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Civil engineering builds facilities, community

By Staff Sgt. Rachel Ingram
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This summer, 51 members of the 445th Civil Engineering Squadron had the opportunity to make a big civic impact and support community projects while fulfilling their annual tour requirements.

One group of 24 reservists traveled on military airlift from Ohio to Raymond, Maine, where they helped construct a 20,000 square foot multi-use facility on Boy Scouts of America's Camp William Hinds.

The other 27 members ventured, also on military airlift, to Chenango County, New York, and completed renovations on the community's 150-year-old fairgrounds.

"There was a lot of training opportunities, and it was a good experience working with the other services," said Master Sgt. David Merlo, 445th team leader of the Maine work crew.

While on site in Maine, 445th Airmen worked with Navy and Marines personnel. In New York, the crew was joined by fellow reservists from Grissom Air Reserve



Master Sgt. Clay Bucy

Reservists carefully inspect an area on Chenango County fairgrounds in New York for buried fiber optic wires. In addition to 445th CES members, the Innovative Readiness Training rotation included Citizen Airmen from Dover Air Force Base and Grissom Air Reserve Base.

Base, Indiana and Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Both projects were part of the Innovative Readiness Training program, a Department of Defense initiative that aims to build mutually-beneficial partnerships between service members and communities, according to the program website. The program covers four industries across the nation: construction, engineering, medical, and veterinarian.

"We constructed the wood framing for the metal roof and installed five layers of roof decking, as well as about 35 windows," Merlo said of the \$2.5 million BSA project.

The team also dug trenches for septic tank drainage to the septic field approximately one-fourth of a mile away from the four seasons dining facility and infirmary, he said.

Once completed this winter, the facility will be used not only for residential summer camp programs, but also by individual Boy Scout troops, school field trips, and groups from other nonprofit organizations, explained



Photos by Master Sgt. David Merlo

Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen helped construct a 20,000 square feet, multi-use building during their two-week rotation at Boy Scouts of America's Camp William Hinds in Raymond, Maine.



Senior Master Sgt. Charles Crawford uses a nail gun to install rafters for the roof of the wrap-around porch on the multi-use building 445th Airmen helped construct at Camp William Hinds in Maine.

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What you do matters to our nation

By Col. Cade Gibson
445th Maintenance Group Commander

The attacks on September 11, 2001 will be our generation's day that will live in infamy. It has been fifteen years since that dark day.



Like the greatest generation, the United States Air Force Reserve transitioned to a wartime posture nearly overnight. Ever since that day we have remained in a relentless state of combat readiness.

Currently, our Airmen are serving in the longest war in our nation's history. As in previous wars, our Airmen find themselves challenged by war weariness. When challenged, I believe it is important to remind ourselves of what we have already accomplished. Fifteen years ago following that terrible tragedy, our nation came together with the strength and power of volunteers and demonstrated that Americans

were highly motivated to respond. We are still inspired to drive to accomplish so much; we are also regularly challenged in our efforts. Following 9/11, we vowed that a similar attack on the United States of America, especially on our own soil, would never happen again. Unfortunately, terror attacks have still occurred and continue to occur. But through our efforts over the last fifteen years, we have prevented anything on the scale of 9/11.

We are reservists. Whether we are traditional and come to drill monthly, or we are Air Reserve Technicians who participate in daily operations, our mission never stops. Therefore, we must sustain our efforts. These efforts have required sacrifices including time away from families, missed birthdays, missed events, and lonely times while deployed.

Nevertheless, those sacrifices have prevented another 9/11 attack on our soil. Just as signifi-

cantly, our C-17 aircraft have been the lifeline, literally, to our Airmen, soldiers, sailors, and Marines deployed on the frontlines of Afghanistan and Iraq.

For all of us in the 445th Airlift Wing, our mission is to enable strategic airlift and to safely prepare C-17 aircraft to return to the fight. We provide humanitarian relief to the world, hospital and evacuation services for our deployed warfighters, and a return trip home for our honored dead. What we do matters. We keep our nation safe.

So, the next time you are on your drill weekend, thank your fellow Airmen. Thank yourself. Your service is integral in our Nation's defense. Your service is essential to our fellow service men and women down range. Despite the daily grind, we can never forget that our day to day operations are essential. As in our Airman's Creed, we cannot falter and we cannot fail.

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Old fashioned tolerance

By Chaplain (Capt.) Luke McKeeth
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According to the oxford on-line dictionary the verb "tolerate" means "to allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one does not necessarily like or agree with) without interference." You tolerate a misbehaving child when you are visiting relatives, you tolerate other people's taste in music.

"Tolerance" also has the idea of being exposed to something without getting a dangerous reaction, like tolerating extreme temperatures, or exposure to irritants.

