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## Going above, beyond: 445th supports air show

By Staff Sgt. Robert Nelson

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing helped make sparks fly during the Vectren Dayton Air Show at the Dayton International Airport July 23 to 24.

Airmen in uniform proudly showed support for the event with static displays of a C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III, as well as demonstrations of life-saving techniques aboard an aircraft.

"I believe this is an important opportunity for the wing to be able to show the kind of work our Airmen do every day," said Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th AW commander. "We enjoy sharing with the community how we operate to accomplish our mission."

The 89th Airlift Squadron and the 445th Aeromedical



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

**A 445th Airlift Wing C-5 Galaxy takes center stage at the Vectren Dayton Air Show.**

Egger, 89th AS C-5 loadmaster.

When the general public hears the words, "Air Force," the first career they may think of is an Air Force pilot. But Airmen are serving in multifaceted careers all

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Evacuation Squadron gave tours of the aircraft to visitors, explaining and demonstrating how the wing performs its mission on a daily basis.

"Many people are interested in aircraft and learning more about them because it gives them the opportunity to see first-hand what kind of contributions their taxpayer's dollars are making for their country," said Tech. Sgt. Travis

## C-17 aircrew transports USAF Thunderbirds team

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A 445th Airlift Wing aircrew performed their first C-17 Globemaster III mission for Air Mobility Command July 21, when they transported the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team to Dayton, Ohio to participate in the Vectren Dayton Air Show July 23 to 24.

A crew from the 445th's 89th Airlift Squadron flew a C-17 to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., the home of the Thunderbirds, July 20 and unloaded the aircraft with the Thun-



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**The Thunderbirds perform at the Vectren Dayton Air Show.**

derbirds' maintenance support equipment. The next morning, the equipment along with more than 55 of their support personnel, flew to Dayton, Ohio, the site of the air show. The aircraft dropped off the equipment and personnel then was positioned next to another 445th asset, the C-5 Galaxy and used as a static display.

"Supporting the Thunderbirds was a real thrill for me. I remember

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# Change is inevitable: Embrace it

By Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski  
445th Airlift Wing Command Chief

Think back to your life before Sept. 11, 2001. Everything about our world was different. Change was somehow more manageable and predictable. Now, change is what we have come to expect on a daily basis, not just in our global environment, but in our military capabilities and capacities as well.



Managing change in uncertain times is probably one of the most challenging expectations we know. When we don't know what changes are coming, how can we possibly be able to manage what we don't know will exist? Good question.

Some say the answers are to be resilient, flexible and focused. I agree, but add that staying edu-

cated and providing suggestions for improvement are also critically important.

Staying informed and where you gather your information from is key. Making recommendations to the proper influential decision makers is also important. By becoming part of the solution and not part of the problem, people feel more empowered to effectively help change through its most difficult milestones.

Ignoring change or thinking that it just won't happen isn't going to stop it from happening – it's just going to make you more anxious. Keeping up with changes and the rationale behind the changes is what is important. Some changes SHOULD be made and helping to understand it is the first step toward acceptance.

You will hear and see a lot in the

next several months about how we can run our military more efficiently. I ask you to take the time and use your civilian insight as reservists, and make suggestions.

There's more than one way to do almost everything. Be proactive, stay informed, and remain focused and resilient. Try not to become overwhelmed or negative, but if you feel you are, talk to someone who can help you regain your confidence.

Changes are always hard, but more changes can also happen down the road to reduce the impact. Decisions made now might not yield the expected results. Decisions made today, can be changed in the future.

We live in the greatest nation in the world and belong to the greatest Air Force. Be proud of being an Airman and stay strong for our future.

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# One more is never enough

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Brian Honett  
445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

Listening to the radio the other day I heard a song with the line, "One more is never enough." How true that is! We always want more and often deceive ourselves when involved in something that we will do it just one more time, then we will quit.

