, and that you have a positive attitude. This is a compliance inspection and not a staff assistance visit. Each and every echelon of this wing must be prepared to show the IG your superior programs.

The more than 40 inspectors from higher headquarters are here to judge our compliance. Be knowledgeable, decisive, and proud of those programs you present to the IG.

Individual Airmen, make sure you know who your unit monitors are for each program. Review the UCI newsletters and crosstell from other units one last time. Ask the

questions now if you are unclear in any area. The effort so far has been tremendous, keep up the energy level and let's show the IG the superior accomplishments of this great Wing!

445 ASTS named Command Aeromed Staging Squadron

The 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron was selected as the Air Force Reserve Command 2008 Outstanding Aeromedical Staging Squadron (250 and 150 bed) Aug. 13.

The unit was noted for providing 20 percent of the total Emergency Medical Technician training in the Air Force Reserve for 2008, representing 65 units from the Air Force, Army, Navy and the Department of Defense.

The 445 ASTS pioneered unique training affiliations with other federal agencies and civilian healthcare facilities to promote better training opportunities and environments. A one-of-a-kind training accord with the National Park Service allowed 40 EMT basic members to

train with and support Emergency Medical Services in the Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon. EMTs from the unit worked more than 1,700 hours and provided the National Park Service with 1,485 on-call hours during annual tours.

In addition to providing training for its members and other reserve members, the ASTS

deployed approximately 40 members to

support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan, Suriname, Germany and various locations throughout the United States.



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Chaplain reflects on fond memories

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Dickens
445th Airlift Wing Chaplain

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he simply says, "I thank my God for all my memories of you." As I sit in front of my computer and write my last article for the Buckeye Flyer, I feel like the Apostle Paul must have felt. For those of you who have not heard, I will be moving to Tenth Air Force in November. I am looking forward to the new challenge, but I am a little apprehensive because the 445th is all I know. Thirteen and a half years ago I was sworn into the Air Force Reserve in front of the flag outside Col Goeman's office. Since then, I've seen many people come and go. In fact, there are only two people on the headquarters staff that were here when I came.

I am amazed at what I have been able to witness as a member of this unit. The long mobilizations beginning in 2001, the C-141 stage in 2003, the transition from the C-141 to the C-5 and the retirement of tail number 177, the numerous awards and trophies won by squadrons and individuals, several SAVs, UCIs, and ORIs, etc., etc.

As the men and women of the 445th, you have taught me so much about serving this country. I have flown with some of you (AES, 89th and the old 356th); I've deployed to the AOR with some of



Chaplain Bill Dickens travels in a convoy from Nav-star, Kuwait to Camp Bucca, Iraq during his 2005 deployment. He is being assigned to 10th Air Force after more than 13 years of service with the 445th Airlift Wing.



Courtesy photos

Chaplain Bill Dickens preaches at an Easter Sunrise Service at Forward Operating Base Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq in 2007. Chaplain Dickens who leaves the unit in November after more than 13 years was recognized as the Reserve Officer Association's Chaplain of the Year for 2008. Chaplain Dickens and the 445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Staff received numerous honors and recognition during his tenure with the 445th to include the Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Chaplain Corps Program for 2007 – 2008; an excellent rating during the unit's operational readiness inspection; and special recognition during the unit staff assistance visit.

you (CES and SFS); I've endured CBRNE training and field exercises with most of you. I've had the privilege to perform the weddings of several unit members and the honor to participate in the funerals of family members and unit members. I've been "gently" corrected by some of you when I made a mistake. And many of you have been very generous with your words of encouragement. I have, ALWAYS been proud to say that I was part of the 445th Airlift Wing.

Regarding being "gently" corrected, two words of advice: first, when the wing commander puts you on an airplane and sends you on a mission and the plane breaks, don't get off the airplane, buy a commercial ticket with your government travel card and come home on a commercial flight. This type of "outside the box" thinking does not please the leadership.

Second, when flying into the AOR at night, under blackout conditions, make sure the flash on your camera is off before you take a picture of an oil fire in the desert. (Bright flashes in dark cockpits irritate pilots.)

You have a good chapel staff. Chaplain Kohlman, Tech. Sgt. Reisinger, Staff Sgt. Bratka, and Senior Airman Morris will continue to serve you well. You will enjoy the ministries of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leist, the new wing chaplain, and Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Simpson, who will be coming on board soon.

I look forward to seeing what the 445th will do in the future and I will take great pride knowing that I was once part of the best wing in the Air Force Reserve! Thank you for the wonderful memories and I hope our paths cross again someday. May God Bless you all.

