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Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Caskey

Staff Sgt. Ryan Ward, 445th Security Forces Squadron, loads a clip for 9 mm qualification during the Feb. 6 unit training assembly. This training is an annual requirement for security forces.

Wing receives AF Outstanding Unit Award

The 445th Airlift Wing was recently named a recipient of the prestigious 2010 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The honor was given to the wing for exceptional meritorious service.

During this timeframe, the wing distinguished itself by training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready forces capable of providing rapid global airlift for America's fighting forces in support of contingency air mobility taskings. The wing generated and flew 1,427 C-5 sorties and moved 10,250 passengers and 19,180 tons of cargo for a total of 6,141 accident free flying hours.

The 445th deployed more than 580 Aerospace Expeditionary Force volunteers in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Wing personnel deployed in critical command positions and provided security, force protection, logistics, aerial port operations, services, and civil engineer support at locations around the world.

Airmen from the 445th Aeromedical Staging and 445th

Aerospace Medicine Squadrons participated in Operation Arctic Care, providing health care and education to Alaskan natives. The 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flew 141 AE readiness missions and supported 15 operational AE missions.

Wing members supported many community events, to include the Dayton Air Show, Toys for Tots and Air Force Materiel Command's Tattoo.

The award citation also noted that 445th Airmen consistently exhibited professionalism, dedication and the technical skills that directly contributed to the successful accomplishment of Department of Defense directed missions in support of national objectives.

"I'm very proud of the men and women in our wing. This award recognizes the hard work we do on a day-to-day basis. My congratulations for a job well done for making the wing what it is today with many more great accomplishments down the road," said Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

Chaplains can help during uncertain times

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David W. Leist
445th Airlift Wing

Life is a precious gift that we all share. Transitions in life tend to move us out of our comfort zones into areas that present potential growing edges.

Sometimes those edges appear flat and stable allowing a firmer foothold and passage to the next plateau. Other times they become sharp and uncertain, leaving us to painfully struggle in our upward climb to the next step.

In times such as these, we may begin to wonder if the stable foundation we seek will ever appear.

2011 is well underway. There are many changes that have presented growing edges for members of the

445th. Life is in flux as we continue our transition process to the C-17. Your personal life transition may be going well and the firmness of your foundation secure and sturdy.

On the other hand you may find yourself in perplexing circumstances that leave you pondering a next step.

Uncertainty and even chaos have become the norm.

In Section II of Stephen Carter's book entitled "Integrity", he encourages the reader to examine life applications. He begins with the scripture. *Walk before me as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according*

to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my ordinances 1 Kings 9:4.

King David's leadership and spiritual journey was not always secure and stable. He was torn by division in his kingdom and inner struggle. He learned invaluable lessons from his growing edges as his divided kingdom began to re-stabilize following a lengthy period of division and uncertainty.

The chaplain corp of the 445th is part of that stabilization process of integrity of heart. Let us help you through times of uncertainty on your journey to what can be a new normal.

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Enlisted DTs

Break the code, success can be yours

By Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski
445th Airlift Wing command chief

Enlisted development teams are alive in Air Force Reserve Command, and I've received a lot of questions regarding what it's really all about.

EDTs focus on how we can get rid of the entitlement or the "I'm next in line" perception and focus on individual accomplishments and the whole person concept in order to be recognized, vetted for special schools and possibly promoted.

Our newcomers hear it on their very first day when I say, "You and only you are responsible for the success or the demise of your career." You must take responsibility for what you bring to the Air Force technically as well as your educational accomplishments. This includes professional military education and Community College of the Air Force, fitness, and your base and community involvement, i.e., membership in professional organizations and volunteerism.



Air Force leadership has stressed this for years now, and one thing that has surfaced is the need for a current decoration every three years commensurate with rank, along with how well your enlisted performance report is written and rated.

EPRs are scrutinized at promotion enhancement program (PEP) boards. Each line is read and compared to the justification of the rating. Fluff doesn't fly anymore. So here's the hard fact--EVERYTHING matters.

