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## 445 CES reservists participate in Silver Flag

*By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

More than 60 reservists from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in the Silver Flag 2010 exercise at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Silver Flag provides contingency training where combat support teams from various career fields can train, interact and conduct training operations in a realistic environment.

Senior Master Sgt. Janet Wescott, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, attended the training and said that besides civil engineers, the various career fields in attendance included services, finance, communications,



Courtesy Photo

**Reservists from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron fill a crater created on the runway by an explosion during a training exercise as part of Silver Flag 2010.**

contracting and personnel.

“We were there to improve combat leadership skills and to receive the necessary training to open, establish and sustain a forward operating base,” Sergeant

Wescott said.

To have the sense of a real deployment, Sergeant Wescott said everyone was issued a “fake”

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## 445th Airlift Wing HRDC wins McNeil Award

*By Airman Santana Austin  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

The 445th Airlift Wing Human Resources Development Council won the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Award for HRDC Leadership Excellence Oct. 27 during the HRDC conference in Atlanta, Ga.

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Award, awarded biannually, is based on McNeil’s leadership during a civil rights movement in 1960. McNeil led four men known as the ‘Greensboro Four’ in a sit-in at a whites-only lunch counter at Woolworth’s.

The award is given to a wing that symbolizes leadership excellence, as well as hard work and determination. “It was well-deserved,” said Col. Steven D. Johnson, Vice Commander of the 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. “I wasn’t surprised that

we won. The troops put in a lot of hard work.” The HRDC conference is hosted by the Air Force Reserve Command HRDC and is used to make recommendations to the Chief of Air Force Reserve on all matters pertaining to human resources within the command.

Wing members attending the conference brought a display that highlighted the accomplishments and outreach programs. Some of the wing’s accomplishments during the October 2008 to September 2010 award period included supporting an annual picnic for residents of the Dayton

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# Nominations sought for annual awards banquet

The 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Annual Awards Banquet slated for Jan. 8 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force will honor spouses, youth, chiefs, and annual award winners.

Any Airmen (E-1 through O-6) or civilian can nominate their spouse, youth or chief, or those of a co-worker for these awards.

Nominations should be submitted to Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski at [peri.rogowski@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:peri.rogowski@wpafb.af.mil) no later than Saturday, December 11 of the Gray unit training assembly.

In addition to the nomination information, please submit a photograph to be used in the program. If you need help writing the nomination, please contact the public affairs office.

Please come out and support your unit's nominees for Airman, non-commissioned officer, senior NCO, company grade officer, first sergeant, honor guard member, civilian, chief, spouse and youth of the year.

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The cost of the event is \$30 for

E-7 and above; \$27 for E-6 and below; \$14 for children 6-12; and kids 5 and under are free. The dress for the event is mess dress/semi-formal for military members and semi-formal for civilians.

The evening will feature performances by the Air Force Band of Flight Concert Band and Systems Go.

Please R.s.v.p. for the banquet at: <https://invitations.afit.edu/Belna/anim.cfm>

For more information, contact the public affairs office at 257-5784.

The *Buckeye Flyer* staff would like to wish you and your family a safe holiday season!

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## 445th PDS, a success

By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More than 280 military members and civilians from all branches of service participated in the first 445th Airlift Wing Professional Development Seminar Nov. 8 and 9.

"These two days were amazing and I hope everyone took something away that they can use in their careers; military or civilian," Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing command chief. "We've learned a lot from this event and we're looking at the feedback we've received so that we can make the next PDS even more successful."

The two-day event was filled with career enlightening information on fitness, temperament indicators, commanders and Airmen's panel, and mo-

tivational speakers.

Attendees also had the opportunity to attend officer, enlisted and civilian breakout sessions. Career mapping, resume building and financial planning strategies were also discussed.

"This has been a great conference. My favorite part was Tina Durkin because she really was an inspiration. It was so interesting to hear her story about being a reservist and keeping fit. It motivated me to be fit and know the importance of fitness," said Master Sgt. Debra Foster, 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

"I really enjoyed the guest speakers at the conference. There was quite a variety and I really enjoyed what they had to

say," Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Williamson, 87th Aerial Port, said.

Chief Rogowski said the planning for the conference started November 2009. Now that the first PDS is over, the team is starting to work on the next PDS.

