



Dedication to high standards makes Master Sgt. two-time Air Force winner

By Brittany Reynolds

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

“This is a team award,” said Master Sgt. Mark Lyle. “Someone has to stand up front to accept the award, but without my outstanding team, there would be no award. I am blessed to have such a good support system, in both the 445th Airlift Wing and the 88th Air Base Wing.”

After competing against all of the Air Force Major Commands, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force selected Master Sgt. Mark Lyle as the 2011 Base Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year for the second time.

He received this award the first time in 2008.

Sergeant Lyle is an Air Force Reserve Command Honor Guard Program Manager assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing here. In this position, he serves as the superintendent of the 445th Honor Guard and is the liaison between 450 Air Reserve Command Honor Guard members from 12 bases and 125 active duty honor guard members from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Additionally, he serves as the superintendent of the 88th Air Base Wing Honor Guard and is responsible for providing management and oversight for 125 active duty honor guard members.

When asked about his most memorable experience, Sergeant Lyle recalled his first funeral for two Airmen, one of which was stationed at his duty location. It was during this funeral he realized the immense importance of this duty.

“Everyone deserves to be served flawless military funeral honors, no matter how long you have served, said Lyle. Whether brand-new or retired 20 years, that person has the same right to a flawless ceremony.”

He stated that it is his goal to make apparent that each funeral is equally important, and to ensure that his team executes a perfect ceremony every time. Receiving this award for the second time was humbling



Capt. Rodney McNary

Master Sgt. Mark Lyle (far left) and his team prepare to present the colors at an Indianapolis Colts football game.

for Sergeant Lyle, but no surprise to him because he credits the dedicated team he has the honor of supervising.

Mentoring young Airmen entering the honor guard, sometimes only 18 or 19 years old, is what keeps him motivated. After performing approximately 2,500 military funerals and 400 events annually, he knows how important it is to instill the same attention to detail into these young members. He is dedicated to training and guiding his team to continue to be the best.

The Wright-Patterson AFB honor guard is currently the most heavily tasked base honor guard unit in the Air Force.

Lyle is also the five-time recipient of the AFRC Base Program Manager of the Year Award.

ASTS Airman wins AFRC award

Tech Sgt. Jimmy Montalvo Jr., 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical craftsman, has been selected as the 2011 Air Force Reserve Command Base Honor Guard Member of the Year. Montalvo assisted in the coordination of 2,472 funerals and supported 350 color guard events in a 6-state, 210,000 square-mile area. The sergeant spearheaded 69 ceremonies and performed 17 double duties that prevented a manpower catastrophe. He was handpicked to conduct training for all 120 new honor guard members, reducing errors performed at details by 95%. The Airman volunteered 20 hours to clean the Ronald McDonald House and donated blood in support of the Japan Relief effort. Montalvo also completed 36 hours at Kettering College of Medical Arts with a 3.5 GPA and attained an associate degree in nursing science.

Inform and educate your employer

By Lt. Col. Dale Bateman

445th Mission Support Group Commander

You, the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing, along with fellow citizen Airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have experienced incredible challenges over the years.

From Desert Storm in the 1990 to Operation New Dawn, you have been challenged in ways unimaginable. Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Department of Defense has mobilized more than 848,000 reservists and National Guardsmen in response to the Global War on Terrorism. These dedicated citizen warriors have been engaged in and around the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as providing security here at home and in other critical locations around the world.

We all know this would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our families, communities and employers. You are the best source for educating the public about what we do and why we do it. Clear, concise communication is critical, espe-



cially when it comes to gaining the support of your employer.

By explaining to your supervisors what the Air Force Reserve is all about (our mission, your job, how your training can enhance your civilian career, your commitment, etc.) your employer will have a much better understanding and appreciation of your Reserve role and service to our country. It is extremely important to be upfront and honest with your employers. Keep them informed of your training requirements, potential deployments, as well as the technical and leadership skills you are acquiring.

Unfortunately, some employers and supervisors perceive reservists as liabilities rather than assets. Through education, this negative perception can be reversed and converted to positive support. Likewise, many of them do not fully understand the role the citizen soldier and citizen Airman have played in this great nation. You are the key link between your civilian supervisors and their understanding of the Air Force Reserve program. Your employer's direct contributions and support to the citizen soldier are just one more example of America's greatness as a nation.

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Turn your 'almost' into 'I'm all in'

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Kollmann

445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

"Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart."
Psalm 119:34

We live in a world with a lot of "almosts." Webster Dictionary defines the word "ALMOST" as "very nearly, but not exactly or entirely." You hear the word all the time. I believe it is a tragic word. You hear someone stating "I almost passed the test," which means "I failed" or "I almost finished college." No, that doesn't count. There are just dangling credit hours out there hovering...waiting. "Almosts" can fill our lives. When you think about it, there is no risk in "almost!" While going all the way is another matter.

