

# Buckeye Flyer



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Senior Airman Matthew Cook

**Tech. Sgt. Sonya Kidd, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, assembles a patient therapeutic oxygen system during training. The oxygen system is used to provide therapeutic oxygen to patients in flight. AES Airmen care for the sick and wounded during flight. AES transported more than 12,000 patients in 2009.**

## E-finance coming to the 445th

*By 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Reservists at the 445th Airlift Wing are now able to file travel vouchers electronically using the e-Finance Web site.

E-Finance is a user based system designated to streamline document processing at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base finance office. It is designed to allow for the paperless submission of the travel voucher and other financial documents.

“The new system will make filing travel vouchers

a little easier for our Airmen,” said Matthew Thompson, 445th Airlift Wing financial manager.

Thompson says the process begins with the user establishing an account at e-Finance and then completing the traveling voucher there electronically. Supporting documents such as orders, receipts, etc. must be scanned or faxed. To complete the voucher,

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# Remember the holiness of the holiday season

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

Greetings from your new wing chaplain. It is an honor to be with the 445th and I am excited about the many new and exciting changes 2010 will bring. When I am not at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base I serve as the chief chaplain and senior ethics official at the Cincinnati Veterans Administration Medical Center where we are invested in our returning OIF/OEF veterans and their families. There is much correlation with the duties. As one of the newest members of the 445th, I look forward to the relationships that will be established in the New Year.

As we reflect upon the holiday season keep in mind that this expression is derived from the words Holy Days. Over the next few months, as families and friends of the 445th come together to celebrate the holiday

season, remember the holiness of the season. My prayer for each of you is that the holiness of this time of the year will further inspire in you ongoing service to our country and your fellow reservists. As members of the United States Air Force Chaplain Service, we strive to be a continual reminder of the Holy. It is our desire to promote spiritual wellness in our ministry with the 445th.

We stand ready to assist in spiritual counsel and support to our many team members and their families. On December 12, I will be placing a wreath in honor of our Air Force family at a Ft. Thomas Veteran's Memorial in Northern Kentucky in recognition of the National Wreath Across America celebration. It is always an honor to wear the uniform and represent the Air Force especially now as one of your 445th family.

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## Don't find fault, find a remedy

By Col. Steve Johnson  
445th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

A wing's effectiveness can be defined by its ability to provide the Major Command with safe and reliable services.

Effectiveness is often times measured with data, things like mission reliability rates, troop deployments and accident rates. The numbers or data then serve as our report card, measuring our capabilities. They are on the briefing slides at Air Force Reserve Command, compared and contrasted against other wings. Tanker Airlift Control Center [Air Mobility Command] uses them to provide projections to the Combatant Commanders for the war effort. Not only do these numbers make a difference, they actually justify the existence of our wing.

We have achieved greatness in many aspects of our global endeavors and accomplished many feats with extraordinary results. Most of our numbers are up.

However, one of the areas that continues to challenge us is the C-5 reliability. The reasons are many and varied (parts, weather, foam, etc.), most are with merit and some without, but all have become irrelevant. Other than perhaps gleaning a bit of historical perspective, they just don't matter, we have a new year ahead of us.

In the upcoming year our CHALLENGE is to improve mission readiness in all areas throughout our wing. One process at a time, we must seek ways to improve in all areas, including those identified during the inspections. Operations, maintenance, and the supporting agencies must all work together to find solutions. 445th pride demands it!

Henry Ford once offered this advice, "DON'T FIND FAULT, FIND A REMEDY."

Look within your unit, your work group and within yourself for that remedy. Challenge yourself and others to make a difference. Ask yourself each and every day you come to work are you doing all you can to support and improve our mission.

Whether you are flying a desk or an airplane, turning a wrench or guarding our gates, giving physicals or fixing computers, your contributions to the challenge absolutely can make a difference. It is time to achieve greatness again in ALL we do!



# AFRC Commander sends holiday wishes

By Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.  
Commander, Air Force Reserve Command

As we enter the holiday season and prepare for the new year, I want to thank you, your families and your employers for the many sacrifices made this year for our great nation.

The holidays provide all of us an opportunity to thank our friends and families for their support



throughout the year.

To the men and women who are able to celebrate the holidays with friends and family at home, I ask that you remember the hundreds of brave Citizen Airmen who are observing the season under much different circumstances.

More than 1,200 of our Air Force Reserve warriors are serving overseas with incredible distinction in global operations from the deserts of Iraq and Africa to the mountains of Afghanistan and South America. I ask the entire Air Force Reserve family to keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as we eagerly

await their safe return.