Whether you think it's fair, unfair or "filling the blocks," it's the only way for the Air Force to distinguish who's who among our Airmen when all they have to rate you on is what they see in front of them -- your career package. It's no different than what most of us experience as traditional reservists in the civilian sector -- everything matters.

Start now. Develop your career plan, keep great records and feed the information to your supervisor.

Break the code and success can be yours.



First quarter, AFSA award winners announced

Airman



Senior Airman Erika Algeo, an aeromedical evacuation technician

assigned to the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, is the wing's Airman of the quarter. While deployed, Airman Algeo flew eight combat missions and helped transport 65 Operation Iraqi Freedom patients from the combat zone. She also flew an operational mission for the Pacific Air Forces' area of responsibility, evacuating patients for definitive medical care. As assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of safety, Airman Algeo coordinated her unit fire safety training; training 89 percent at one time. In addition to working on a degree in organizational management, Airman Algeo is a presidential member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and a member of the Air Force Sergeant's Association.

NCO



Tech Sgt. Steven Purvis, an air transportation craftsman assigned to

the 87th Aerial Port Squadron, is the noncommissioned officer of the quarter. He was recently assigned as the NCO in charge of passenger services at Joint Base Charleston where he supervised five Airmen and moved 2,374 passengers on 481 aircraft. The sergeant provided material handling equipment training to 37 passengers, promoting efficient use of resources. He refined passenger services training exercises to include war skills lessons emphasizing Operation Enduring Freedom and American Expeditionary Forces requirements. Sergeant Purvis is pursuing his fourth higher education degree through Georgia Tech University's graduate program. He's an active member of his church and volunteered 16 hours to help raise money for homeless shelters in Michigan.

SNCO



Master Sgt. Linda Thrasher, the assistant chief of education and training

assigned to the 445th Force Support Squadron, is the senior noncommissioned officer of the quarter. She provided on-the-job training support for more than 455 reservists in upgrade training. She also created an extensive career development program with 72 Airmen in upgrade training and had a 99 percent career development course (CDC) testing pass rate. While assigned to the 87th Aerial Port Squadron, Sergeant Thrasher won the 87 APS Annual First Sergeant Peer Nominated Award for "leading by example." She also started the 87 APS Newcomers Flight/Sponsorship program for newcomers to the unit. Sergeant Thrasher recently completed the NCO Leadership Development Course and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree.

AFSA



Master Sgt. Stephanie Stricklan, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation

Squadron, is the 2010 Air Force Sergeants Association Kittyhawk Chapter 751 Reserve Member of the Year. The award was presented at the AFSA annual awards banquet Jan. 22 for her outstanding contributions both on and off duty. She was recruited by 4th Air Force to organize and coordinate the 2010 Raincross Conference and the 4th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant Developmental Teams Training Seminar. The sergeant is an AFSA Chapter 751 honorary committee member. Her AFSA accomplishments include spearheading AFSA meetings during unit training assembly weekends and developing a plan to increase AFSA annual membership. The reserve award was one of seven presented during the awards banquet.

Gerald named AFRC Services Airman of Year

Senior Airman Nastasskia Gerald, a services apprentice in the 445th Services Flight, was selected as the Air Force Reserve Command 2010 Services Airman of the Year.

Airman Gerald volunteered for a deployment to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, where her skills led the Balad Food Service Team to be awarded section of the month. She was coined by the expeditionary force support squadron commander and



superintendent for superior performance.

Airman Gerald established a unit training program resulting in zero overtime and a 100 percent career development course (CDC) pass rate. She is pursuing her Community College of the Air Force and Bachelor of Science degrees.

She devotes her off-duty time to assisting the elderly in nursing homes with daily functions and participating in fitness events.

SFS Airmen battle the elements

By Master Sgt. Charlie Miller
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Snow? Ice? Sleet? Frigid temperatures? Airmen of the 445th Security Forces Squadron assigned to Gate 26A on drill weekends get it all.