One of the members on the planning committee enjoyed his experience of working with a great team.

"This was an outstanding opportunity to be involved with the planning committee. It gave me the opportunity to work alongside a great group of individuals from a variety of ranks plus the experience has helped me grow as a new NCO," Staff Sergeant Eddie Mulkey, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, said.



# Wing commander sends holiday greetings

By Col. Stephen D. Goeman  
Commander of the 445th Airlift Wing

As this year comes to a close, I would like to personally thank the more than 2,000 Airmen and civilians of the 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing for your unprecedented performance in the year we just completed.



superb accomplishments of this wing are due to one and only one thing; your never ending record of volunteerism. The mobilization in support of the Afghan surge and the many volunteer Air and Space Expeditionary Force tours completed by our Airmen was something that I could never have envisioned. It speaks volumes about your sense of mission coupled with your strong commitment to the extended family we call the Buckeye Wing.

The non-stop pace of 2010 was one for the history books. The

I wish that we could now return to an era of “normalcy” in 2011,

but it appears that the upcoming year will be even more challenging as we commence the transition to the C-17.

I encourage you to enjoy the Holiday Season and recharge your batteries for the upcoming challenges ahead. I have no crystal ball or insider information, but I fully expect that 2011 will be one of those banner years that will define your military career.

Have a most enjoyable Holiday Season with your friends and family as we all prepare to welcome in the New Year.

# Embrace change for betterment of all

By Lt. Col. Michael Bending  
89th Airlift Squadron

Change... Someone once said that the only thing that is constant is change. If you hadn't noticed, the Air Force and the U. S. military are going through a period of dramatic change.

We are rapidly moving away from the old “Cold War” force structure, the one which absolutely overwhelmed our enemies’ defenses and spawned the term “Shock and Awe,” to a meaner, leaner, more agile force structure capable of historically unprecedented rapid response and surgical precision.

UAVs, IEDs, and MRAPs and a host of other TLAs (three letter acronyms) have been added to our lexicon (OK... MRAP has four letters). We're now all “Expeditionary” and in “buckets” and the AF Reserve has transitioned from a “Strategic Reserve” to a “Ready Reserve.”

Since 2003, the 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing has mobilized twice, converted from C-141s to C-5s and is now converting to C-17s. During OEF/OIF, we transported more than 20,000 patients out of the AOR. We've had deployments, OREs, ORIs, UCIs, ASEVs and a multitude of other “I”s.

Whew!!!! On top of all of this, they throw in the



“latest and greatest” fitness testing! I know...take a deep breath, let your heart rate and blood pressure return to normal then continue reading! The average age of a reservist is quite a bit older than that of our active-duty counterparts. But our gray hair and “cheaters” are a testament to our invaluable experience, seasoned judgment and hard-earned job knowledge and not an indication on our capability.

Unfortunately, the physical demands of today's Air Force are at an all-time high... just ask anyone who suffered through trying to get enough air through that straw that we call a gas mask while running around launching and recovering aircraft or defending the base during a chemical attack.

Professionally, being physically fit is more important than ever. It's not an option...the mission demands it! Personally, being physically fit enhances your quality of life and allows you to enjoy better quality time with your family, spouse and friends. Fitness should be a lifestyle and not just something you “cram” for twice a year.

This is “change” that we should all embrace and use for our own betterment. Don't think of the Fit Test in the negative... think of it as just another opportunity to excel, personally and professionally, and as a measuring device to mark your improvement toward good health and a better quality of life.





Capt. Rodney McNany

**Senior Airman Stephanie Blevins and Staff Sgt. Rachael Bieniecki, both from the 445th Operational Support Squadron, pick up FOD during a base-wide FOD walk Nov. 10.**

## 445 AW participates in base-wide FOD walk

*By Capt. Rodney McNany  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Forty people from the 445th Airlift Wing joined more than 150 men and women from the base for a base-wide FOD (foreign object debris) walk across the main 12,000 foot by 300 foot runway Nov. 10 in an effort to find any debris that could potentially cause damage to aircraft flying into and out of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

While preventing damage to aircraft, especially in this economic environment, is important, potentially saving lives is paramount. FOD inspections are common in an aircraft operational environment. The FOD walk that took place was anything but routine.

