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(top left) Staff Sgt. Julio Medina (far left) and Tech. Sgt. Sean McCaslin carry Tech. Sgt. Bjorn Solheim while Staff Sgt. Bradley Scheidt provides security. (bottom left) Capt. Jessica Wruck and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Kelly, take positions during an urban operations practical April 14. (right) Tech. Sgt. William Akers and Master Sgt. William Speakman, take positions during a Patriot Defender training practical April 14 at Fort Wolters Training Center, Texas. The practical was part of Patriot Defender, a two-week sustainment course.

445th SFS complete Patriot Defender training

By Capt. Elizabeth Caraway 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

FORT WOLTERS TRAINING CENTER, Texas — Thirty-seven Airmen from the 445th Security Forces Squadron tackled Patriot Defender, a two-week combat readiness training course, here April 6-18, 2015.

Patriot Defender takes SFS troops through skills training for core security forces tasks including entry control point operations, urban operations, land navigation, counter improvised explosive devices, tactical communication, and weapons firing. Every Airman was also certified in Humvee operations.

The classes were taught by cadre from the 610th SFS, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas.

"This is the time and place to make wrong decisions, rather than out there [at deployed locations]," said Staff Sgt. Johnny Holliday, 610th SFS ground combat skills instructor, emphasizing that Airmen

should ask questions, not be afraid to make mistakes, and be proactive.

Patriot Defender offered "hands-on training that was more fun and helpful than classroom instruction alone," said Senior Airman Peter Nicoll, 445th SFS fire team member. "I definitely feel more prepared for future deployments."

Of all the field exercises, Nicholl's said he enjoyed urban operations best because it encapsulated what SFS is about: "Working as a team, communicating, and working toward an objective."

For several of the Airmen, it was their first experience with any of the core security forces tasks. Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Blevins and Airman First Class Taylor Young work in the 445th SFS orderly room but

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What's behind, what's ahead

By Col. Jeffrey McGalliard 445th Airlift Wing Commander

It's great to be back home again with the best wing in Air Force Reserve Command following my deployment to USAFCENT [U.S. Air Forces Central Command]. As I continually share with folks at both the monthly newcomers' briefing and the monthly Development and Training Flight visit, we are a very special organization that can directly draw a line between



individual commitment, unit excellence and America's military prowess.

It was fantastic to read about all of your hard work and the success stories in the Buckeye Flyers that were sent to me each month, which was a warm reminder about the folks back here moving the mission! (A special thanks to the folks who sent the box of Cheryl's cookies, that included some samplers in Ohio State Buckeye wrappers. These came in handy as I celebrated their NCAA victory in front of my deployed boss, a surprised Oregon fan.)

This unit training assembly, we'll complete the series of exercises that you began back in January as part of the new Air Force Inspection System, where commanders identify their own areas for emphasis and improvement.

We have units with specific expeditionary taskings, so it's appropriate that we selected events designed to sharpen those skills...few adversaries telegraph their intentions with enough warning to allow us months of preparation, and you've shown we're capable of responding quickly and lethally.

At this weekend's annual awards banquet, again held in the very special venue of the Air Force museum, we're privileged to recognize and honor the very best among us, as well as for added categories that highlight our families (spouses and youth) and off-base business supporters. The event is one of the highlights of our year and I hope to see you there, cheering for your peers and for your squadron!

Finally, this month begins the summer vacation and travel season for many families. I implore you to be safe in all the adventures you've got planned. Those same risk management skills that you've learned here on the job will serve you well at home and on the road. Your family needs you and your wing needs you. I look forward to all that's ahead of us together!

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"Spirituality"...the design of humankind?

By Chaplain (Capt.) Sonny Hernandez 445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

What is your design? What keeps you going in life and inspires you to wake in the morning? As a member of the Chaplain Corps, we inherently recognize the pillar of spirituality and spiritual wellness.

In the Air Force it is a built in design for comprehensive Airmen fitness and can comprise all of the other expressions of mental, social and physical wellness. What does that fourth pillar for fitness reflect to you? What can a person do solely upon the works of their own power or merit either embracing or rejecting the design of fitness?

The answers to these questions have had various explanations throughout the ages. Men and women are known to be perplexed with innumerable infirmities which may cause them to question their own existence. One opinion expresses sentiments noting that without God nothing

exists beyond the essence of spiritual dehydration and reliance of self-sufficiency. Such a state may cause a person to question their own sense of spiritually or earthly presence. Many have found it imperative to walk by faith, putting trust in a force or entity greater than themselves. Some note this entity as a higher power and many equate this to an eternal being commonly known as God.