This past year much has been asked of you, and you have met every challenge without reservation.

In the coming years, we will face many more challenges as Air Force Reserve Command becomes a fully operational command. We will be more directly involved in meeting the needs of combatant commanders overseas. I have every confidence that you are up to every task and will exceed all expectations.

Dee and I wish you and your families the very best during this festive time and for 2010! *(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)*

The Buckeye Flyer Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

445th Airlift Wing leadership serves Thanksgiving dinner to wing Airmen during the unit training assembly Nov. 15. Serving Airmen is an annual tradition for the wing. Serving from the right are Maj. Mike Vollmer, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Lt. Col. Michael Brandenburg, 445th Communications Squadron commander, Col. Mary Henderhan, Mission Support Group commander, and Master Sgt. Karen Stanley-Wolfe, Operation Support Squadron first sergeant.

## Happenings around the wing



Stacy Vaughn

Tech. Sgt. Josh Roland, 89th Airlift Squadron, talks to ROTC cadets from three different New York area schools about systems on the C-5 Galaxy.

# Heroes Welcome Heroes event touches reservist

By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Heroes Welcoming Heroes event held Nov. 4 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force made an impression on one reservist assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing and his family who recently returned from a deployment to Southwest Asia.

Master Sgt. Robb Fulker, 445th Security Forces Squadron, said the HWH event meant a lot to him and his family and said everyone who had a part in coordinating the event, deserves a big “thank you.”

“This was the most awesome homecoming event I have ever experienced. In my 22 years of military service, I have been deployed in support of five different campaigns. But with this event, I finally felt like I had a welcoming home,” Sergeant Fulker said.

HWH is held every four months. Sponsored by the base Integrated Delivery System, a network of helping agencies, and supported by local community partners and volunteers, more than 300 Airmen and their families were able to enjoy a night of activities, to include free food donated by local restaurants, door prizes, live music and children’s activities. An array of information was also onsite to assist the Airmen and their families as they continue through post-deployment reintegration.

Master Sgt. James Tyus, 88th Air Base Wing Airman and Family Readiness Center, family readiness non-commissioned officer in charge, said the purpose of the night was to reunite family, friends, co-workers and supervisors. He said that it’s important the member’s supervisor, commander and first sergeant be involved in the welcome home for the return of their Airmen.

“Airmen’s reintegration has a two-fold responsibility when it comes to returning to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. While supervisors should be concerned about administrative and work-related transitions, they also should keep a pulse on the family while the member is deployed. Leadership’s role in welcoming back their deployed members is crucial to a successful reunion and reintegration in the home and the workplace,” Sergeant Tyus said.

Sergeant Fulker said the night was a memorable occasion that he’ll never forget.

“My favorite part of the evening was just sitting with my family and enjoying the atmosphere. I would like to encourage anyone who missed the event to attend the next one. You will definitely feel the gratitude, appreciation and camaraderie. I am glad to be home,” Sergeant Fulker said.

## Toys for Tots



Stacy Vaughn

**Master Sgt. Steve Palsgrove, 445th Operation Support Squadron, donates a toy to the Toys for Tots drive. To support Toys for Tots, donate a new, unwrapped toy at any collection point around the wing through Dec. 6.**

## E-finance from page 1

documents are uploaded and then submitted to the reviewer.

Once a voucher is complete, it is digitally packaged and sent to the user’s finance office, processed locally and sent to the Air Force Financial Service Center at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

E-Finance can be used to file travel vouchers, however, inactive duty training travel vouchers must still be filed manually.

Direct link to the system requires a common access card. This will limit home use to only those who have this capability at home, Thompson added.

Reservists are encouraged to use e-Finance now as the program will be mandatory beginning Jan. 4, 2010.

For assistance with e-Finance, call (937) 257-3202 or visit the customer service office in Building 1, Monday - Friday. The customer service office has computers set up to assist and train in e-Finance.

To file your travel voucher electronically, visit the e-Finance workspace at <https://efinanceworkspace.wpafb.af.mil/>.



# Wing Airmen are living history

By Capt. Caroline Wellman  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

One of the wing's Airmen really knows how to dress to impress.

Tech. Sgt. Phillip Textor, a health information services technician in the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, travels to Eastern Ohio or West Virginia more than four times per year to participate in battle-field re-enactment campaigns. The re-enactments are not open to the public but allows those participating to relive history.



Photos by Stacy Vaughn

## A women's Army Air Corps uniform from the 1940s

character throughout the entire event so it's very realistic," Sergeant Textor said.

He doesn't do it alone. He's part of the 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a historical Civil War unit, and his girlfriend, Staff Sgt. Anne Marriott of the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, joins him as frequently as she can.