“I’ve been here for 29 years and we’ve never done a close inspection FOD walk on the runway in that time,” Mr. Gary Sebring, 88th Operation Support Squadron, Base Operations, said.

Mr. Louis Dann, 88th Air Base Wing FOD manager since 2004, concurred that he’s never conducted a FOD walk on the main runway either and was amazed at the turnout.

“We had a huge day. The weather was phenomenal and the turnout was terrific,” Mr. Dann said.

The participants were broken into two groups. Working at opposite ends and moving towards the center of the runway, FOD walkers picked up everything from loose concrete, rubber sealer, and miscellaneous

“stuff”. When the last participant emptied their trash bag of FOD, it was determined that more 440 pounds of FOD was found that afternoon.

Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, was pleased with the partnership and the reputation the wing is building as a Team Wright-Patt player.

“We had folks from many different work centers who participated in the FOD walk,” Colonel Goeman said.

Backing that sentiment, Mr. Dann said, “We get great support and coordination from the reserve side of the field and that goes a long way in promoting a safe environment for all of us.”

For Senior Airman Dennis Kimble, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the opportunity allowed him to see a different side of his work environment than he’s used to. “I see the runway from my office every day. Now I can say I’ve walked out there,” Airman Kimble said.

“Safety doesn’t take a holiday and it knows no privilege, it really impacts everybody,” said Lt. Col. Bill Barton, 445 AW safety officer.

“While this may be a first, we certainly hope it’s not the last partnered FOD walk,” he added.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

**Master Sgt. John Koehli, 445th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, makes a presentation about Veterans Day on Nov. 11 to a group of 4th and 5th graders at Alton Darby Creek Elementary School in Hilliard, Ohio while Master Sgt. Denise Williams, 445th Airlift Wing first sergeant, looks on. Sergeant Williams is a teacher at the elementary school.**



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M-16 that they had to carry with them at all times. On the day of the exercise, CES reservists were transported to the deployed location in a convoy. During the convoy the group traveled through simulated villages where the cadre was waiting to ambush the convoy and fire on the group, making the scenario very realistic.

“Throughout the day we were given various scenarios and reacted as if it were a real situation. There were attacks where we lost members and services’ mortuary affairs had to “process” the remains,” Sergeant Wescott said.

Everyone was required to perform tasks they would be required to do in a real deployed situation, to include; erecting large tents for various uses, repairing the runway from an explosion so aircraft could land, purifying the water supply, setting up the mobile aircraft arresting system, and hooking up power to the deployed location.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Rearick, 445th CES chief of operations, participated in Silver



Courtesy Photo

**Airman 1st Class Matthew Monk and Staff Sgt. Eugene Renney, both from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, connect sections of water lines for the base water distribution system during Silver Flag 2010.**

Flag and reflected on one of the many tasks his Airmen performed, which included filling a crater created on the runway by an explosion during one of the training scenarios.

“We were prepared for this scenario. We placed materials in the crater and then compacted the materials until level with the old pavement. The repair was

then covered with a fiberglass FOD cover that is anchored to the concrete,” Chief Rearick said.

Sergeant Wescott reiterated the importance of and the lessons learned during Silver Flag.

“This was a very realistic exercise and a real learning experience. For one thing, services needed to erect the tent and we needed to supply them with power and air conditioning so they could then begin cooking our lunch. We didn’t eat until this was done,” Sergeant Wescott said.

All in all, the training was a success and allowed the reservists to gain a first-hand experience

of working in a deployed location.

“The training was fantastic. It was a great experience,” Chief Rearick said.

Sergeant Wescott went on to say, “The camaraderie built during this training was absolutely awesome! We were able to watch our young Airmen learn and grow. Members had opportunities to step up and lead.”