Just one more cigarette, one more donut, one more cheeseburger, one more beer; then we'll quit and get on to doing what is right—working out in preparation for the PT test and taking better care of our bodies.

We are always ready to start that diet tomorrow after just one more day of all you can eat chicken wings.

This isn't something new that only the modern world struggles with, and it doesn't just affect our physical bodies but our spiritual lives as well. Solomon wrote down instructions for his children

in the book of Proverbs and said, "Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly." *Proverbs 26:11.*

That is a pretty disgusting picture, but it gets the point across.

It is ridiculous to keep doing the same thing. Just one more dirty joke, one more laugh at someone else's expense, one more day in that relationship we shouldn't have, and we find ourselves like that dog returning to its own vomit.

Life doesn't have to be like that; it doesn't have to be a cycle of resolution and defeat of "just one more." We have been delivered from that by God.

We are certainly far from perfect in the chaplain's office, and we all have our times of "just one more," but we would love to talk with you about how you can be free from that depressing cycle.



# Exercise, exercise, exercise



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Staff Sgt. Priscilla Murphy, 445th Force Support Squadron, checks Staff Sgt. Jennifer Edington's, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, mobility folder and dog tags for accuracy during the wing's deployment exercise Aug. 6 to 7.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

445th Airlift Wing reservists depart from a deployment briefing and proceed to their deployed work areas during the wing's deployment exercise.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

445th Airmen help each other adjust their protective masks during the wing's deployment exercise.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Members of the 445th Emergency Operations Center coordinate response and recovery activities during the wing exercise.

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over the world, working together as a team to fly, fight and win – in air, space and cyberspace.

"I think it's important to educate the public about the wing because many visitors have asked me about the role of the Air Force Reserve, and I'm glad I have this opportunity to be able to share with them and

help gain support for the military," said Senior Airman Andrew Protsman, 445th AES technician. "A lot of people are more knowledgeable about the Reserves after this event and they enjoy seeing what we do."

Protsman says the best part of his day during the air show was having the honor of giving an auto-

graph to a small, young boy.

"I was taken back in awe and honored to be asked for my autograph for the first time in my life because I couldn't believe, of all people, he wanted 'my' autograph," said Protsman. "Experiences like this make me feel proud to serve, knowing I can make a difference."

# A homecoming of sorts for 87 APS Airman

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

A reservist assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing's 87th Aerial Port Squadron had a homecoming of sorts when he performed his annual tour at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., in June, the same location his father was assigned before his sudden death in 2007.

Senior Airman Kevin Shaffer, an air transportation technician, was part of a group of Airmen from his squadron who deployed to Andrews for their two-week annual training June 6. Shaffer was ready to face new challenges in his young military career and revisit a place that held some tragic memories. Kevin's father, Lt. Col. Martin Shaffer, was the director of protocol when he passed away at the age of 45.

"Dad had taken a few days of leave to relax and had a massive stroke. We talked the day before he died. I didn't know people can go from looking perfectly healthy one day to being gone the next," Kevin said.

Kevin was 18 at the time of his father's passing, just three months before he graduated from high school. His father was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Now, four years after his father's death, Kevin is working at the same passenger terminal where his dad used to work.

"You can request annual tour locations but my assignment came up randomly. I saw my name on the list for Andrews and I thought, 'Hey, I know a little bit about that base.' We came to work the first day and I walked into the distinguished visitor lounge and it looked exactly like it did in 2007 when my dad was the



Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

**Senior Airman Kevin Shaffer, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, and Mr. John Polhemus, deputy chief of flightline protocol, share a moment in the Lt. Col. Martin Shaffer DV suite.**

director of protocol here," Kevin said.

Cheryl Eresman, a licensed professional clinical counselor in Kettering, Ohio, said that it's really Kevin that has changed.