"It started about 15 years ago. I was looking through a U.S. Cavalry catalog and saw a uniform – a jacket, pants and overcoat for \$20 – and I thought it looked neat so I sent away for it," Sergeant Textor said. "I didn't have any plans for it, but then I started doing research and thought it'd be neat to reproduce an historical uniform. It started from there."

The sergeant now has at least 15 different jackets and 20 pieces of headgear, including German uniforms from World War II, Civil War uniforms, and Cold War-era Soviet uniforms.

The Soviet uniforms are most difficult to accurately recreate, Sergeant Textor said.

When he's not involved in re-enactments, Sergeant Textor also attends various living history events, such as the Battle of Gettysburg, educating the public about military history and the various roles and uniforms of servicemembers in that time period.

"Living history events are a great way to educate the public what went on during the Civil War, for example. The public can see what kind of military uniforms were worn, where they set up camp, how meals were cooked, etc. The re-enactors stay in



"I'm trying to dress out the jacket as it would have appeared in 1985, but it's been difficult because not much information has been released since the Soviet Union fell," he said.

One uniform that is complete is Sergeant Textor's World War II-era uniform, which he wears every May when the Air Force Band of Flight does their annual Glenn Miller tribute. Sergeant Marriott, who became interested in re-enactment and living history more than seven years ago, joins him at the event in her complete Women's Army Air Corps uniform.

She also has Civil War period attire for Civil War living history events.

"It's fun. ...We like to portray a different time period," Sergeant Marriott explained. "I think I was born in the wrong era because I like doing the World War II period – the music and the dancing – and the Civil War is interesting. Some of the clothing is beautiful and it gives perspective on how people lived at different times. The Air Corps uniform just gives us a picture of our Air Force heritage. It's a way to know that the people who served before us have made an impact on the Air force we have today."

"It started with one uniform, then went to having some stuff," Sergeant Textor said, "then to having a room full of stuff. Then one day I realized I had a collection."

Sergeant Textor said getting involved in re-enacting has allowed him to see how our culture has changed over the years.

"It's fun and exciting to step into another period and to get a taste for what it was like for the servicemembers in World War I and World War II. (Stacy Vaughn contributed to this story)



## A Soviet Union major's uniform from the early 1980s

# Wing announces annual award winners



**Airman of the Year**  
**Senior Airman Matthew McDonald**

Senior Airman Matthew McDonald is assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate office. Airman McDonald created a paperless file management system that exceeds Air Force requirements. He was the first Air Force Reserve pipeline student to attend the Paralegal Apprentice Course, where he was a distinguished graduate. At only 20-years-old, Airman McDonald received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Ohio State University.



**NCO of the Year**  
**Tech. Sgt. Nathan Lowman**

Tech Sgt. Nathan Lowman is assigned to the 445th Maintenance Operations Flight. Sergeant Lowan processed more than 9 million pounds of mail while deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. He recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in professional aeronautics. Sergeant Lowman is active in the local community to include escorting World War II veterans to Washington D.C. and being an active member of the Wounded Warrior Project.



**Senior NCO of the Year**  
**Senior Master Sgt. Charles Duke**

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Duke is assigned to the 445th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron. He was selected as the unit's top performer during a recent unit compliance inspection and as a superior performer by the Health Services Inspection team. Sergeant Duke is a community activist who volunteers and teaches vocational and technical cluster at the YMCA. He is currently pursuing an education degree in training and development at Northcentral University.

## 4th quarter award winners selected



**Airman**

Senior Airman Ashley Hacker is assigned to the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Airman Hacker is

noted for passing a quality assurance inspection with no deficiencies. Her quick actions and troubleshooting during an aircraft launch, allowed an aircrew to complete pre-flight and take-off on time. She is an American Red Cross blood donor and helps support a church mission for needy families.



**NCO**

Tech. Sgt. Nathan Lowman is assigned to the 445th Maintenance Operations Flight. Sergeant Lowan processed

more than 9 million pounds of mail while deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. He is a self aid buddy care instructor for MOF. He is active in the local community to include escorting World War II veterans to Washington D.C. and being an active member of the Wounded Warrior Project.



**Senior NCO**

Senior Master Sgt. Michael West is assigned to the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Sergeant West's expert schedul-

ing of repair actions resulted in a net flying hour gain of 187.7 for more than two months. He authored the AMXS production supervisor continuity book and improved the performance and consistency of production supervisors. He serves as coach for his community elementary baseball and basketball teams, and volunteers with a Cub Scout troop.