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Toys for Tots; the Dayton Airshow; local military appreciation days; annual Employer Appreciation Days; and various C-5 Galaxy tours for community and school groups. “I’m very proud of the men and women of our wing. This is such an accomplishment to walk away with this award. The 445th consistently promotes diversity, harmony, and growth of all its Airmen. Our Human Resources Development Council spearheads this effort and successfully enables our people to meet their

personal and professional goals while meeting the call of the nation,” said Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

The wing HRDC meets each month and focuses on four important aspects of human resources development; recruiting, retention, mentoring and outreach. The council concentrates on problems and areas that need attention in the wing and then works to solve those problems. *(Stacy Vaughn contributed to this story)*



## Honor Guard members selected for AFRC awards

Master Sgt. Mark C. Lyle, superintendent of the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base honor guard, has been selected as the 2010 Air Force Reserve Command Program Manager of the year (his fifth consecutive year) and Tech. Sgt. Shawn McKellop, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron and member of the honor guard, has been selected as the 2010 Air Force Reserve Command Honor Guard member of the year.



Sergeant Lyle's accomplishments include the oversight of more than 125 active duty Airmen assigned to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard. His honor guard teams traveled 540,000 miles; performed 2,237 funerals and 271 color guard events. Sergeant Lyle managed \$1.25M in assets-\$120K fleet of seven vehicles. He also initiated more than 78 Achievement Medals, recognizing the deserving service of the honor guard members.

Tech. Sgt. McKellop's accomplishments include the performance of liaison duties for 14 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command units. He provided expert oversight for acquisition of Military Personnel Appropriation days, ensuring 100% payment disbursement to honor guard members. Sergeant McKellop personally performed 135 honor guard details and on 16 separate occasions, he performed multiple details in one day.

## SPOTLIGHT



### Rank/Name

Staff Sgt. Rachel Bieniecki

### Unit

445th Operations Support Squadron

### Duty Title

Knowledge Operations Manager Craftsmen

### Hometown

Lockport, NY

### Civilian Job

Recently separated from active duty at WPAFB as a personnelist in Aeronautical Systems Center. Currently on active duty orders with 445th Operations Support Squadron

### Education

Completing a degree in sports business and health management

### Career Goal

To run a health/gym center with my sister

### Hobbies

Working out, spending time with friends, and watching football

### What do you like about working at the 445th?

The people I work with!

### Why did you join the Air Force?

To do something different than everybody else

## Wing announces senior NCO of the quarter

**Master Sgt. Darrell Mellars** is the 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Senior Non-commissioned officer of the quarter. Sergeant Mellars is an avionics craftsman/element chief for the 445<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. As supervisor of C-5 maintenance production during Afghan surge, the unit maintained more than a 50 percent mission capable rate and flew 578 hours. He streamed the awards and



decorations program resulting in 26 medals presentations.

Sergeant Mellars augmented the wing's C-17 conversion process by establishing a standardized master training plan and identifying personnel to attend C-17 training school. Sergeant Mellars excelled while a full-time student pursuing an accounting degree, earning a 3.8 GPA. He also completed his Community College of the Air Force degree in avionics systems technology.

# News Briefs

## Awards

### Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Sean Fowler, MXS  
 SSgt Wolfgang Krenzer, AES  
 SrA Christopher Echols, MXS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

1Lt Jason Vance, 87 APS  
 MSgt Fredrick Hageman III, AES  
 MSgt Paula Oliveri, AES  
 TSgt Angela Beall, SVF  
 TSgt Marion King, SVF  
 TSgt Pamela Oswald, 87 APS  
 TSgt Dale Quigley, CES  
 TSgt Siam Siripavaket, SFS

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Joseph Savage Jr., LRS  
 Maj Jason Ortiz, 87 APS  
 SMSgt Ronald Dale, 87 APS  
 SMSgt Thomas Kanoza, 87 APS  
 SMSgt Helen Redwine-Smith, 87 APS  
 SMSgt Barry Storer, 87 APS  
 SMSgt Richard Warren, 87 APS  
 MSgt Robin Barrow, 89 AS  
 MSgt Tracy Boorum, SVF  
 MSgt Timothy Davis, 89 AS  
 MSgt Dale Fletcher, 89 AS  
 MSgt Donald Floyd, 87 APS  
 MSgt Gloria Johnson, ASTS  
 MSgt Joseph Kalmar, 87 APS

MSgt Victor Lauterbach, 87 APS  
 MSgt Tina McNamara, AES  
 MSgt Roxanne Rubsam, 87 APS  
 MSgt Carrie Wiggins-Britford, ASTS  
 TSgt Thomas Stock, AMXS