“I’d rather have just cold temperatures. This snow is blowing sideways and it gets in your face,” said Staff Sgt. Nick Schlehuber, as numerous flakes of snow stuck to his cheeks, eyebrows and all other areas of exposed skin. “I’m from northern Michigan so I should be used to it.”

Drivers pulling up to the gate are not used to it. Many of them make it a challenge for the SFS Airmen to do their jobs. Cold or snow; the reaction is the same from drivers.

“People just crack their window when it’s like this,” said fellow SFS member Airman 1st Class Robert Cole, blinking snowflakes off his eyelashes. Airman Cole’s glasses were partially snow covered but he shrugged it off quipping that there’s no need to clean them off since they’ll just get covered again. “Most drivers won’t roll their windows down all the way in bad weather. It takes us a little longer to check their identification cards.”

Four SFS members were pulling duty on the afternoon of Feb. 5. It was a bit slow so two stood outside checking incoming vehicles while the other two warmed up in the shack. There was a regular rotation so no one had to endure the sideways snow for too long. Plus, there were six cups of coffee and three hot chocolates




Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

Airman 1st Class Robert Cole, 445th Security Forces Squadron, checks Tech. Sgt. Gregory Shepherd’s identification card at Gate 26A while fellow SFS member Staff Sgt. Nick Schlehuber looks on.

waiting inside the guard shack. Other SFS members had dropped them off.

“We do get more sympathy in bad weather,” Sergeant Schlehuber said.

In the summer, it’s ice water, ice tea and chilled soda. For now though, it hot beverages to fight the cold temperatures and blowing snow.



Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Caskey

Mega training

Tech. Sgt. Michael Heaton, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows Senior Airman Ashley Janson, 445th Maintenance Operations Flight, how to properly splint the arm of Master Sgt. Anthony Johns, 445 MOF, as part of the self-aid buddy care training portion of the maintenance group’s mega training held during the Feb. 6 unit training assembly. The two-day training event is held annually for the more than 500 members assigned to the group to decrease the unit’s roster of individuals who need to complete ancillary and computer based training modules and maximize time Airmen have to work on aircraft.

Air Force Services sponsors youth summer camps

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Applications are due in March for three Air Force Services sponsored youth programs. The programs are Air Force Services Space Camp, Teen Aviation Camp and Teen Leadership Camp.

Air Force Services Space Camp July 25-30

Air Force Services Child & Youth Programs is sponsoring the Air Force Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville Ala. Youth will experience, imagine and interact through Space Shuttle mission simulations, tours of the center and the chance to witness first-hand the everyday challenges faced by astronauts.

The applicant must meet the following requirements: must be 12-18 years old; a dependent of active-duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force/Joint Base installation, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve; have a minimum GPA of 2.8 (must provide documentation).

Applications must be received by March 28.

Teen Aviation Camp June 4-9

The Air Force Teen Aviation Camp will be held June 4-9 at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The applicant must meet the following requirements: be a dependent of active-duty military assigned to or living on an AF/JB installation, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve; be entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2011. Previous Teen Aviation Camp attendees may not apply.

All completed applications must be received by March 21.

Teen Leadership Camp July 11-15

The Air Force Teen Leadership Camp is a 5-day residential program held at the University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas. It provides youth a glimpse of what university life is like while developing their leadership skills. Activities include team building, high/low ropes course, conflict resolution, public speaking, and more.

The applicant must meet the following requirements: be a dependent of active-duty military assigned to or living on an AF/JB installation, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve; a high school student who's completed their freshman year by the fall of 2011 and interested in developing leadership skills.

All completed applications must be received by March 28.

Submission instructions for all three programs

For each program, air fare and POV travel is the responsibility of the attendee. The same application can

be used for applying to each program and can be found on the 445th Airlift Wing Web site at <http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil>. Nominations not completed properly will not be accepted.

