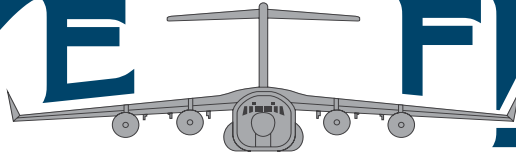


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Retired Maj. Gen. Joseph McNeil addresses members of the wing during the 445th Awards Banquet March 3. (below) Congressman Steve Austria, U.S. Representative from Ohio's 7th District, presents a Congressional Proclamation to Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Spencer, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Honoring Airmen, families Annual awards banquet leaves lasting impression

The National Museum of the United States Air Force was the perfect back drop for a night of fun, music and camaraderie as more than 400 Airmen, family members and community leaders celebrated a night of achievement and accomplishment during the 445th Airlift Wing Annual Awards Banquet March 3, 2012.

The wing was honored to have as its guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil, former mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. General McNeil is also a civil rights pioneer who as a freshman at North Carolina A&T State University in 1960, he and three other students staged a sit-in at a F.W. Woolworth lunch counter that served "whites only". These four students became known as the "Greensboro Four."



Congressman Steve Austria, U.S. Representative from Ohio's 7th District was also on hand to give remarks and present Congressional Proclamations to the award winners.

The wing presented its annual awards to seven Airmen, a civilian, a spouse and a youth.

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The Three P's: People, planes, processes

By Col. Brett Newman

445th Maintenance Group Commander

First let me say, I am honored to have been selected as the 445th Maintenance Group commander. I have to tell you all how great it is to be back in the Miami Valley! My sinuses just don't realize it yet.



In case you missed the MXG appointment of command ceremony during February's Scarlet unit training assembly, I spoke of something called the "Three P's." It does not stand for the P-3 Orion aircraft flown by the Navy. The Three P's stand for: the people, the planes, and the processes. Please allow me to expound on them.

Let's start with the people. Simply put, it all begins and ends with the people. The people need to be properly recognized for their accomplishments. Without the people, the mission doesn't get done. As a senior leader, it is one of my jobs to ensure the people are taken care of.

The second "P" is the planes. The C-17 Globemaster III is the premier strategic airlifter in my book, and I am proud to be associated with its

proper care and maintenance. This plane is new to most of us here in the wing, and there is going to be a learning curve as we head toward full operational capability. This has got to be the best job in the world. Think about it! We get paid to work on, in, and around this aircraft. It is truly a site to behold as it graces the skies of the Miami Valley and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The third and final "P" is the processes. One of the processes that is near and dear to my heart is proper checklist discipline. It's also known as, "Read a step. Do a step. Get a reward." That reward my friends is safe, reliable maintenance. Without that, we don't see that beautiful plane flying around with our people in it. Other processes include the steps we are all going through to prepare for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. There are many and they all can be improved or fine-tuned.

It truly is great to be the 445th Maintenance Group commander and back at Wright-Patterson AFB. I spoke of the "Three P's": The people, planes and processes. The take away being, take care of the people that take care of the planes and work the processes. Altogether they equal mission success!

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Living in the shadow of the sea

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Leist

445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

The Netherlands is a small, densely populated country of more than 16 million people in 16,000 square miles. Its name literally means Low Countries. Twenty-seven percent of its terrain lies below sea level. And 60 percent of the population lives on land reclaimed from the North Sea.

The Dutch reclaimed land from the sea for centuries by building extensive dikes to hold back water and using large windmills to pump water from the reclaimed land. In 2002, the Netherlands completed a massive system of dikes that promises to prevent flooding for the next 4,000 years! The Dutch people know better. Living below the level of the sea has its risks. Many times the stormy North Sea has breached the dikes and

caused catastrophe. Perhaps the most devastating this past century took place in 1953 when floods killed more than 1,800 people.

Living below sea level, with nothing but a thin dike holding back the fierce North Sea, sounds a little unnerving. How can a person lay claim to ground that rightfully belongs to the sea? How can a person build a life virtually beneath the shadow of the sea?