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designated aircraft followed by rotating to a different airframe.

Each mission lasted approximately two hours and had simulated patients the crews ran medical emergency training procedures on. Burn victims, cardiac arrests and abdominal wounds were some of the different scenarios each crew experienced during the training.

“We had various scenarios that we went through to help us hone in on our skills. One of our simulated patients we were transporting had an abdominal wound and then she went into cardiac arrest,” Lieutenant Spellman said. “It was very realistic,” she added.

A comment shared by the 445th AES reservists was techniques they picked up from other AES crews that they can use and take back with them.

“It was fantastic to be able to mingle with aeromedical crews from other units to see the



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Katie Spellman

Airman 1st Class Nickolas Richards, far left, and Senior Airman Eddie Mulkey, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron medical technicians, act as patients on a training mission aboard a C-17 Globemaster III during Dissimilar Aircraft Refresher Training Aug. 8.

similarities and the differences in which we operate before loading the patients on the aircraft. It was also refreshing to know that we are all on the same page once the patients are involved,” Tech. Sgt. Keith Beckerich, 445th AES technician, said.

Each reservist from the 445th AES who participated in DART

said the training they received was very realistic and worth going through.

“This was a great opportunity and the Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing would greatly benefit if we could host one of these events in the near future,” Master Sgt. Johnny Gornall, 445th AES technician, said.

ABC helps Airman find family

A film crew tapes Senior Master Sgt. Michael West, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, for a scene with Ms. Lisa Joyner, host of ABC’s new show, “Find My Family,” in front of a C-5 Galaxy. The show is a documentary series featuring reunions of those who have been separated and explores the issues involved when people separate and the lengths some go to reunite, find answers, and discover lost family. The scene taped at the 445th Airlift Wing featured a lieutenant from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., who was reunited with his long-lost sister in Ohio. The film crew wanted to use an Air Force base near the sister’s residence. The show will air this fall.



Air Force photo/Maj. Jose A. Carreras



APS, Hickam join forces for mission, training

By Capt. Rodney McNany
445th Public Affairs

The sky was overcast with intermittent rain showers, but that wouldn't dampen the spirits of 26 87th Aerial Port Squadron members. Nor could the thought of a nine-hour flight in the cargo compartment of a C-17 Globemaster III weaken their resolve. They were headed for the land of Kona coffee, the luau, and the Hukilau dance. They were headed for Hawaii!

But for this group of Airmen heading west to the Pacific paradise, sun-bathing and surfing were not on their minds. These folks were on a mission. The team departed Wright-Patterson Air Force Base July 25 for a 15-day annual tour to support the 735th Air Mobility Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base on the Island of Oahu.

The team non-commissioned officer-in-charge Senior Master Sgt. Jack Lake indicated that while they were building in a day off for everybody and were hopeful they could all take part in a luau, no promises were made.

"Everybody will have some time off, but we are here to support the mission of the 735th and to receive significant upgrade training," said Sergeant Lake.

"A trip like this, while it may sound extravagant on the surface, is extremely important to our aerial porters because of the diversity of training they will receive," said Maj. Michael Egan, 87th APS Officer-in-Charge of the tour. "While we do a great job of keeping our folks proficient, the reality is Wright-Patterson is not a cargo or passenger hub, and on-the-job training is hard to come by. Hickam is a busy base and we will get our hands dirty!"

According to Capt. Margaret Dudley, 735th APS OIC, the base averages 169 missions a week, equating to 2,153 passengers and 442 tons of cargo.

"We handle the most passengers in the Pacific," said



Air Force photo/Senior Airman Robert Nelson

Senior Airman Russ Hernandez, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, flips a set of rollers on a C-17 Globemaster III in preparation for off-loading vehicles from the aircraft at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, while on their annual tour July 25 to Aug. 8.

Captain Dudley. "We operate in a total force environment with 60 percent of our career field backfilled by reservists."

"Part of what makes the trip to Hickam unique on the freight side is the opportunity to work with cargo that requires special handling," said Sergeant Lake. "Stuff that is rarely seen at Wright-Patt like hazardous cargo, ammunition, human remains, outside cargo, blood, and items that require refrigeration. This freight terminal handles it all."