Submit completed nomination forms to Ms. Brandi Mullins, AFRC/A1SY, to set up an interview. Applications, interviews and questions should be directed to Ms. Mullins at brandi.mullins.ctr@us.af.mil, or 478-327-2090 or DSN 497-2090.



Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris

Tech. Sgt. Leslie Lovegrove, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, was greeted by family and friends at the Dayton International Airport Feb. 11 after returning from a 4-month deployment to Joint Base Balad. After her arrival at the airport, her boyfriend, Master Sgt. Scott Schrier, 445th Mission Support Group client support administrator, got down on one knee and proposed. She accepted his proposal. The wedding is scheduled for June 2012.



Wing continues to prepare for C-17 mission

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing will continue to receive the authorized required number of C-17 Globemaster IIIs but as loaners because of Congress' continuing resolution. The wing cannot be assigned the C-17 until the Fiscal year 2011 military budget is finalized and signed.

"Until the continuing resolution is signed, we will still receive C-17s but they will be on loan from the wing they are coming from. Even though they will be considered "on loan," they will have the same tail numbers that will be assigned once they are here," said Mr. Mark Bales, 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Program Integration Office.

The first C-17 arrived from Joint Base Charleston, S.C., on Jan. 21. It is currently being used as a maintenance trainer. The second C-17, also from Charleston, arrived Feb. 11 and will commence flying local training missions. The third aircraft arrived Feb. 28 from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The fourth C-17 is scheduled to arrive from Charleston in March.

Training for wing Airmen began before the first C-17 arrived. A maintenance team of 32 personnel in various maintenance career fields were trained at Charleston and McChord. A field training team arrived Feb. 8 to train 58 crew chiefs. The remaining maintainers will attend courses at Charleston.

Training also began on the operations side for pilots and loadmasters from the 89th Airlift Squadron.

"We have six loadmasters and 10 pilots back from initial qualification training, with nine loadmasters and six pilots currently in training at Altus (Air Force Base, Okla.)," said Lt. Col. David Marlin, chief of the C-17 Program Integration Office here. "Our qualified pilots have been flying with units from March (Air Reserve Base, Calif.), Dover (Air Force Base, Del.), and Charleston to gain experience until we are able to support our own locals and missions."

Colonel Marlin said class dates for initial qualification training for loadmasters and pilots are scheduled for the remaining fiscal year.

Facility construction remains under way, too, with hangars being renovated and the flightline and ramps being restriped for C-17 parking and fuel pits. A C-17 simulator, currently under construction, will be ready for training by April 2012.

"Everything is going well," said Mr. Bales. "There have been minor problems along the way, but they are worked as they show up." (*Stacy Vaughn contributed to this story.*)

SPOTLIGHT



Rank/Name

Tech. Sgt. Sierra A. Cabungcal

Unit

445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Duty Title

Drug Demand Reduction Program Manager/Health Services Administrator

Hometown

Chillicothe, OH

Civilian Job

Receptionist. I have been on active duty the past two years supporting 445 AMDS.

Education

I am halfway through completion of Community College of the Air Force degree.

Career Goal

Everyone's career goal is to achieve rank, added responsibility and supervisory roles, and to mentor younger Airmen. In addition to those things, I'd like to travel to Europe more during my time in the military. I was

stationed in Germany for several months during 2007 during a deployment and enjoyed learning about the culture of people outside the United States. I want to visit more countries and experience the things native people in foreign lands have to share. It was a wonderful experience.

Hobbies

Outdoor activities, scrapbooking, spending time with family and yorkies (dogs).

What do you like about working at the 445th?

The Dayton community as a whole looks at Wright-Patterson and the base mission as a proud part of their identity. I am honored to tell people I'm part of the 445th and the mission.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force to serve my country, better myself, and it's a family tradition.