Contrary to the contemporary ethos, tolerating is not the same as celebrating, approving or endorsing. It means that for the sake of something more important, you will not interfere with something you don't like.

The most infamous example being slav-

ery, which was laid aside at our founding (even in the original draft of the Declaration of Independence), for the sake of establishing the nation, and then aggressively argued and engaged with by those same people over the ensuing years.

When you raised your right hand and swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, you were entrusted with carrying on a tradition of awkward tolerance that is at the heart of what makes America unique. Let's be clear whether it is sexual identity, race relations or the role of religion in the public square these are deeply personal moral issues.

Our disagreements are not about taste or opinion, they are issues that boil down

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Wing announces 2nd quarter CY16 award winners



Senior Airman Andrae Manuel, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medicine services journeyman, is the 445th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter, second quarter. Manuel is a member of the honor guard, traveling 4,983 miles and working 15 details. He was voted ASTS Airman Council president and serves on the wing's council. The Airman raised more than \$200 from a morale breakfast for the unit's first council fundraiser. During his off-duty time, Manuel volunteers as a martial arts instructor in his community, teaching more than 30 students self-defense. He organized a Green Dot unit kickball competition, boosting moral among his Airmen. Manuel completed his Community College of the Air Force and bachelor's degrees in organizational leadership and is pursuing a Master of Science degree in organizational leadership at the University of Cincinnati.

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to the definition of right and wrong. We do not agree and there is no room for compromise. But there must be room for non-interference. Your willingness to allow for what you disagree with may be tested by the attitude or actions of fellow Airmen. But these things are a part of what you swore to defend. Their freedom to be vocally and actively wrong is the same freedom that allows you to be vocally and actively right.

Genuine tolerance cannot be coerced.

Let's address the elephant in the room. There are two issues that I hear about frequently. For some of us, the chaplain's prayers are an awkward moment,



Tech. Sgt. John Devore, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron communications/navigation technician, is the 445th Airlift Wing NCO of the Quarter, second quarter. As the flightline leader, Devore oversaw 39 Air Mobility Command and Air Force Reserve Command missions, enabling the unit to deliver 3,172 tons of cargo and moving 1,929 passengers. He found a damaged wire and fixed an elusive data bus, saving 48 man hours. Devore completed a 270-day deployment to Bagram, filling a critical shortfall. During his off-duty time, Devore led a church children's classroom remodeling project, creating a positive learning environment and saving the church \$20,000. He coordinated a box lunch sale for his local church, raising more than \$1,000 toward the youth ministry fund. Devore mentored 12 veterans at Xavier University, providing the group with a vital career path and transition guidance.



Master Sgt. Leah Smith, 445th Force Support Squadron, NCO in-charge of the orderly room, is the 445th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter, second quarter. Smith led a three-member section supporting 117 reservists. She took charge of human resource actions and issues. She oversaw the pay file for unit training assemblies, ensuring \$25,000 was paid out monthly. Smith managed ARCNet orders requests, linking requests to the organization box and generating more than 240 orders, thus reducing the workload by 50 percent. During her off-duty time, Smith dedicated 80 hours of community service by assisting with 16 church events. She volunteers with the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. Smith is working on her Community College of the Air Force degree in information resource management and a Bachelor of Science degree in logistics.



First Lieutenant Paul Kolk, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 mobility pilot, is the 445th Airlift Wing Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, second quarter. Kolk flew 25 airlift missions in support of Freedom Sentinel, logging 181 combat and 124 combat support hours. He flew more than 550 total hours, delivering 875,000 of cargo and moving more than 600 passengers. Kolk developed a squadron unit deployment manager resource management database, streamlining the information process. During his off-duty time, Kolk volunteered to construct homes for the Habitat for Humanity. He participated in 12 C-17 Globemaster III static displays, showcasing the aircraft and the wing to more than 1,000 visitors. Kolk received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University and is applying for the Florida Institute of Technology Master of Aviation Safety program.

witnessing without opposition, something that we are opposed to. For others of us encounters with revised sexual ethics is our most common place of irritation.

The old fashioned answer was to say that our integrity is not compromised by allowing others to be wrong, but in a failure to engage in a constructive and respectful way with the issues. So be tolerant, but be engaged, don't take active steps of interference, but be vocal and active in your opposition to things you are against. That is the American way. That is the freedom that is laid out for us in the Constitution we are all sworn to protect.



SPOTLIGHT



Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough

Rank/Name

Senior Airman John-Paul Hill-Spann

Unit

445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty Title

Aircraft Maintenance Journeyman

Hometown

Dayton, Ohio

Civilian Job

Accounting Assistant, Wright State University Foundation

Education

Currently pursuing

my bachelor's degree in accounting from Wright State University

Hobbies

Working out, playing basketball, shooting at the range

Career Goal

My career goal is to become a police officer in the local area and focus on building police community relations and mentoring juveniles. My long term career goal is to become the director of a federal law enforcement agency, the FBI, Secret Service, U.S. Marshalls, etc.