Life is precarious. We live with no guarantees that we'll never know sickness, tragedy or grief. They are inevitable. In a sense, all of us live in the shadow of a sea of that threatens to overflow at any time.

But there is a spiritual high ground for those who put their faith in the Lord. "Because he has set his love

upon me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation (Psalm 91:14-16).

God promises to preserve and protect our souls and to never allow anything to come upon us that is beyond our ability to bear and beyond God's ability to sustain us.

Life can be scary, but God invites us to cast all our anxiety upon him, because he cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). The chaplain corps stands resolute to assist you through troubling times. Let us assist in your search for the high ground.



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The Airman of the Year award went to Senior Airman Josiah Bourke, 87th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation journeyman. The Non-commissioned Officer of the Year went to Master Sgt. Steven Purvis, 445th Maintenance Operations Flight. The Senior Non-commissioned of the Year went to Senior Master Sgt Spencer, the Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of material management. The First Sergeant of the Year went to Master Sgt. Anthony Johns, 445th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant.

The Company Grade Officer of the Year went to Capt. Frank Saul, 89th Airlift Squadron instructor pilot. The Chief of the Year went to Chief Master Sgt. Robert Bowen, 445th Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance superintendent. The Honor Guard Member of the Year went to Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Montalvo, 445th Aero-medical Staging Squadron. The Civilian of the Year went to Angela Gales, 445th Airlift

Wing's Financial Management Office military pay technician. The Spouse of the Year went to Lisa Coons, wife of Master Sgt. Eugene Coons, 445th Security Forces Squadron. The Youth of the Year went to Brooke Rowlett, daughter of Staff Sgt. Barry Rowlett, 87th Aerial Port Squadron.

For the complete story to include award winner write-ups, please visit the 445th Airlift Wing Web site at: <http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil/>.



Photos by Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

(from top) Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, presents a Wright Flyer to retired Maj. Gen. Joseph McNeil. Staff Sgt. Rebeca Guzman, 445 AW Honor Guard, inverts a glass during the POW/MIA salute. Tech. Sgt. Felita Rowe, a vocalist for the Air Force Band of Flight's "Systems Go" performs during dinner. Tech. Sgt. Keric Johnson, 445th Maintenance Group, joins wing chiefs on stage to receive the Chiefs Group Award.



445th Airlift Wing prepares for ORI

By Capt. John Stamm

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

One Air Force issue duffle bag: Check! Six pairs of sage-green airman battle uniform socks: Check! One C-17 Globemaster III transport plane destined for “Korea.” Check!

For deployment veterans here, the scenario on February 3 was all too familiar; for others it was a new experience. Luckily for both, it was only an exercise.

According to Col. Stephen D. Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, the February exercise was the second step in preparing the wing for the Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for January, 2013.

“In January approximately 70 personnel from the wing attended a table-top exercise at March Air Force Base (in California) to plan our preparation for the ORI,” Colonel Goeman said. “Today we are reviewing our mobilization processes with the 88th Mission Support Group. Troops are picking up required gear and we’re loading cargo on to the plane. The whole idea is to find the bugs in the system and work them out.”

The 88th is the host unit here that supports the 445th by providing various deployment supplies such as cold weather and chemical warfare gear, cargo and freight transportation and transient aircraft maintenance through services contracted out to WSI All-Star Facility Services, Dayton, Ohio. Brian Ferkaluk is the Chief of Supply for the 88th and a member of the Exercise Evaluation Team. His job during the exercise was to monitor and evaluate the WSI team.

“We are hoping to successfully process troops for the 445th during the ORI,” Captain Ferkaluk said. “So far, the only glitches we’ve identified were paperwork issues with a few troops and some minor cargo issues. But that is why we are here; to identify weakness we need to address.”

The exercise tested the ability of the unit to ensure that all troops were able to deploy with all the supplies they needed for whatever environment they are headed to. In this case, the destination was Korea. The exercise also tested how quickly the task could be accomplished.