## Promotions

### Airman

Kenisha Colvin, ASTS  
 Jahrad Deakayne, AMXS  
 Nicholas Gardner, AMXS  
 Connor Linback, LRS  
 Travis McKinley, 87 APS  
 Garret Parsons, AMXS  
 Garrick Payne, 87 APS  
 Nathan Perry, ASTS  
 Erica Thomas, FSS  
 Derrek Webb, CES

### Airman First Class

Wade Bunn, FSS  
 Kenneth Clements, AMDS  
 Matthew Daniel, AMXS  
 Howard Dickten, ASTS  
 Robert Golubich, CES  
 Ginnette Lykins, AES  
 Jonathan Prather, MXS  
 Charles Smith, ASTS  
 Cordero Smith, AMXS  
 Gerald Woodard II, FSS

### Senior Airman

Benjamin Anspaugh, AMXS  
 Jeremy Ballard, ASTS  
 Chambrell Bond, AMDS  
 Emily Collins, AMXS  
 Joseph Farrell, AMXS  
 Erik Larrison, AMXS  
 Mara Minzer, CES  
 Zachary Murray, 87 APS  
 Anna Roberts, 89 AS  
 Ryan Swain, 87 APS  
 Zachary Webb, 89 AS

## Newcomers

Maj Bruce Barker, AMDS  
 2Lt Maritza Ramirez, AES

TSgt William Claypool, AMXS  
 TSgt Andrea Fitzgerald, LRS  
 TSgt Briana Geffre, MSF  
 TSgt Elizabeth Olmstead, ASTS  
 SSgt Dorenia Bennett, LRS  
 SSgt Nicholas Mintz, CES  
 SSgt Glenn Olmstead, 87 APS  
 SSgt Derick Stephens, ASTS  
 SSgt Sara Sugarman, 87 APS  
 SrA Travis Allen, MSF  
 SrA Ashley Gallegos, AW  
 SrA Andrea Lucy, AMDS  
 SrA Robert McConnell, SFS  
 SrA Adam Tobias, AMXS  
 A1C Jeremy Ballard, ASTS  
 A1C Mark Cima, MXS  
 A1C Mara Minzer, CES  
 Amn Matthew Daniel, AMXS  
 AB Deonte Ford, AMXS  
 AB Connor Linback, LRS  
 AB Jaja Stoudemire, AMXS  
 AB Erica Thomas, MSF

## VA donations

The annual Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Christmas party is for Dec. 4.

Join members of the wing as they help spread holiday cheer to the residents of the Dayton VA.

Donations are still needed. Needed items include: new or gently used clean clothes for men and women; extra large t-shirts; new underclothes; socks; decaffeinated coffee; powdered creamer; sugar; sweetener; spray deodorant; shampoo; new or used DVDs; hand lotions; flip flops or shower

shoes; baseball caps (military and patriotic); toothbrushes and toothpaste; combs and hairbrushes; and paperback novels.

The bus will depart from the flagpole at the 445th Airlift Wing Headquarters, building 4010 at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 1 p.m. Members may also drive their own vehicles.

Please call Master Sgt. Anthony Johns at 257-0068 or Master Sgt. Henry Harlow at 257-3787 for more information.

## Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program for Christmas is underway. Bring your new and unwrapped gifts to drop off containers located throughout the wing.

Volunteers are needed to help bag and distribute toys on Dec. 18.

Please contact Master Sgt. Anthony Johns at 257-0068 if you'd like to assist.

## Correction

In the November edition of the *Buckeye Flyer*, Master Sgt. Eric Weidner was incorrectly identified as the wing's senior non-commissioned officer of the quarter. Sergeant Weidner is the 445<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group Senior NCO of the Quarter. The 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter is Master Sgt. Darrell Mellars, 445<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Please see Sergeant Mellars' write up on page 6.







Senior Airman Matthew Cook

**Holiday Lunch**

Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, serves a holiday lunch to Senior Airman Laura Wagner, 445th Airlift Wing orderly room, during the unit training assembly Nov. 7. He is assisted by Senior Master Sgt. James Felton, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant and Col. Steve Johnson, 445 AW vice commander. Wing senior leaders served meals to Airmen during both UTAs in November.

**On the Web**



**Maintenance Airmen train on C-17**



**Reservists attend regional Yellow Ribbon event**



**ESGR seeks employee nominations**

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