Awhile back, I heard a radio show in which Jim Scott interviewed Leigh Anne Tuohy. Leigh Anne is a character in the movie "Blindside." The movie "Blindside" is a powerful movie about a family that brings an abandoned African-American teenager named Michael into their home. During the radio interview, Leigh Anne stated, "We live in a world of almosts." For example, when she felt prompted to have her husband turn the car around to pick up a homeless teenager named Michael she said, "I almost didn't ask to turn the car around. But I did it!" She went on to describe her emotions...the battle inside of getting out of the car or staying in the car. As the story progresses,

Michael becomes a great football player and most importantly, he touches the hearts of the family and his peers at his new high school.

I believe day in and day out we face decisions of "almost" or "all the way." Are we "all in" when it comes to being a husband, mother, wingman, friend, and many other roles we have committed to or things we are led to do? Especially in doing God's will? What "almosts," can you bring to total commitment today? I celebrate the fact we have a god who desires to help us understand and give us guidance as we turn our "almost" to an "I'm all in!" Remember our chaplain staff is always here for you! Blessings!



87 APS Reservist pursues career as AF nurse

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

After dreaming of becoming an officer in the Air Force for more than 10 years, Tech. Sgt. William Smith's, 87th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation craftsman, dream came true when he was commissioned as a first lieutenant May 19.

"Being in the Air Force Reserve and with the 87th APS has made my dream of becoming an officer and starting my goal of working in the medical career field a reality," Smith said.

Smith, originally from Sierra Leone, West Africa, came to the United States to pursue an education in 1991. He didn't know much about the U.S. when he first arrived; only what he had read. He ended up in New York and drove a taxi for two years. After being robbed on three different occasions, he gave up driving cabs and went to school to learn how to drive tractor trailers.

"I drove trucks for nine years. During that time, I wanted to go to school to pursue an education but I didn't have a green card or the money to go so I continued to drive trucks," Smith said.

With the help of his first wife, Smith was able to get his green card and began to focus on pursuing his education. It was something he saw on television that made an impact to the direction his career was going to take.

"I saw an advertisement on television for the Army Reserve and the ad said the Army will pay for your education. It sparked an interest in me so I was ready to sign up for the National Guard. But my friend told me I should go Air Force and not Army because the Air Force was the best way to go. So I joined the Air Force."

Smith met with a recruiter based out of McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. to start the process of joining the Air Force Reserve. During the process, he traveled with a group of

other potential recruits to visit a veteran's hospital, sparking another interest.

"We went to the VA hospital, that's when I discovered my passion for the medical field. I saw how the medical staffs, especially the nurses, interacted with the vets and how the vets voiced their appreciation for their care and help. I knew then that my career would be in medicine as I love helping people."

But when Smith pursued his interest with his recruiter, he found out the training for medical technician was more than one year, which was longer than he anticipated. He did not want to go that long for family reasons. Therefore he entered into the delayed entry program and went through training instead to work in aerial port.

Smith began working at the 88th Aerial Port Squadron at McGuire. He was then re-assigned to the 87th APS in 2003. Once in Ohio, Smith enrolled in school to pursue his nursing degree. He earned his



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt., now 1st Lt. Will Smith, shown here during a deployment.



Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

Lt. Col. John Marang, 87th Aerial Port Squadron commander, administers the oath of office to Tech. Sgt., now 1st Lt. Will Smith during Smith's commissioning ceremony May 19.

associate degree in nursing from Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, Ohio, in 2007 and his Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from The Ohio State University Dec. 12, 2010. He plans to continue his education so he can eventually earn his master's and doctorate degrees.

"I'm really appreciative of the leadership and team of the 87th APS for supporting me throughout my education process. They are the ones who really made it happen for me."

Smith is currently in the individual ready reserve until he completes Officer Training School in August. He will be assigned to the 78th Medical Group, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., where he'll be assigned as a clinical nurse after familiarization training with the Air Force Nurse Corps and his unit.

"My decision for an Air Force career as a nurse was made primarily on the fact that I am already serving my country, and if I have any skills that are of value in caring for people, I want to take care of my fellow Airmen."



Wing hosts employer appreciation day



Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin

More than 50 employers and reservists attended various 445th Airlift Wing activities and demonstrations during the wing's Employer Appreciation Day June 2.

(below) Cara Lawson, employer of Senior Airman Matthew Cook, 445th Airlift Wing public affairs, gazes through a port hole of the C-17 Globemaster III during the employer flight June 2.



Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin

(right) Jeannette Timmons, employer of Capt. Tekara Ray, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, simulates shooting tactics during a security forces demonstration.



Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin

(below) Senior Airman Dale Rowe, 445th Maintenance Squadron journeyman, demonstrates how an X-Ray film viewer is used to inspect sections of the aircraft for defects.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Employers learn how to administer stitches during the medical education and training demonstration.



Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin

(right) Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dobson, 445th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight technician, shows Phillip Coates, employer of Master Sgt. Kemberlee Scott, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, how to use the night vision device.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook



445th SFS members honored by civilian employers

By Airman 1st Class Santana Austin
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Senior Master Sgt. Harold Ford and Tech. Sgt. James Kirklin of the 445th Security Forces Squadron earned awards from their respective civilian jobs, each showing excellence in all they do.

Sergeant Ford, operation superintendent of the 445th SFS, won the Inaugural James M. Lendavic Veteran of the Year award. Ford serves as a firefighter in Columbus, Ohio.

"I was surprised when I got the award, but I also felt honored that my lieutenant nominated me for the award," said Sergeant Ford.

The award is presented to a current city of Columbus employee who is a veteran or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces. It honors a city employee who best exemplifies the character, personal qualities, and service mindset displayed on a daily basis by Major James M. Lendavic. Major Lendavic was a former city employee, veterans committee member, and military member dedicated to assisting military members and veterans, fighting for their rights and benefits, and constantly searching for ways to recognize their service. He worked to help veterans and provide support to current servicemembers while recognizing their sacrifices.

"The best thing about my job is being able to help people, whether it be helping them change a tire or saving them from cardiac arrest," said Sergeant Ford. "It can be a dangerous job, but every minute is worth it."

Sergeant Kirklin, Raven program manager for the 445th SFS, won the 2012 National Association of Po-

lice Organization Top Cops award for his state.

"I felt honored to receive this award, along with a few others from my unit," said Sergeant Kirklin. "We earned this award due to our teamwork and effort on a shooting that happened Jan. 23, 2011. A man came to the police station, armed with a shotgun and started shooting at people in the station. Four policemen were wounded, but the gunman was killed."

Each year since 1994, the NAPO has presented Top Cops Awards. The purpose of the Top Cops Award is to educate the American public about the nation's heroes and to pay tribute to law enforcement officers in federal, state, county, and local agencies from across the country for actions above and beyond the call of duty during the preceding year. Top Cops are nominated by fellow officers. An independent Awards Selection Committee comprised of national law enforcement representatives select, from hundreds of nominations, one Top Cop case from each of the 50 states and U.S. territories.

"If there's one thing I know about my job, it's that there's something different everyday," said Sergeant Kirklin. "On the day that the shooting happened, I was just doing paperwork at the desk. The next thing I know, I was getting some of my wounded comrades out to the police cruisers and then dodging bullets. I'm just glad my comrades were OK."

Sergeants Ford and Kirklin went above and beyond the call of duty, and were rewarded and recognized, but their real reward lies in keeping people safe and saving lives.



Photos by Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris

Col. Stephen D. Gooman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, visits with Congresswoman Jean Schmidt, the Ohio 2nd District Representative to the United States Congress and Congressman Steve Austria, Ohio 7th district, during Capitol Hill visits June 19 and 20. Commanders meet annually with Congressmen representing their areas as part of an Air Force Reserve program to increase their unit's visibility with members of Congress.





Rank/Name
Tech. Sgt. Scott Spielman
Unit
445th Maintenance Squadron
Duty Title
C-17 Aircraft Maintenance Craftsman
Hometown
Canton, Ohio

Civilian Job
Air Reserve Technician; President of Rally North America Charities, LLC
Education
Bachelor's degree in technical management from DeVry University (Summa Cum Laude); currently pursuing mas-

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ter's degree in project management from Keller Graduate School of Management

Hobbies
Road rallying and college. (Rally North America, my non-profit company, has raised and donated more than \$50,000 to the Accelerated Cure Project for multiple sclerosis, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, and the Stefanie Spielman fund in the past three years)

Career Goal
My Career goal is to be promoted to Chief Master Sergeant. Another career goal is to provide a positive and productive work environment for both my peers and my supervisors.
What do you like about working at the 445th?

It has been a challenging and satisfying job. The C-5 was one of the most technically demanding for heavy maintenance in the Air Force inventory. Converting to the C-17 has also been a challenge because of the newer technology and inspection requirements. I have enjoyed the conversion and bringing a new capacity and processes to the HSC flight and the challenges my current supervision has given me.

Why did you join the Air Force?
I joined the Air Force for the adventure of traveling around the world and working on aircraft. Since joining, I have met some of the most amazing, motivated, and dedicated people and friends. It's been an honor to serve.

Bellbrook student named base AFRC youth of the year

A 445th Airlift Wing youth was honored as 2012 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Air Force Reserve Command, Youth of the Year June 2.