What do you like about working at the 445th?

I love the people in the 445th. Everyone here is like family, and they

push you to ensure all your goals are within reach. The 445th also has a lot of resources for every Airmen to reach their dreams and solve problems. I have been able to become the Airman I am today because of the supervision and leadership I have seen in this unit.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force to serve the country, travel and learn a new skill. I have grown as a person and as a leader. I have had some awesome experiences while serving in the Air Force. This has truly been one of the best decisions in my life!

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Merlo, who serves as the NCO in charge of water and fuel systems maintenance at 445 CES.

"This was a positive example of what the IRT projects are supposed to be," he said.

IRT projects operate on a rotation system, with new Reserve and National Guard crews coming in from across the country every two weeks, until the scheduled end date of the project. A skeleton crew remains in place for the duration of the project, serving as the leadership team, said Master Sgt. Clay Bucy, 445th team leader on the New York work crew.

"When we arrived in Chenango County, the project was behind schedule because they had a rough rotation earlier in the summer. Within five days, we had it caught back up to where the project manager needed it to be," Bucy said.

This crew's work involved burying electrical wires, removing the pre-existing electrical poles, installing attic insulation, and performing daily maintenance and refueling on generators and air conditioning units.

The fairgrounds project began in May and concluded at the end of July, with the 445th participating in the final rotation. The group put the finishing touches on the facility—installing flooring, trim, and molding, along with cleaning and painting.

"The county employees were so grateful for everything we did to help," he said.

The civil engineering squadron is home to a number of individual Air Force Specialty Codes, with members training to become proficient in a specific skills set like

emergency management, utilities, or heavy equipment, to name a few. During IRT, members have the chance to grow their skills beyond just their AFSC, said the NCO in charge of heavy equipment.

"They want to learn more, and they want to try things out," he said. "My younger troops were able to operate excavators, skid-steer machinery, trenching machinery, 10K front-end loaders, sweepers, and many of the other types of equipment we need to be proficient in, but aren't always able to practice on."

While in New York, Bucy said, the community response to their presence was astounding.

"The local Y let us use their facilities for free. We could work out, use their swimming pool and showers," he said.

On other occasions, community members surprised 445th Airmen by discreetly paying for their pizza at lunch, or offering to buy their coffee at Dunkin' Donuts.

"It was really nice to help out and give back to a community that has supported us for so many years," said Bucy, noting that for many local residents, this is their only interaction with military personnel, since the nearest military station to the county is in Syracuse, New York, roughly 70 miles away.

"For me, who has deployed to three combat locations in my reserve career, as well as the young, brand-new Airmen, to see that what they do on the weekends and these ATs matters," Bucy said, "and for everything they give up, they finally got to see some appreciation from someone other than a family member."



News Briefs

Promotions

Airman

Matthew Crotty, ASTS
Matthew Jones, CES
Garet Pride, ASTS
Valor Rushing, LRS
Travis Smith, AMXS
Aaron Thompson, AES
Airman First Class
Steven Burson, CES
Lucas Corder, FSS
Jailen Dittman, ASTS
Shikima Gainey, 87 APS
Tyler Langdon, ASTS
Barrell McCarthy, MXS
Mariah Moreland, FSS
Christopher Reeves, 87 APS
Dominic Slonkosky, AES
Melinda Stewart, ASTS
Senior Airman
Kambra Curry, FSS

Rebekah Graven, ASTS
Mackenzie Logan, LRS
Jean Tingbo, CES
Erica Wyeth, AMDS
Staff Sergeant
Caleb Boles, ASTS
Komi Detti, AMDS
Caitlin Donnelly, ASTS
Trevor Gaskins, ASTS
Joel McCullough, AW
Inez McQueen, AMDS
Samuel Ronan, MXG
Joshua Sagan, AES
Melissa Sherman, AMDS
Technical Sergeant
Rodney Bennett, 89 AS
Brenna Pogoy, AES
Darrin Smith, AMDS
Master Sergeant
Joel Lefevre, AMDS
Anthony Phillips, CES
Senior Master Sergeant
Rhonda Gambill, 87 APS

William Ryan, LRS

Newcomers

1Lt Emily Perkins, AES
2Lt Nathaniel Copen, AES
TSgt Gina Daniel, MXS
SSgt Chase Sprunger, AMXS
SrA Jordan Besterman, AMXS
SrA Blake Bethel, SFS
SrA Derek Jones, CES
A1C Jackson Brown, SFS
A1C Ethan Spickler, AW
A1C Michael Thompson, 87 APS
A1C Jean Tingbo, CES
A1C Brandon Watkins, SFS
Amn Jailen Dittman, ASTS