Troops were required to have three bags: an “A” bag with general purpose items such as the Individual First Aid Kit, a poncho, ammunition pouches, a canteen and a four-piece modular sleep system. These bags



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Senior Airman Michael Mason, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, gives instructions on the proper technique for inspecting and donning the gas mask as part of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive objectives (CBRNE) training March 4.

were assembled prior to the troops arriving and necessitated only a pick-up. The second “B” bag and third “C” bag were for cold weather and chemical warfare gear respectively. Troops had to process through and build these bags individually.

“This is the first exercise we’ve conducted here where the troops have had to build their own bags,” said Mr. Louie Dann, WSI lead project manager. “Individual sizes vary, and it’s important that each Airman has gear that fits. We’re also establishing a benchmark in time. We estimate it will take two and a half hours to process 80 troops. Later, we will evaluate ourselves and identify areas where we can improve.”

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Larson, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, is a veteran of the deployment process.

“I’ve been through several of these exercises, and deployed to Iraq,” Sergeant Larson said. “Overall, I’d say that today’s exercise is going very smoothly.”

The 445th plans to conduct one ORE per month until the ORI next January. Future exercises include actual transportation of troops and cargo to simulated deployments at Volk Field Air National Guard Base in Wisconsin and to the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center in Mississippi.



SARC Team gears up for SAAM

By Simone Koram

Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year, we continue to promote the theme "Hurts one...affects all... preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty." The theme speaks to the affects of sexual assault on mission readiness. If one of wingman suffers from a crime of sexual assault, without a doubt, it will impact the morale of the entire team!

For example, Master Sgt. Bianca Snuffy is known for being the fun and go to person in her unit. Her co-workers enjoy her warm personality, and her supervisor appreciates her consistent punctuality and dedication to meeting deadlines on a regular basis. Many days pass and you, her supervisor, notices that she has become silent, grouchy, day dreaming, and showing up to work late. You also observe her snapping at her co-workers. Her co-workers come to you because they have witnessed a change in Sergeant Snuffy's behavior. You approach Sergeant Snuffy

"Hurts one... affects all... preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty."

and ask her to meet you in your office. You ask if she's okay? At first, you can tell she's quite reluctant to answer. She eventually shares with you that her ex-boyfriend sexually assaulted her. She tells you she's very angry with herself for allowing this to happen. Being a good supervisor, you offer to help by listening and referring her to the SARC office. Your meeting ends with Master Sgt. Snuffy thanking you for taking the time to notice that she was hurting. Days, then weeks go by and you notice positive improvement in Sergeant Snuffy.

The point of the scenario is... it only takes a simple act of kindness to make a huge difference in the life of a person who may be suffering from sadness, depression, stress, betrayal, anger or loss. As the supervisor, you did the right thing by intervening appropriately. You and Master Sgt. Snuffy's co-workers were good Bystanders! You all were alert, intervened, and took action! Overall, the immediate steps you took had a positive and lasting impact on Sergeant Snuffy, the work environment, the team and the mission. The bottom line... when it hurts one, it affects all. It is indeed everyone's duty to prevent



sexual assault. I encourage you to always look out for one another.

Although we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, every single day should be a sexual assault prevention and awareness day! Join me and my team as we STOP sexual assault. Promoting respect and preserving dignity is what we do. Help is just a phone call away! You can contact the Wright-Patterson AFB SARC Office at 937-257-7272, 24 hours a day.

The SARC Team (staff, victim advocates, volunteers, and our on- and off- base partners and supporters) are ready to deliver many exciting SAAM activities and events in April. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. All events are free of charge! For a list of SARC activities, please visit the 445th Airlift Wing Web site at: <http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil/>.



Eight 445th members selected for major



Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the CY12 Air Force Reserve Line and Nonline Major Promotion Selection board March 13. This board selected more than 700 Citizen Airmen for promotion.

