

C-17 crew diverts mission to help sick child

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III was on a routine passenger movement mission March 7 when it was diverted to Yokota Air Base, Japan, to pick up a sick 2-year old child who needed to be transported to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii for medical treatment.

The original mission called for the 11-person crew composed of reservists from the 89th Airlift Squadron, 445th Operations Support Squadron and 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to stop at March Air Reserve Base for an aircraft swap then fly to Kadena Air Base to pick up 45 aerial port squadron Airmen from Pope Army Airfield, N.C. for transportation back home.

The routine mission changed with a phone call from Hickam asking for help.

"We got a call from Pacific Air Forces air mobility division out of Hickam March 7 asking us if we would be able to support a medical evacuation mission. We called our Air Force Reserve Command point of contact and he touched base with the Force Generation Center Battle Watch and they worked the legwork with PACAF to get our crew to Yokota," said Master Sgt. Steven Palsgrove, 445th Operations Support Squadron current operations planner. "By that evening, everything was worked out. The crew was on its way the following morning."

Capt. Ryan Fallon, 89 AS aircraft commander, said when they got the call from the AFRC Command Post asking for support, he and his crew didn't hesitate. "Yes of course we'll support!"

The tasking was a challenge at first for Fallon as this was his first mission as a new aircraft commander.

"It was actually the first trip that I was in charge on paper. It was interesting being on the ground floor when it all changed and then trying to coordinate everything that needed to happen. One of the biggest hurdles was all the coordination that had to take place. We were doing a lot of coordination in the air and were making phone calls from the airplane to get as much information as we could and to put it together," Fallon said.



Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

Aeromedical evacuation squadron Airmen step out to a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III in preparation for a training mission.

Fellow 89 AS pilot Maj. Ryan Wellman said at the beginning they didn't know the patient was a child or the medical circumstances. They were only told it was an emergency medical evacuation. "It wasn't until we were about to land in Yokota that we found out that the patient was a toddler," Wellman said.

"I asked the AE before we left Kadena what's the particulars of the patient and she said she was a toddler and that's all she knew. By the time we got to Yokota, as they were getting ready to load her, she had heard that the child had leukemia."

Wellman said with the new mission, the whole crew stepped up to the plate to

meet the additional requirements needed. Oxygen and fuel requirements changed, extra crewmembers were on board now, plus the constant communication with the air evac medical personnel.

"I'm so thrilled it all worked out. We faced some challenges but were able to make it happen. Since the crew had never been to Yokota before, we had to figure out how much gas to take on to fly the mission and we had to fly through Tokyo air space," Wellman said.

Master Sgt. Jerald Cremeens, Jr., 89 AS loadmaster, was in the back with the passengers and coordinated with AE the equipment placement and made sure the patient and other passengers were comfortable.

"The whole air evac mission is pretty special but when it involves children, it's more emotional because most of us have kids. This mission was a team effort on all accounts," Cremeens said.

When the crew landed at Hickam, the child was taken to medical facilities at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. The C-17 then completed its mission.

"Teamwork was key from the very beginning until the end—our current Ops, AFRC, PACAF AE, maintainers at Kadena working with our flying crew chief to get us out of Kadena, our crew. It's also a story I'm sure the Pope APS Airmen told their families when they got home since they stayed on board for the whole ride!" Fallon said.

445th 'March Madness' ends as NCAA's begin

By Col. Jeffrey McGalliard
445th Airlift Wing Commander

By the time you read this, the NCAA tournament will be in full swing and some will be lamenting that their team fell out early (hopefully true for all Florida fans...).

As exciting as college basketball is, the March Madness I really refer to is our just completed Capstone event, a new-style Unit Effectiveness Inspection by Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General with the Air Force Inspection Agency monitoring both of us. If you haven't seen a copy of the report yet, your commanders can certainly provide one.

In short, we did very well and were rated Effective overall, with the four Major Graded Areas as follows: Managing Resources (Effective); Leading People (Effective); Improving the Unit (Effective) and Executing the Mission (Highly Effective). You have every reason to be proud of yourselves for the hard work preparing for the inspection despite hurdles like our stop-start budget, served to us on a plate labeled "continuing resolution" – plus the furlough last summer and short government shutdown in the fall.

While there are many superstars well known to us, and even more Airmen who quietly do their job in excellence in the background, the AFRC/IG singled out a couple people for special recognition as superior performers: Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Pratt, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Senior Airman Julia Rang, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Kudos to them and a hearty "Well Done!" from the boss.