AB Matthew Jones, CES
AB Valor Rushing, LRS
AB Travis Smith, AMXS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Craig Wisler, AMDS
SMSgt Robert Rowe, 87 APS
SMSgt Cleve Samuel, 87 APS
MSgt Rhonda Gambill, 87 APS
TSgt Frank Oliver, AW
Air Force Commendation Medal
TSgt Adam Dees, AMDS
Air Force Achievement Medal
SrA Inez McQueen, AMDS

Diamond Sharp Awards



Master Sgt. David Reagan, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron first sergeant, presents the June 2016 Wright-Patterson Reserve First Sergeant's Council Diamond Sharp Award to Senior Airman Ryan Garrett (top) and Senior Airman Myron McGuire, Jr. (bottom) both from the 89th Airlift Squadron, August 6, 2016. The Diamond Sharp Award recognizes an Airman's exemplary performance, adherence to the Air Force core values, attitude, appearance and ability to set himself above his peers.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough

CGO promotions announced

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the calendar year 2016 captain and first lieutenant Air Force Reserve line and nonline promotion selection board August 11, 2016. Three officers from the 445th were selected for captain. Three Airmen from the 445th and one from 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, were selected for first lieutenant.

The selection board convened at the center April 1 to determine those officers qualified to assume the next higher grade.

Categories considered during these promotion boards were: Air Force Reserve Line, Chaplain, Dental Corps, Line Air Force - Judge Advocate, Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Medical Service Corps and Biomedical Sciences Corps.

Congratulations to our new captains:

Andrew Do, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Jeffrey Anderson, 89th Airlift Squadron; and William Scott, 445 AES

Congratulations to our new first lieutenants:

Casey Cajalne, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Jonathan Charles, 445 ASTS; Robert Lovelady, 14th Intelligence Squadron; and David Miller, 445 AES

A complete list of Airmen selected for promotion is available by visiting the Air Reserve Officer Promotion page on myPers. For more information, call the Total Force Service Center at 210-565-0102.



Wright-Patt AFB Total Force Combat Dining In



Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Total Force First Sergeants Council hosted its inaugural combat dining in August 6, 2016. The super heroes themed event was attended by more than 150 military members from across the base. Members laughed and enjoyed a night of comradery and fun as they cheered others participating in the grog, obstacle course and water battles. The guest speaker for the evening was retired Maj. Gen. Edward Mechenbier, a Vietnam prisoner of war.



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Citizen Airmen fuel Air Force

By Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron is made up of a variety of Airmen with many different roles, duties, and careers. One such role in LRS is the fuels flight.

“Fuels is kind of underrated,” said Senior Airman Darren M. Trenkamp, a fuels specialist with the 445th LRS. “Other groups don’t realize everything on this base runs on fuel. Planes won’t take off, you can’t get the trucks anywhere.”

In his civilian life, Trenkamp lives in Kentucky and works for Fifth Third Bank. He has been with the 445th since 2011.

When asked about a change of station, Trenkamp replied, “I love my job. I wouldn’t want it any other way.”

The fuels flight is made up of multiple compartments. The sections include aircraft refueling, laboratory, facilities and the fuels service center.

“We have the FSC, that’s who the people call to let us know they need fuel,” said Trenkamp.

The FSC also completes any gallon adjustments needed and they keep up with what’s going on, said Trenkamp.

“You also have facilities,” said Trenkamp. “They go around and check the pump houses. Fuel doesn’t move on its own. You need big equipment to push all that fuel through different places, along with filter after filter.”

One section that most Reserve Airmen do not get



Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough

Tech. Sgt. Richard L. Blake, training manager of fuels flight for the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron pours fuel while completing a bottle method test July 25, 2016, at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

to see during the unit training assembly is the lab.

“Lab is important because that’s what tests for particles in the fuel and things like that,” said Trenkamp. “If there is any kind of contaminant it could essentially cause a plane crash.”

“We (the 445th) don’t get lab time because that role is contracted out on Wright-Patterson,” said Master Sgt. Jason A. Bates, NCO in charge and flight chief of fuels operations at the 445th LRS.

Bates has been with the squadron for a few years now. He is also contracted as a refueling unit technician with the 88th LRS. Overall, he has been on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for approximately 10 years.

The 445th LRS recently returned from their annual tour assignment at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

“A benefit of coming to a place like this is the amount of flights,” said Bates. “They get as many flights in a day as we might in a year back home.”

While in Alaska for annual training, the 445th LRS fuels Airmen were able to take advantage of training opportunities like working in the lab and being able to work with many different aircraft platforms. Some of the aircraft the Airmen refueled were the C-17 Globemaster III, the C-12 Huron, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the F-22 Raptor, and even the F/A-18 Hornet jets used by the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels.

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