# News Briefs

## Employer Support Freedom Award

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is accepting nominations of civilian employers for the Freedom Award now - Jan. 18. This award allows service members to nominate civilian employers who have provided exceptional support. This award program helps promote strong relationships with civilian employers. To nominate an employer, go to [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil).

## Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program for Christmas is now underway. Bring your new and unwrapped toys to a drop off container located throughout the 445th Airlift Wing by Dec. 6 or contact your first sergeant. For more information contact Master Sgt. John Koehl at 257-0062, option 4.

## CAC readers available

Common access card readers are now available for 445th Airlift Wing Airmen. Readers can be obtained from equipment custodians beginning Dec. 5. Software must be installed in order to use the CAC readers. Software and instructions can be downloaded from 445th Airlift Wing Portal Page via the Air Force Portal.

## Holiday Concerts

The Band of Flight will play a holiday concert at Xenia High School auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. They will also play several concerts Dec. 11-13 at the Dayton Masonic Temple. These concerts are free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For more information go to [www.bandofflight.af.mil](http://www.bandofflight.af.mil).

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

SMSgt Alice Collingwood, LRS  
SMSgt Raymond Grass, MXS  
MSgt Andrew Vanert, MXS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Darin McKinney, ASTS  
Capt Stacy Flint, ASTS  
TSgt Christopher Logan, LRS  
SSgt Robert Green, MXS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Joseph Heitzenrater, CES  
SSgt Drew Ramsay, MSF

### Aerial Achievement Medal

MSgt Fredrick Hageman III, AES  
SSgt Emily Kennedy, AES

## Promotions

### Airman

Sarah McAlister, MOF

### Airman First Class

Jeremy Whitlow, SFS

### Senior Airman

Steven Flowers, AMDS  
Jacqueline Lamothe, AMDS

### Staff Sergeant

Mouk Chounlamany, SFS  
Russ Hernandez, 87 APS  
Matthew McCullough, 87 APS  
Jennifer Reckner, AMDS  
Benjamin Underwood, AMXS

### Technical Sergeant

Ryan McBride, MXS  
Linda Pantoja, CES  
William Ryan, LRS  
Moneeka Stanifer, AMDS  
Jonathan Stella, MXS  
Kenneth Wagner, AMXS  
John Weber, AMXS

### Master Sergeant

Kimberly Rice, 87 APS  
Lisa Stewart, AMXS

### First Lieutenant

Jeffrey Miller, AES

### Captain

Tobby Evans, 87 APS

### Major

Clifford Erli, OSS  
Christina Jones, AMDS  
Dennis Park, AW  
John Pica Jr., 89 AS  
Marie Smith, ASTS

### Lieutenant Colonel

Lt Col Stanley Bascone, 89 AS  
Lt Col Gregory Baxley, AW  
Lt Col William Gorczynski, OSS  
Lt Col Roberta Stemen, AES

## Newcomers

SMSgt Janet Wescott, CES  
TSgt Jeremy Caskey, AW  
SSgt Ray Carpenter, LRS  
SSgt Jennifer Gerritsen, AES  
SSgt Karl Howard, ASTS  
SSgt Eric Whiteaker, MXS  
SrA Renee Baumert, CES  
SrA Christopher Clark, MOF  
SrA Matthew Cook, AW  
SrA Brian Daiker, AMXS  
SrA Joshua Ruberg, MXS  
SrA Anthony Szary, LRS  
SrA Shayne Thompson, MSF  
A1C Christopher Bateson, 87 APS  
A1C Adam Etter, 87 APS  
A1C Ryan Jones, CES  
A1C Jessica Massey, ASTS  
A1C Bradley Moore, CES  
A1C Michael Osborne, 87 APS  
A1C Roosevelt Reid, 87 APS  
A1C Keith Taylor, OSS  
A1C Ryan Umstead, CES  
A1C Seth Watts, 87 APS  
Amn Charae Parks, AES  
Amn Matthew Monk, CES  
AB Jennifer Boggs, CES  
AB Rachel Ellis, AES  
AB Douglas Lippert, AMXS  
AB Sarah McAlister, MOF  
AB Chanell Prater, CF  
AB Anna Roberts, 89 AS  
AB Ameer Thomas, LRS

*Season's Greetings*





**Guarding against the flu**

Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Master Sgt. Anthony Carnevale, 445th Communications Flight, receives a flu shot from Staff Sgt. Belinda Reilly, a 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical technician. All reservists are required to receive an annual flu shot.

**On the Web**



Wing leadership serves Thanksgiving dinner



Security forces squadron Airmen leave for Japan



AES training photo essay

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