The selection board convened at the center January 23, 2012 to determine those officers qualified to assume the next higher grade. Board members selected 704 of the 2,464 officers considered.

Categories considered during this promotion board were: Air Force Reserve Line, Chaplain, Dental Corps, Line of the Air Force-Judge Advocate,

Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Medical Service Corps and Biomedical Sciences Corps.

Eight members of the 445th Airlift Wing were selected. They are: Jacqueline Fleming, Kristopher Herman, Eric Palichat, Matthew Smith, Joshua Springman and William Sterling from the 89th Airlift Squadron, and Ladonna Schreffler and Juan Sanchez from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

A complete list of Citizen Airmen selected for promotion is available on the Air Force Personnel Services Web site.



SPOTLIGHT



Rank/Name

Staff Sgt.
De'Juan Gaskins, Sr.

Unit

445th Operations
Support Squadron

Duty Title

Aircraft Flight
Equipment Technician

Hometown

Dayton, Ohio

Civilian Job

Air Reserve Technician

Education

Currently finishing last two classes at Park University for Bachelor of Science in management/human resources

Career Goal

Ultimately, my goal is to create a positive influence on the lives of anyone I come in contact with, especially the younger Airmen who I have and will encounter over the course of my career.

Hobbies

Reading, volunteer work, working out, riding my motorcycle or mountain bike,

spending time with family and friends

What do you like about working at the 445th?

What I like about the 445th is that there has been a family oriented environment created within the individual shops as well as the 445th as a whole.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I originally joined for the extra income and the school benefits. As time went on, I developed a genuine respect for the armed services and the role we play in protecting the civil liberties that so many individuals, including myself, take for granted on a day to day basis. I take extreme pride in being part of the armed forces.

Wing photographer takes top awards in AFRC media contest



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin, 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs photographer, won first place in three categories in the 2011 Air Force Reserve Command Media Contest and earned second place in the Photographer of the Year category. The announcement was made Feb. 27.

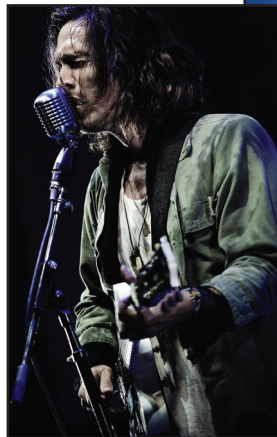
Berlin took first place in three categories: feature photograph, portrait/personality photograph and pictorial photograph.

Berlin joined the 445th public affairs staff in April 2009. His photographs have been published in the Buckeye Flyer, Skywriter, Airman Magazine, and numerous Air Force Web sites.

The command contest ended in late January and consisted of 300 unit and individual print, still photo, graphic art and broadcast entries from 27 organizations throughout the command.



Pictorial



*Portrait/
Personality*



Feature

News Briefs

Newcomers

Lt Col Cheri Morio, ASTS
Maj Christopher Sopko, 89 AS
Capt John Ludtke, AMDS
SSgt Ashley Begley, FSS
SSgt Richard Friel, LRS
SSgt Jeffrey Terry, LRS
SSgt Crystal Tyson, LRS
SrA Richelle Breitreit, AMDS
SrA Mohamed Diakite, LRS
SrA Dustin Ellison, SFS
SrA John Gallenstein, SFS
SrA Harold Hughes, AMDS
SrA Rance Moody, LRS
A1C Michele Fannin, OSS
A1C Nicolus Hinegardner, AMDS
A1C Keith Maurer, 87 APS
A1C Christopher Peterson, 87 APS
A1C Sydney Winnenberg, AMDS
AB Samuel Schaeffer, OSS
Amn Sinead Thomas, MXS
Amn Andrew Woods, OSS

Promotions

Airman

Sinead Thomas, MXS

Airman First Class

David Andrix, CES
Danielle Barnes, ASTS
Danial Brenneman, LRS
David Gayer, CES
Andrew Wade, LRS
Jermaine Wade, FSS