With the formal Capstone in the rearview mirror, we have 120 days to respond to just over a dozen Significant Findings, for which we owe the IG a formal reply, and will also close out several minor findings at the wing level. We also have some areas to be very proud of, for example: our command post, operating in its alternate facility while building 4010 sits idle, was lauded for the facilities corrections made that result in it being one of the better alternate location the IG has experienced; publication health improved from 46 percent to 73 percent in 2013; the wing IG office was recognized for a strong complaint processing and resolution program; and our CCO's [process improvement office] AFSO21 (Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century) program is on the leading edge of all programs anywhere in the command. Under the title of "Warfighter Satisfaction," we should be very proud that you recently deployed over 200 Airmen across multiple squadrons, but had only one mission-impacting discrepancy to report.

The contents of the discussions and concerns you articulated to the IG during your Airmen to inspector interviews are not briefed to me, with one exception. The IG produces a "Top 5 Issues" list that IS given to



me, with the hope that your wing leadership can gain some rudder authority in improving them. Not surprisingly, our Top 5 items look remarkably similar to those produced at other wings. They are: 1) reduce ancillary training in order to provide more time for on-the-job training/skills training; 2) change the fit to fight age brackets back to 5-year increments; 3) provide more funding for training; 4) streamline the Air Force budget process to allow units to better plan; and 5) provide more deployment opportunities. I can address at least some of these immediately.

At my monthly video teleconference with 4th Air Force commander, the annual wing commanders conference and other venues where I gain the ear of our major command leadership, I'm impressed that the command recognizes the burden of ancillary training and DOES advocate for reducing and streamlining it with the Air Staff.

In the meantime, we seek local solutions like the mega-training days already executed by the maintenance and operations groups, and are looking at whether that should become the norm across the wing. With respect to streamlining the budget, while the 445th was riding the tail end of the whip like every other unit, I could have done a better job with "strategic comms" that explained WHY we were (for example) holding back our annual tour money.

When 4th Air Force pulled much funding back from all of its wings in late December, we received a partial variance in order to continue UEI preparation, which largely drove our annual tour policy. For increased deployment opportunities, which doesn't surprise me as one of your major concerns due to the very high number of AEF deployment volunteers the wing produces (among the top contributors in all of AFRC!) – we'll need to get smarter about identifying those opportunities among other COCOMs [combatant commands] as Operation Enduring Freedom draws down. Rest assured that your commanders bring this to my attention regularly, in their quest to keep you trained, motivated and razor sharp.

We now transition into a steady-state inspection environment that's ongoing (continuous, virtual from AFRC) but also having exercise and self-assessment components that are squarely in our lane to manage. You'll see 445/IGI reaching out to the squadrons for subject matter experts that we'll assign to the wing inspection team, our compliance working group will transition to a monthly battle rhythm, and we'll add organically-generated exercises to the wing's calendar.

I thank you in advance for your commitment to our continued excellence, and to highlighting those areas where you see the wing can improve on processes, use resources better, and sharpen the spear! I'm very proud of your success and also to be a part of this very special organization. Well done 445th!





Photos by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

(Left) Airman 1st Class Katie Wheeler, 445th Security Forces Squadron, practices maneuvering techniques as Staff Sgt. Michael O'Callaghan, 445 SFS course instructor, looks on during the unit's "shoot, move, communicate" training event March 9. (Right) Senior Airman Nicholas Livingston, 445th Security Forces Squadron, practices maneuvering techniques during "shoot, move, communicate" training.

SFS Airmen sharpen shoot, move, communicate skills

*By Capt. Elizabeth Caraway
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WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio--"Reload!" yelled the instructor as members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron deftly replaced the training cartridges in their M-4 rifles. Rapid and tactical reload techniques were just one skill practiced during their "shoot, move, communicate" course here March 9.

The training course allows security forces members to train real-time scenarios and communicate in a controlled learning environment. The Airmen covered everything from transitioning between weapons to immediate action drills and firing positions.

"Today we are fulfilling annual requirements for force on force. We begin with the basics then transition in the next phase to simunitions," said Tech. Sgt. Ryan Lause, 445 SFS fire team leader and one of the day's instructors. "Simunitions" are non-lethal training rounds filled with detergent-based, colored marking compound, similar to paintballs.

"We have several Airmen who are recently out of technical school, and in this environment, we utilize the concepts of their training in a more realistic setting than standing in a line at the firing range."

Lause said that although most of the Airmen were already familiar with the material, this training offers them the opportunity to refine their skills. Seemingly "little" things like elbows protruding beyond barricades and not properly balancing weight can become the big things in combat situations. Trainees focused on presenting a reduced profile and smooth, streamlined technique during the course.

"This type of training is the 'crawl' phase, so it behooves us to go slow and build muscle memory before we move on to the 'walk' and 'run' phases," explained Staff Sgt. Lawrence Hettinger, 445 SFS radio telephone operator. "By building muscle memory through repetition, we minimize the potential for weak

links during combat situations."