"Being in a place that's full of memories of his father can bring closure," Eresman said. "Kevin can 'see' his dad, everywhere. So, being in that specific place could be particularly healing for him. The up side of someone dying so unexpectedly is that they don't suffer. The

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Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

## Farewell Col Schulte

Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser, 445th Maintenance Group superintendent, presents Col. Anna Schulte, 445th Maintenance Group commander, a going away gift, Aug. 13. The present was designed and handcrafted by the 445th Structural Repair Shop as a going away gift to Schulte, who has taken an assignment as commander of the 403rd Maintenance Group at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

# AMXS, MXS give C-17 a bath

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

Like other aircraft, the C-17 Globemaster III gets dirty and has to take a bath. Keeping these aircraft clean is not only important for its appearance, but it's an important part of its overall aircraft maintenance.

The 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has the equipment and manpower to clean the 174-foot C-17 at home station, unlike the massive C-5 Galaxy that had to be flown to Dover Air Force Base, Del. for its wash. With a crew of 12 or more, it takes about three days to give each plane a complete cleaning: under floors, interior and exterior.

"We go over each plane with a fine-toothed comb," said Senior Airman Steven Klepeisz, 445th Maintenance Squadron. "One of the hardest things is seeing stains on the aircraft skin and scrubbing 10 times, and they still don't come out."

For each wash, the C-17 is brought into building 4016. The floor in the hangar is designed to route water into a labyrinth of floor drains to collect the water. And collect water they do; pressure-washing a C-17 can use 500-700 gallons of water.

"All of our water goes into a trap," Burkheiser said. "We use a 'green' bio-degradable soap that is part of our

qualified products list for the C-17."

Airmen on the wash crew wear water repellent ensembles and face shields to protect them from the cleaning solution and the debris that comes off the planes. They are armed with three-foot-long washer wands. The washing crew finds themselves 65 feet in the air spraying the soapy mix down onto the tail section one day and laying on their backs on the floor of the hangar spraying upwards cleaning the belly of the plane the next day.

"You get dirty and sweaty, but at the end of the day the plane is clean and that's the mission for us," Klepeisz said.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Richard Burkheiser, 445th AMXS, each plane is washed every 180 days or as required. The sergeant said if they fly through a volcanic ash cloud, land on a

desert or dirt airstrip or spend time near saltwater, bath time comes quicker. Anything that can cause corrosion must to be removed from the planes in a timely manner.

After the wash process, the newly bathed C-17 is brought out of the hangar and is ready to take on its next mission.



Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

**Senior Airman Steven Klepeisz, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, washes the tail section of the C-17 Globemaster III Aug. 12.**

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as a kid watching them from behind the fence amazed at what they do and caught up in the patriotic atmosphere. Now here I am on that side of the fence helping support them," Capt. Scott DeBoer, 89th AS pilot, said.

Lt. Col. Rich Klarich, 445th Operation Group C-17 Program Integration Office said that it was a rare treat for the attendees to experience both a 445th C-5 and a 445th C-17 side-by-side at one event.

"What an experience for the air show attendees. Because we are transitioning from the C-5 to the C-17, that will be the last time you see a Wright-Patt C-5 and C-17 sitting together at the Dayton air show," said

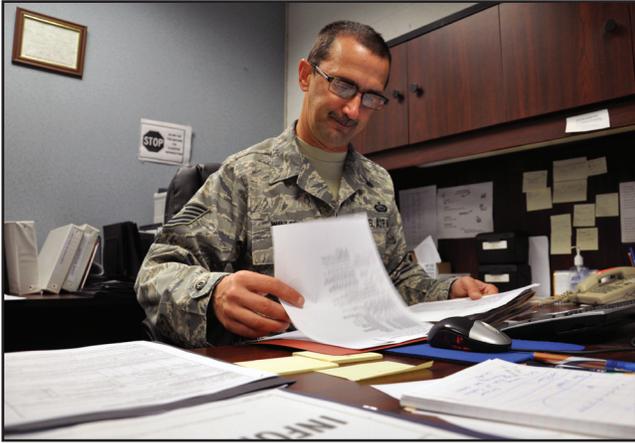
Klarich.