Senior Airman

Dexter Alleyne, AMXS
Mohamed Diakite, LRS
Brantley Fowle, OSS
Alexandra Klus, SFS
Shadae Lampkin, MOF
Cody Miller, CES
Jeremy Nunn, 87 APS

Christopher Peterson, 87 APS
Aaron Timmonds, SFS
Eric Wadlington, 87 APS
Jordan Wells, CES
Rachael Wilson, AES

Staff Sergeant

Jaimeece Robinson, AW

Technical Sergeant

Michael Davis, 87 APS
Brianna Fowle, AES
Justin Sanderson, AES
Patrick Smith, 87 APS

Master Sergeant

William Claypool, AW
Mary Madajczyk, AES
Anthony Shepherd, AMXS
Geof Weimerskirch, AES

Senior Master Sergeant

Kelly Janus, AMDS
Karen Miller, AW

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt Craig Davidson, MXS
MSgt Kristi Chase, MXS
MSgt Robert Fulker, SFS
MSgt Roger Lambalot, FSS
MSgt Darrell Lawrence, ASTS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Michael Bennett, 89 AS
TSgt Michael Dill, FSS

Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Nicholas Schlehuder, SFS



Sunday, April 8

Scouts Day

The 445th Airlift Wing will host Scouts Day May 19. Scouts Day is an invitation for Boy and Girl Scouts (who are at least 8-years-old) to visit the wing for a C-17 tour and participate in various demonstrations. Each group will be assigned a specific time.

Contact the 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 937-257-5784 or 445aw.pa@wpafb.af.mil for a registration form. Registration is due May 7.

Employer Appreciation Day

The 445th Airlift Wing 2012 Employer Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, June 2.

Reservists are encouraged to invite their supervisor or employer to this year's event as we showcase the wing's mission and our role in supporting the Air Force and the Department of Defense.

The registration form is available on Sharepoint and in the Blue Pages of this edition. Please complete in its entirety and return to the 445th Public Affairs office no later than Sunday, May 6.

Airman's Council

Airmen of the 445th are encouraged to join members of the Airman's Council for a tour of the operations support squadron during the April Scarlet unit training assembly. Airmen will have the opportunity to experience the parachute simulator and night vision goggles. They will see firsthand what the OSS does to support the 445th mission. For more information, contact SrA Laura Wagner at laura.wagner@wpafb.af.mil.

Spouses Council

The spouses' council will host a Resiliency Workshop on Saturday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Mission Support Group Conference Room, building 4014. Please come share in conversations about the challenges of being a reservist spouse and discuss our upcoming events. For more information, contact Lisa Coons at 445spousescouncil@gmail.com.

Humanitarian Mission

The 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron will participate in MEDRETE, a medical humanitarian mission to Panama Aug. 18 - Sept. 1. While there, unit members will provide medical care to approximately 8,000 people. AMDS is seeking donations of sports equipment, school supplies and small toys to take to the children. Donations may be dropped off at building 4012, Room 170. For more, please call Master Sgt. Melissa Caylor at 257-5200, ext. 0.



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Airman



SrA Josiah Burke
87th Aerial Port Squadron

NCO



MSgt Steven Purvis
Maintenance Operations Flight

Senior NCO



SMSgt Rebecca Spencer
Logistics Readiness Squadron

First Sergeant



MSgt Anthony Johns
Operations Support Squadron

CGO



Capt Francis Saul
89th Airlift Squadron

Chief



CMSgt Robert Bowen
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Honor Guard Member



TSgt Jimmy Montalvo
Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Civilian



Mrs. Angela Gales
445th Airlift Wing Financial Management

Spouse



Mrs. Lisa Coons
Wife of TSgt Eugene Coons
Security Forces Squadron

Youth



Miss Brooke Rowlett
Daughter of SSgt Barry Rowlett
87th Aerial Port Squadron

On the Web



Recruiters participate in NCAA First Four festival



Reservists spruce up AADD facility



High schoolers participate in AES demonstration

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