As members of fire teams, security forces often deploy together and it's critical that they learn to work together in tense situations. The 445 SFS is actively engaged in supporting base activities as well, and augmenting the 88th SFS for major events like air shows and the Air Force Marathon. Training like "shoot, move, communicate" ensures our forces are ready to respond quickly and effectively whenever needed.

"Our Airmen are performing up to the standard and beyond," said Staff Sgt. Michael O'Callaghan, 445 SFS radio telephone operator and course instructor. "We don't set time lengths for learning material; we work on it until everyone in the group has it. But everyone today has quickly demonstrated their skills and exhibited superior performance. Our troops have a wealth of knowledge and information and are prepared for any challenge."



New program offers single Airmen free recreational activities

By Capt. Elizabeth Caraway
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Single Airmen in the 445th Airlift Wing now have an alternative to restaurant dining and hotel room TV for evenings during unit training assembly weekends. The Single Airman Programming Initiative provides social and recreation opportunities through Force Support Squadron-sponsored events. The program, which began rolling out around the Air Force last fall, is targeted toward officer and enlisted Airmen without a spouse. The first 445th AW event, a bowling competition, took place March 8 and was a huge success.

The SAPI aims to “foster a strong culture, mission, and sense of community for single Airmen,” says the program guide. Programming focus is recreational, historical, cultural, or educational, with a huge number of recreational activities and classes—everything from cooking and fitness classes to rock climbing and kayaking—being considered as offerings.

“I think it’s going to build camaraderie in the wing. It’s also a great opportunity to network, to meet people that work in different units,” explained the 445th program point of contact, Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Kruger, sustainment services flight superintendent. “We asked, ‘how can we make sure people are getting out during UTA weekends and aren’t stuck in their rooms?’ This free program addresses that.”

Kruger was enthusiastic about the inaugural event turnout.

“We had four teams participate--FSS, aeromedical evacuation squadron, aerospace medicine squadron and maintenance squadron. Additionally, we had a few first sergeants and members of squadron leadership on hand to support the event and



Courtesy photo

The 445th Airlift Wing March Single Airmen Program sponsored by the 445th Force Support Squadron Sustainment Services Flight featured a bowling tournament March 8 with the 445th Maintenance Squadron team taking home the inaugural trophy pin.

cheer on their teams. As the games went on and scores got closer, the cheering sections got louder,” she said. “The feedback from everyone was great and we’re really optimistic about the future of the initiative.”

Although the 88th Airlift Wing owns the program at Wright-Patterson AFB, Kruger said that when the 445th initially reached out, the base was generous and responded with backing immediately.

A proposal put together by Senior Airmen Simone O’Neal, Jermaine Wade, Stephen Hall, and Tiffany Works went forward and “we were hoping to begin hosting events in FY15. Instead, we just had our first activity,” Kruger raved.

“I think there’s a lot of fun to be had and good memories to be made,” she continued. “I hope the program brings people together and that all the activities we’ve planned come to fruition.”

Unit first sergeants and commanders will be coordinating Airmen attendance for the SAI events. If you are interested in hearing about the event for the next UTA, you can contact your first sergeant or the force support squadron.

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AES training mission

1. Maj. Kathy Miller, Senior Airman Racheal Wilson and members of the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron prepare to board a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. The reservists participated in a three-day training mission on a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, to Florida and Texas and back, Feb 21 – 23, 2014.

2. Senior Airman Lawrence Mark coils oxygen tubing next to a litter patient to be used as needed during in-flight treatment on board a C-17 training flight Feb. 22. The C-17 is masterfully designed to be used for medical evacuation. The aircraft has electrical and oxygen hooks-ups built in.

3. AES members perform an “assessment on a pediatric patient.” Broselow Pediatric Emergency Tape is used to measure the size of the patient and helps determine the course of treatment for the pediatric patient. It also determines what medications and the amounts, along with IV fluids and how much to give based on the size of the patient.

4. Senior Airman Sean Seminsky portrays a patient with an in-flight cardiac emergency as Senior Airman Rachael Wilson, right, performs chest compressions. First Lieutenant Shauna Piotrowski, left, prepares to attach an AED and Master Sgt. Fredrick Hageman III, background, puts on personal protective equipment.

5. Aeromedical Evacuation Airmen don oxygen masks during a simulated in-flight emergency Feb. 23. Besides honing their medical skills on training flights, medical personnel must be ready for anything that comes their way as flight crewmembers. For example, if there is a sudden loss of cabin pressure in the aircraft, crewmembers only have seconds to react by donning oxygen masks and getting themselves secured in seats.



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What do you like about working at the 445th?

The people and the mission.