The day after the air show, the crew flew the Thunderbirds support team and equipment to their next air show in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Klarich praised the 445th maintainers for prepping both aircraft for the air show during the record heat that hit the area over the weekend and the afternoon thunderstorm that occurred the last day of the air show.

"It was a great collaboration of effort by the wing to combine an AMC mission with a hometown static display without impacting the customer," Klarich said.

# SPOTLIGHT



**Rank/Name**

Tech. Sgt. Brian (Todd) Williams

**Unit**

445th Maintenance Operations Flight

**Duty Title**

Unit training manager

**Hometown**

Cochran, Pa.

**Civilian Job**

Air Reserve Technician

**Education**

I have two bachelor's degrees; one in human resource management and one in business management

**Career Goal**

To retire from The Air Force Reserve as a master sergeant or higher and from federal service as GS-12 or higher

**Hobbies**

Hiking and cycling

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

I really enjoy working with the people of 445th because of their professionalism and at the same time being able to have fun while doing your job

**Why did you join the Air Force?**

I completed 11 years (1981 - 1992) of active-duty service then took a 16-year break. I love serving my country, so after being away for 16 years, I joined the Reserve for a new adventure and challenge in life.

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downside is that you don't get to say goodbye. Working where his father worked gave Kevin a chance to say goodbye," Eresman said.

Time itself is an agent for change. But there were strong memories of walking into the place his late father used to work, walking the same halls in his own uniform now where he once followed his father four years ago.

"After I found out that I was going to be working in the same terminal my dad did, I began to wonder if any of the people he worked with were still there. I walked into the DV lounge and recognized Mr. P. (John Polhemus, deputy chief of flightline protocol). I knew he worked for my dad. He said 'Hey, don't I know you?' I hadn't seen him in four years, and I was still in high school."

Polhemus recognized Kevin immediately.

"Seeing Kevin come in that door was really cool," Polhemus said. He told Kevin that the entire staff had honored his father not long after his death by naming the distinguished visitor suite after him.

Kevin knew nothing about the room honoring his father. He was both surprised and happy. It was clear that his father was loved and respected by the protocol staff.

With his father's passing and all the events surrounding it, Kevin wasn't able to focus on his freshman year of college or Reserve Officers' Training

Corps at the University of Maryland. He's back on track with college now and wants to pursue being an Air Force officer like his dad, but if possible, attaining a higher rank than his dad.

While getting caught up with Mr. P., Kevin wondered out loud if his father would be proud of him, or maybe upset that he wasn't an officer yet. Mr. P. was quick to respond.

"Your dad would be proud of you, Kevin," Polhemus said.

Kevin said having a father with a prominent position can sometimes bring benefits.

"He brought me in to work a few times and I got to see, but not meet, President George W. Bush, several senators and a variety of foreign diplomats," Kevin said. "One year he helped run an air show and at the last minute ended up with a few extra DV tickets. He said, 'Here, get some friends together and have a good time.' That was a fun day."

Kevin believes that, without a doubt, his dad would come up with a joke about the assignment.

"I know that if my dad was still alive and working here, he'd come over to the ticket counter and make fun of me and try to embarrass me. Then I'd remind him of the time he fell asleep in a golf cart on the flight line at an air show and got a bad sunburn. Overall, coming back to Andrews has been a very good experience for me."

# News Briefs

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Audrey Swinney, OG  
MSgt Mary Anderson, MXS  
MSgt Robert Anderson, MOF  
MSgt Michael Fisher, MXS

### Joint Service Commendation Medal

SMSGt Patricia Wortham, FSS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt William Castle, 87 APS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt Michael Pressler, MXS  
SSgt James Mellenkamp, 87 APS  
SSgt Stanley Parks III, AMXS  
SSgt Steven Sherman, 87 APS  
SrA Jacob McCubbin, 87 APS