Cayla Destefani, the daughter of Maj. Charles Destefani, 445th Airlift Wing inspector general, is a student at Bellbrook High School.

Cayla received this honor from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for her willingness to serve and lead in her family, school and community. Some of Cayla's accomplishments include collecting more than 96,000 pop-can pull-tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House's recycling effort in honor of her nine-month-old nephew, Landon Oliver.

As a freshman at Bellbrook High School, Cayla is a straight-A student and member of the National Junior Honor Society. In 2009, Cayla was presented a certificate of special Congressional Recognition signed by Congressman Steve Austria for being the Bellbrook Middle School student of the month. She

is a member of the Bellbrook Eagles Marching Band and recently performed in the high school's theater production of Cinderella.

Cayla is a member of Girl Scouts and earned the Bronze and Silver Awards for more than 90 hours of community service. She is active in her church and plans to spend the summer serving as a teen volunteer at the Dayton Children's Medical Center.



News Briefs

Newcomers

1Lt Ryan Armstrong, 89 AS
 SSgt John Fischer, AMXS
 SSgt Christopher Hammond, SFS
 SSgt Jason Thomas, AMDS
 SSgt Justin Wallace, SFS
 A1C Bethany Fowle, AMXS
 A1C Leo Reid, LRS
 A1C Megan Stager, FSS
 Amn John Delucia, AW
 AB Matthew Engel, ASTS
 AB Theodore Maytas, AW

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Philip Frederick, ASTS
 Lt Col Kathryn Staiger, AW
 Maj John Smith Jr., 89 AS
 Capt Francis Saul III, 89 AS
 SMSgt Donald Edwards, MXS
 MSgt Robert Brown, 89 AS
 MSgt Robyn Wilson, 87 APS
 TSgt Larry Moorman, 87 APS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Ladonna Schreffler, AES
 Capt Scott Deboer, 89 AS
 Capt Matthew Judd, 89 AS
 Capt Stephanie Kennedy, MSG
 MSgt Tracy Boorum, FSS
 MSgt Kelly Kruger, FSS
 TSgt Michael Goody, 87 APS

TSgt Nichole Morris, MXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Samuel Miller, MXS

Army Achievement Medal

SMSgt Rose Harris, AMDS

Air Medal

Lt Col Judith Pearce, AES

Promotions

Airman First Class

Michalin Baker, CES
 Roxanne Barker, CES
 Jabrea Chapman, SFS
 John Delucia, AW
 Denny Durr, ASTS
 Heather Glanton, ASTS
 Kelsey Hall, ASTS
 Natalia Ketelsen, AMDS
 Anthony Lauderdale, CES
 Mark Murphy, SFS
 Ojeh Ohiembor, ASTS
 Maura Patillo, AMDS
 Michael Petersen, OSS
 Ryan Pica, ASTS
 Joseph Rasor, CES
 Angela Thompson, ASTS

Senior Airman

Donald Bell, MXS
 Meghan Cooksey, ASTS
 Kamika Davis, CES
 Christopher Decker, CES
 Andrew Ferguson, AES
 Brittany Lutz, AMXS
 Julio Mariscal, ASTS
 Brandon Montgomery, LRS
 Steven Power, OG
 Leo Reid, LRS
 Joshua Robidoux, AMXS
 Jason Rutherford, CES
 Laura Soper, OG
 Sydney Winnenberg, AMDS



5th Annual AFSA

Active Duty vs. Reserve

Softball Challenge



Saturday, July 14 2012
 Location: Dodger Field
 (Softball Field Closest to Dorms in Kittyhawk Center)

Come Join the Fun, Friendly Competition!

We need YOU to come out and cheer for your team!

Pre-Game Fun: 1800-1900
 Championship Game: 1900

Previous winners:
 2008 – Reserve
 2009 – Active Duty
 2010 – Active Duty
 2011 – Active Duty



FREE!! Beverages, hot dogs and popcorn will be provided by AFSA Kittyhawk Chapter 751

Weather cancellation will be posted on AFSA751.org

A GREAT Time Will Be Had By ALL!

Commander's Call

The next 445th Airlift Wing Commander's Call will be held at the base theater Sunday, July 15 and Sunday, July 22 during the unit training assembly at 7 a.m.

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The 445th Airlift Wing Professional Development Seminar will be held at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center July 23-24. Please register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2166022632>. For more information, please call Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski at 257-7662 or Maj. Dennis Park at 257-3839.

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.





Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

Chief tweets

Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing command chief, enjoys an afternoon with a vet and his parakeet at the Dayton Veterans Administration Medical Center during the annual Dayton VA picnic June 2.

On the Web



EDGE Outreach



Lt Gen Gorenc visit



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