Why did you join the Air Force?

Inspired by my dad's service in the Air Force, I joined to serve my country and to be a part of the greatest organization in the world.



Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris



Stacy Vaughn

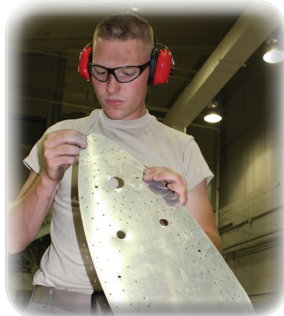


Stacy Vaughn

(Top) Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody speaks to 445th Airlift Wing Airmen during his visit to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base March 21. While at the wing, he was given a tour of the 445th Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight and spoke about the various changes he's seen in the Air Force since he's been in the military. (Bottom) Staff Sgt. Eric Whiteaker, 445th Maintenance Squadron fabrication flight, shows CMASF Cody how the MAXIEM abrasive water jet machine makes cuts in metal. The machine cuts materials, such as marble, granite, glass, tile, stone, composites, as well as metals such as aluminum, tool steel, titanium, and carbon fiber. (Far right) CMASF Cody presents coins to Tech. Sgt. Herodina Lu, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Staff Sgt. Jennifer Godsey, 445th Force Support Squadron services sustainment flight, and Senior Airman Thao T. Phan, 445th Maintenance Squadron, for their outstanding contributions to the 445th Airlift Wing during his visit to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base March 21.

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In Memory



**Staff Sgt.
Dustin Rinehart**
445th Maintenance Squadron

Promotions

Senior Airman

Shawn Haggerty, 89 AS
Coriena Rapelye-Thompson, ASTS

Staff Sergeant

Michelle Pineda, FSS

Technical Sergeant

Jeylyn, Capdevilla, 655 ISRG

James Schwertman, 89 AS

Bjorn Solheim, SFS
Steven Wright, SFS

Master Sergeant

Danielle Kremer, 89 AS

Newcomers

Maj Melanie Ferguson, 655 ISRG

Capt Zachary Balas, AW
Capt Jessica Wruck, SFS
MSGT Dennis Ball, MXS
MSGT Rhonda Gambill, 71 IS

TSgt Gerald Christy, AMXS

SSgt Ryan Brenner, OSS
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SSgt Joseph Dunn, CES
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SSgt Rodney McElfresh, AMXS

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SrA Nicholas Lange, CES
A1C Zacharhy Deatley, CES

A1C Ariel Owens, MXS
AB Marvin Brewer, AMXS

AB Shane Ellinwood, ASTS

AB Karl Schluetz, 71 IS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt Aaron Mouser, MOS

SMSgt Pamela Brocklehurst, 89 AS

SMSgt Denise Roberts, 89 AS

MSgt Todd Gnat, 89 AS

MSgt Steve Rhodes, 89 AS

MSgt Larry Unger, 89 AS

TSgt William Fisher, 89 AS

TSgt Scott Spielman, MXS

Air Force

Commendation Medal

SMSgt Kenneth Brown, 71 IS

TSgt Erika Algeo, AES

TSgt Justin Brothers, 89 AS

TSgt Jerrod Campbell, FSS

TSgt Timothy Leedy, OG
SSgt Joey Frisco, FSS

Air Force Achievement Medal

CMSgt Aaron Mouser, MOS

MSgt Robert Booth, MXS

TSgt Jerrod Campbell, FSS

TSgt Quinton Johnson, MXS

TSgt Caleb Wilson, 71 IS

SrA Stephen Hall, FSS

SrA Jermaine Wade, FSS

SrA Andrew Woods, OSS

Wing members recognized during 2013 AFRC media contest

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Three members of the 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office won in their applicable categories during the 2013 Air Force Reserve Command Media Contest. The announcement was made March 11.

Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver, photographer, took first place for AFRC Outstanding New Photographer. He also won second place in the news photograph category.

Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin, photographer, took first place in the pictorial photograph category.

Stacy Vaughn, public affairs specialist, took first place in the sports article category for her article titled, "AMDS reservist competes in Ironman."

The public affairs competition featured 317 Web, print, graphic, still photo and broadcasting entries from 30 organizations.

The three individuals advanced to the Air Force competition, representing Air Force Reserve Command.



Tech. Sgt.
Frank Oliver



Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin



Stacy Vaughn





Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

Time to gas up!

Lt. Col. Clay Pittman and Maj. John Smith, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilots, conduct air refueling currency training over Texas with a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 18th Air Refueling Squadron, 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., Feb. 23 while en route to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

On the Web



Recruiters support local JROTC drill meet



Spence honored as WPAFB Honor Guard member of the year



Wing squadron CCs serve Airmen lunch

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