## Promotions

### Airman

Danielle Barnes, ASTS  
Danial Brennehan, LRS  
Nicholas Floss, AMDS  
Roman Muskeyvalley, AMDS  
Amy Snavely, AMDS  
Lamont Thomas, SFS  
Andrew Wade, LRS  
Justin Williams, SFS

### Airman First Class

Nathan Perry, ASTS

### Senior Airman

Christopher Andrews, ASTS  
Howard Dickten, ASTS

Robert Esomar, AMXS  
Erik Geer, AMXS  
Akexandra Hutchinson, ASTS  
Matthew Jarvis, ASTS  
Joshua Minefee, ASTS  
Gregory Prantl, AMXS  
Charles Smith, ASTS  
Chad Snavely, 87 APS  
Justin Van Niman, ASTS

### Staff Sergeant

Christopher Booth, SFS  
John Devore, AMXS  
Joshua Hauser, OG  
Jeremy Laird, CES  
Melissa Miller, ASTS  
Eric Ruth, OSS

### Technical Sergeant

Dorenia Bennett, LRS  
Jamie Supinger, FSS  
Brian Williams, MOF

### Master Sergeant

Jason Gumm, AMXS  
Joseph Holbrook, LRS  
Steven Purvis, MOF  
Tracy Sease, 87 APS

### Chief Master Sergeant

Dale Amsden, AMXS  
Jeffrey Grigg, CES

## The IG says...

Air Force members must submit inspector general complaints within 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong. IG complaints not reported within 60 days will normally be dismissed unless the member is able to demonstrate he/she was unable to meet the time requirements due to unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances and such circumstances justify the delay. The 445th IG can be reached at (937) 257-9902.

## Picnic

The 445th Airlift Wing picnic will be held Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bass Lake. The picnic is for Reserve members and their families. Activities include volleyball, face painting, cornhole, a dunking tank, and contests running throughout the day.

## Marathon

The Air Force Marathon is September 17, 2011. The 445th Airlift Wing has its own hydration station on Douglas Avenue and volunteers are needed.

To volunteer,

1. Go to: [http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1952077](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1952077)

2. Click on the green button labeled "Register Now!"

3. Select "Race Day Hydration Station - Saturday, September 17th" registration category and click continue.

4. Select "Hydration Station" as your registration category, agree to the waivers, initial, check age box and push continue.

5. Once in the registration form, you can join your volunteer team. Select "Station K."

6. Continue registration by filling out the rest of your registration form. Don't forget to enter the group's password, which is "AFM2011". You will not be able to volunteer for the 445th hydration station if you do not have

the correct password.

7. Push continue, review your cart summary and push submit.

Once you have submitted your registration, you will see a confirmation page appear with a confirmation number. This shows proof that your registration went through. If you are having difficulty, call the active's customer support at 877-228-4881 or [support@active.com](mailto:support@active.com)

## Spouse council

The kick off meeting for the 445th Airlift Wing spouse council will be held Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the commander's conference room, building 4010. All spouses are encouraged to attend and find out how to become more involved in the wing.

## PDS

The 445th Airlift Wing Professional Development Seminar is scheduled for Nov. 7 to 8 at the Dayton Wyndham Garden Hotel across from the Dayton Mall (breakfast and lunch will be provided).

The seminar will include sessions on customs and courtesies, career essentials, GI Bill, the importance of networking, conflict resolution/critical conversation and investments 101. There will also be a total force senior enlisted panel and a total force junior enlisted panel.

An e-mail on how to sign up for this event will be provided soon.





Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

**Show and tell**

Gen. Raymond E. Johns, Jr., commander, Air Mobility Command, is presented a “jack in the box” by Staff Sgt. Eric Whiteaker, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft metal technician, during the general’s visit to wing Aug. 6. Whiteaker used a milling machine to make the device. The milling machine is used to fabricate aircraft parts.

**On the Web**



445th Honor Guard posts Colors at Columbus Crew game



Airmen donate school supplies for American Indian/Alaska Native Program



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