Hickam Air Force Base is a major hub for the Pacific region with aircraft arriving or departing daily for Japan, Korea, Guam, the Philippine islands, Alaska, and the continental United States. With a region that supports U.S. forces in these countries as well as the U.S. Army's Pacific Command, 14th Coast Guard district, Pacific Air Force, the Marine Forces Pacific and the Pacific Fleet, there is bound to be a lot of space available traffic.

Staff Sgt. Diane Walborn had only one week of passenger gate training prior to the tour. "This (on-the-job training) is great.... I'm working the swing shift so I get to see a lot of passengers. This is really where the book work is put into practice," she said.

"While I'm here I'm spending a lot of time getting caught up on (computer based training) and it's pretty cool to go from the 'books' to the actual job and do it," echoed Senior Airman Ryan Henderson. "Not only that but (Hickam AFB) has newer equipment, X-ray machines, magnetometers, gates and passenger manifests."

Sergeant Lake summed it up this way: "All told, we will get folks signed off on a lot of 623 items. We will get lots of stick time. And best of all, we will get to support our fellow blue suitors, enjoy some time off, or just get caught up on the little things that fall through the cracks when you're stretched thin."

Military children go to Operation Purple Camp

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Public Affairs

Campers participating in the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple Camp at 4-H Camp Graham, Clarkesville, Ohio, descended upon the wing July 13-14 and July 20-21 to get a hands-on experience of what the wing offers and the opportunity to get to know other kids who come from a military background.

Operation Purple Camp is a free, week-long, overnight camp open to military children ages 7-17. The program, which began in 2004, aims to help military youth experience carefree fun while also learning coping skills to deal with deployment-related stress and fostering relationships with other children who know what they are going through.

Master Sgt. Patricia Wortham and Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Weber, both from the 445th Airmen and Family Readiness Center, coordinated the wing's involvement by working with different units to set up a variety of activities. The first week had 50 campers visiting the wing. With 130 campers the second week, the group was divided in half—one half visiting the wing and the other half visiting the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

The visit included demonstrations at the aircrew flight equipment shop and security forces, a visit to the base honor guard facility, a tour of the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron's Emergency Medical Technician school house, and a tour of the C-5 Galaxy aircraft.

"The kids had a great time at the EMT school house. They were

able to splint, bandage and immobilize themselves. Some of the kids had the opportunity to suture and place IV's in mannequins," Master Sgt. Bethany Frazier, 445th AST Emergency Medical Service coordinator, said. Some of the youths told her that they are planning a career in the medical field and were excited to get the opportunity to see the equipment first hand. "I can't wait to do it again next year," she added.

Senior Master Sgt. Allan Blackwell, 445th Operations Group, had two daughters participating in the program. "Operation Purple Camp is a good program. My two daughters, Leanne and Maddison, have participated every year since the first camp started," Sergeant Blackwell said.

"I love the program. My dad talks about his job all the time and it was great to tour the C-5 and see what he does," Maddison said.

Sergeant Weber's daughter, Peyton, was among the campers who could share her experiences with the other kids about deployments and moving from base to base. "The program's been fun. I loved touring the C-5 because it's interesting to see that it can hold so much stuff!" Peyton said.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Pennington, 445th Security Forces, has been involved with the program for five years and says he gets 100 percent participation from the youths in



Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

Tech. Sgt. Michael Pennington, 445th Security Forces Squadron, allows a youth participating in Operation Purple Camp to try on night vision goggles during a hands-on demonstration with the SFS.

the different security forces activities he sets up. "I've been doing this ever since the program started and I enjoy it every time. I'm retiring soon and I'm going to miss it," Sergeant Pennington said.

Sergeant Wortham said the overall experience the children had was memorable.

"The campers were extremely pleased, and impressed by the demonstrations of what and how we perform our duties here at the 445th. During the closing camp ceremony, the Operation Purple Camp staff expressed their sincere appreciation of the support that the 445th AW provided to the campers," Sergeant Wortham said.



News Briefs

Legal Office Hours

Legal assistance is available from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays and 9 to 11 a.m. Sundays during each unit training assembly.

Commander's Call

Commander's Call will be held at 7:30 Sept. 13 and 27 at the base theater.

Softball Challenge

The AFSA active duty vs. reserve softball challenge, which was rescheduled due to rain in July, is slated for Sept. 12. The exhibition game is from 6 to 7 p.m. The bragging rights game begins at 7 p.m. Come out and support the reserve team!

Hydration Station Volunteers

The 445th Airlift Wing will man a hydration station during the Air Force Marathon Sept. 19. Airmen interested in supporting the Hawaiian-themed water stop should contact Staff Sgt. Cassandra Bartlett or register as a volunteer at www.usafmarathon.com by selecting "Hydration Station D-445th Airlift Wing" on the electronic volunteer registration form.