News Briefs

Promotions

Airman First Class

Adam Butler, AMXS
Vincent Chavez, LRS
Robert Esomar, AMXS
Jonathan Reshkus, ASTS
Michael Sheehan, MXS
Nick Tammarine, AMXS
Joshua Wade, LRS

Senior Airman

Akwasi Agyemang, ASTS
Ebony Bass, MOF
Cody Cole, MXS
Joshua Cox, MXS
Anthony Farkas, LRS
Cale Garman, CES
Daniel Harner, AMXS
Daniel La Salle, AMDS
Alexander McCaskill, AMXS
Armande Richardson II, ASTS
Joel Russo, AMXS
Sean Ryan, AMXS
James Wykof, AMXS

Staff Sergeant

Cory Hughes, MXS
Dan Richards, MXS
Jonathan Tereul, MXS

Technical Sergeant

Jennifer Gerritsen, AES

Master Sergeant

Christian Loftus, ASTS

Newcomers

Maj Joshua Wright, AMDS
TSgt Samuel Collier, ASTS
TSgt Jason Hutchison, AES
TSgt Ryan Seward, ASTS
SSgt Lawrence Heninger, SFS
SSgt Daniel Martinez, AMDS

SSgt Kathy Ranalli, LRS
SrA Shenchia Chu, AW
SrA Annamae Gutwein, ASTS
SrA Matthew Hurt, 87 APS
SrA Timothy Kolodziejczak, LRS
SrA Tiffany Lakes, AMDS
SrA Leah Rhodes, 87 APS
SrA Jaimeece Robinson, AW
SrA Keil Seward, 87 APS
A1C Sean Ryan, AMXS
AB Victoria Koster, MXS
AB Cole Mulligan, 87 APS
AB Nathan Perry, ASTS
AB Trayvis Phillips, MXS
AB Cori Steininger, CES

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col John Clark, OG
Maj Scott Huddle, AMDS
MSgt Robert Mosely, 87 APS
MSgt Ranold Seymour, AMXS
TSgt Barbara Adams, AMDS
TSgt William Dolan, 87 APS

Air Force Commendation Medal

SMSgt Roger Holfinger, MXS
TSgt Nickolas Algren, 89 AS
SSgt Daniel Baker, MXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Nicholas, Klepper, MOF
SSgt Scott Spielman, MXS
SSgt Brian Williams, MOF
SrA Maggie Malidai, MOF

In Memory



Capt. Melissa Suntheimer, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, passed away Feb. 5. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

CC Call

The next 445th Airlift Wing Commander's Call is scheduled for April 3 at the base theater.

Yellow Ribbon

A North Region Yellow Ribbon Pre- and Post-Deployment event will be held at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. March 18 - 20. Reservists returning from deployments of 90 days or more within the past 6 months or those deploying in the next 3 months, and their families are encouraged to attend.

Members will be on orders and travel and per diem expenses are covered. Families will be on invitational travel orders.

The event includes youth programming, financial planning, single service member breakouts, marriage and family workshops, discussion groups and military benefits

information.

Other yellow Ribbon events are scheduled for April through July at various locations around the country. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Joan Weldon at (937) 656-1502 or email joan.weldon@wpafb.af.mil.

Welcome Home

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Integrated Delivery System and its community partners will welcome home military members who recently returned from deployments between November 2010 and March 2011. The Heroes Welcoming Heroes event will be held at the National Museum of the United States Air Force March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Members of the base and the local community will join recent deployers for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Door prizes will also be given away.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact your first sergeant or email Senior Master Sgt. James Tyus at james.tyus@wpafb.af.mil.



Sunday, March 13





Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Looks good

Staff Sgt. Wolfgang Krenzer, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, checks fluid levels on one of the squadron's newly acquired Humvees Feb. 13, while Master Sgt. Tina McNamara looks on. The two are vehicle control managers for the unit. Sergeant McNamara was instrumental in acquiring the vehicles.

On the Web



**SVS
prepares
breakfast**



**445th
supports
Haiti relief**



**AES
keeps fit
during UTA**

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