The Inspector General Says...

Air Force members must submit Inspector General (IG) complaints within 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong. IG complaints not reported within 60 days will normally be dismissed unless the member is able to demonstrate he/she was unable to meet the time requirements due to unforeseen, or extraordinary, circumstances and such circumstances justify the delay.

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Awards

Congratulations to the following members who recently earned an award.

Meritorious Service Medal

TSgt Michael A. Bagwell, 87 APS
MSgt Wesley A. Best, MXS
Lt Col David B. Deluca, 89 AS
Lt Col David E. Franklin, AW
MSgt John M. Guillaum, MXG
MSgt Dannie L. Johnson, 87 APS
TSgt Phillip W. Linville, OSS
MSgt Richard E. Little II, ALCF
SMSgt Raymond A. Markus Jr., MXS
MSgt John R. McDermott, AMXS
Lt Col Philip A. Pierce Jr., 89 AS
CMS Ronald P. Thomas, 87 APS
TSgt Kimberly J. Weber, MSF
SMSgt Robert M. Welshhans Jr., 89 AS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Michael C. Egan, LRS
MSgt Stefanie M. Hauck, LRS
TSgt Percy E. Johnson, ASTS
Capt Marie L. Smith, ASTS
TSgt John M. White Jr., AMDS
TSgt Kerrie E. Yeager, LRS

Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Cassandra D. Bartlett, MXG
SSgt Michael P. Benzing, AMXS
TSgt Larry R. Combs, ASTS
SSgt Erin L. Conner, LRS
MSgt Alicia R. Lavender, MXG
Maj Kathleen F. Stierwalt, ASTS
MSgt Roland H. Stinnette, MOF

Promotions

Congratulations to the following reservists recently promoted to the rank indicated.

Airman

Donald Carelock, CES
Adam Miller, SFS

Airman First Class

Joshua Buck, MSF
Michael Fetherolf, CES
Brandon Miller, SFS
Rita O'Connor, SFS



Senior Airman

Eric Greiner, SFS
Lauren Piscopo, MSF
Eddie Sanchez, AMDS



Staff Sergeant

Robert Corn, AES
James Harris, AMXS
Nicholas Klepper, MOF
Jacob Nelson, AMXS
Clifton Pierce, AMXS
Robert Rains, 89 AS
Christopher Taylor, CES
Zacharias Thorpe, CES



Technical Sergeant

Jarrod Applegate, SFS
Bradley Gibson, AMXS
Jason Gumm, AMXS
Joseph Holbrook, MOF
Deirdre Kimbrough, ASTS
Ashley McIlhargie, AMDS
Bradley Rossignol, AMXS
Robin Spurlock, MOF



Master Sergeant

Jason Cox, MXS
Scott Stein, AMXS
John Telford, AMDS



Senior Master Sergeant

Richard Burkheiser, MXS

Newcomers

Welcome to the following reservists recently assigned to the 445 AW.

Capt Gregory Handley, MSF
TSgt Rickey Brooks, MXS
TSgt Jason Hutson, AMXS
SSgt Michael Flaata, AES
SSgt James Gassler, AMXS
SSgt David Starr, CES
SSgt Julie Weckerlein, AW
SSgt Eric Zimmerman, AMXS
SrA Chad Engman, CES
SrA Eric Halvorson, AES
SrA Jeremiah Hess, AMXS
SrA Jack Ingram, AMDS
SrA Cassie Washington, OSS
A1C Benjamin Anspaugh, AMXS
A1C John Johnson, MXS
A1C Luke Nath, AES
A1C Christopher Spencer, 87 APS
Amn Chambrell Bond, AMDS
AB Ibrahim Barry, LRS



On the Web

Check out the 445th Airlift Wing Web site for the following photos and stories.

www.445aw.afrc.af.mil



445th SFS homecoming



Maintenance crews keep C-5 flying



C-5 mission video



LRS at RAF Mildenhall video



Warfighter training center exercise



Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing participated in an exercise Aug. 8 and 9 at the base's warfighter training center. The exercise tested Airmen readiness. Airman position M-8 paper to prepare for possible chemical attack (top left); Staff Sgt Lisa Kontir, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, practices decontamination procedures (above); Senior Airman Matthew McDonald, 445th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate office, has help suiting up in preparation for a possible attack (left).



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