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AFRC Chaplain visits 445th Airlift Wing

By Lt. Col. Denise Kerr 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Reserve Command Chaplain, Col. Gary Califf and AFRC Chaplain Plans, Programs and Training Manager, Master Sgt. Adam Swift visited the 445th Airlift Wing April 11-12, 2015 for a unit engagement visit. The chaplain leadership team provides oversight and management to more than 65,000 reservists and 7,000 individual mobilization augmentees.

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During the whirlwind

Orientation at Wright2015.

trip, the team visited 445th AW units to meet with

Airmen, and provided encouragement and praise for their sacrifices as Citizen Airmen.

"Many of you have to do the at home responsibilities, some of you have families, children, spouse and you have the requirements here. So you get one weekend, a couple weeks a year and some of you even more than that a month, to serve the nation, so we really appreciate what you all do," said Chaplain Califf.

Along with the unit engagement, the UEV team spent time giving the wing chaplain staff career advice and suggestions on how to support their Airmen and commanders.

"You have to really focus on the Airman's needs. You represent faith and the free exercise of religion. We are here for the Airmen," said Califf.

Chaplain Califf described high-profile situations surrounding religious freedom and the coordination between judge advocates, public affairs and Air Force staff in resolving the issues.

"Don't rush to judgment," said Califf. "We'll look into it, that's all the commander has to say and then they should be talking with you, PA and JA. It does get channeled up to the major command. Be ready to advise your commanders."

Chaplain Califf outlined the need for more chaplains and during the visit he met with prospective chaplain candidates. He said that few chaplain candidates came into the chaplain corps during the '90s which resulted in a small pool of available candidates for colonel billets.

"Recruiting is a real need. How successful we are recruiting now pans out through the rank structure in



Lt. Col. Denise Kerr

Chaplain (Col.) Gary Califf, Air Force Reserve Command Chaplain Chief, speaks to newcomers during Newcomers Orientation at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, April 11, 2015.

service years, explained Califf.

Much of Califf's visit focused on seeking feedback from chaplains, finding out what their needs are in performing the mission and engaging Airmen around the wing.

While at the 87th Aerial Port Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Mike Brimmer walked Califf and Swift around to meet Airmen in building 138.

"The chaplain staff here has done a fantastic job being there when we need them," said Brimmer. "They are on my speed dial and our Airmen seem to be very receptive to them. They've helped this squadron through some very difficult times."

Brimmer expressed his appreciation for the chaplain assistants as a tremendous resource for the unit to have.

"Master Sgt. Terry Reisinger has been a great chaplain assistant for a long time, and I've seen him provide the continuity as chaplains have come and gone," said Brimmer. "You sense that stability and I know he makes sure that as a new chaplain is assigned to a squadron, that he gets them filled in on the background and some of things that have happened in that squadron. So when a chaplain comes in they do not have to hit the ground without any knowledge."

Brimmer said chaplains are an integral part of their unit support. "Once one is assigned to the squadron, at least from our perspective, you feel that you've got a chaplain connected to your squadron. Not just a name on a roster and a phone number, I mean you know you have someone who comes and checks on us. They have been on annual tour with us, to our events, our Christmas parties, retirements and things like that," said Brimmer.

The second day, Califf performed communion during the ecumenical worship service and toured the Airmen Resource Center.

"Chaplain Califf was very pleased on how well we worked with the 88th Air Base Wing and with the services we offer the 445th" said Reisinger. "He thought our program is managed and executed well."

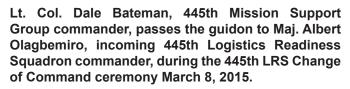
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Wing welcomes new LRS, MXS commanders



Tech. Sgt. Matthew Blackwell





Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Col. Brett Newman, 445th Maintenance Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Todd Reeder, 445th Maintenance Squadron commander, during the 445th MXS Change of Command ceremony April 12, 2015.

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asked to attend the training because, "if you're going to work with a unit, you need to know what they do," insisted Blevins. "They look at you differently and you'll understand them better." Both she and Young said they enjoyed the experience and gained respect for the career field.

The unit first sergeant, Master Sgt. Jonathon Le-Master, also chose to attend. He, like all the 445th SFS senior leadership, elected to participate in the training as students, rather than in supervisory roles.

"It's a good way for my Airmen to see what I know," said Maj. Charles Trovarello, 445th SFS commander, "and to see that I'm willing to learn. It's also a great way for me to get to know my defenders and for them to get to know me. The training has been strenuous, but extremely beneficial."

Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Cepluch, 445th SFS superintendent, has attended Patriot Defender training

eight times but said, "This has definitely been the best."

Patriot Defender culminates in a field exercise that incorporates all the previous training.

Tech Sgt. William Hinman, 610th SFS cadre team leader, was impressed by the 445th SFS teamwork.

"They're great," said Hinman. "It's nice to have a team that has clearly done some quality training together on station before they arrive. This has probably been one of the better flights we've had in the last couple years."

"They've shown some of the best communication we've seen yet. They did a good job coordinating the battle field." Echoed ground combat skills instructor Tech Sgt. Nathan Hagin.

Trovarello said that attending the training allowed him to observe that "my Airmen are motivated and knowledgeable. No one grumbled or complained. When asked, they stepped up immediately."

Brothers... in arms and in life

By Capt. Elizabeth Caraway 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Senior Airman Joel McCullough

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Sexton (right) reviews Counter Improvised Explosive Device procedures with his brother, Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sexton, during the Patriot Defender training course at Fort Wolters Training Center, Texas.

FORT WOLTERS TRAINING CENTER, Texas — The military is often referred to as a family, but for Tech. Sgts. Thomas and Timothy Sexton, 445th Security Forces, it's more than an analogy. The brothers have been in the same unit for nine years, navigating training, temporary duties, and a deploy-

ment to Kirkuk, Iraq, together. They were here April 6-17, 2015 for Patriot Defender training, a sustainment training course.

Whereas Thomas knew early on that he would follow in his father's footsteps, it took Timothy a little longer to decide.

"I knew coming out of high school that I wanted to serve," said Thomas, who's been with SFS for 15 years. "My father was in civilian law enforcement and I've always wanted to be in security forces."

The brothers' father, a 27-year veteran of the Army National Guard, passed away from cancer when they were in high school.

For Timothy, the decision took some soul-searching.

"After high school, I tried college and a few other jobs before Tom sat me down and talked me into [military service.] It's been a great decision for me," he said, adding that he's been fortunate enough to serve in Japan, California and England.

Between unit training assemblies, Thomas is a civilian police officer for the city of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Timothy makes parts for General Electric. The Reserve offers them the opportunity to work together, sharing knowledge and collaborating.

"It's awesome serving with my brother," said Timothy. "He's the first one I go to with questions."

The pair shared another military experience—deployment—from July 2009 until Jan. 2010. While in Kirkuk, Thomas worked in the search pit, inspecting vehicles entering the base for dangerous and illegal items. Timothy worked in an observation post, listening and watching for threats to the base.

"It was cool that even though we were deployed," said Thomas, "we still got to spend holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's with family."

The pair also had the opportunity to spend some time observing one another on the job; Timothy worked the search pit with Thomas and Thomas spent some time in the tower with Timothy.

During the Patriot Defender course, Timothy has had a new role—squad leader—and Thomas, who's attended the training in the past, said he's been trying to take more of a mentor role, allowing the younger, less experienced troops to learn and practice their techniques.

Both spoke enthusiastically about the 445th SFS.

"I'm impressed by the enthusiasm, professionalism, and level of knowledge within the Security Forces squadron," said Timothy. "I'm really glad to be a part of it."

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Those who practice a faith expression may derive a meaning that there is absolutely nothing that they should want more than to be in the presence of the supremacy of God embracing the intimacy of knowing Him.

King Solomon commonly referred to as one of the wisest men of all generations, writes in the book of Ecclesiastes that all wisdom and knowledge is vain in comparison to the insurmountable knowledge of God. His Father King David writes, "Who have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you," (Psalm 73:25).

In closing, it is common for people to expect challenging times for the sake of their stake in the human race. As a firefighter can expect to see fire, a police officer can expect to experience criminal activity, so too, one of faith should expect to experience adverse actions that test their belief system.

There remains a constant invitation in Paul's letter to the church to the Philippians to seek first the Lord and His righteousness, praising Him with joyful lips, spending time with Him in prayer. Despite the imperfections that can commonly dwell in each of us, those tribulations that can cause bewilderment, fear not, as David writes: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever," (Psalm 73:26).

We as members of the Chaplain Corps remain ready, willing and able to assist you in your own pursuits of spirituality. That is why we are here and that is what we are called to do.



News Briefs

Promotion to major



Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the Calendar 2015 Air Force Reserve Line and Nonline Major Promotion Selection board April 8, 2015. Board members selected 649 of 1,839 officers considered.

Congratulations to 11 members of the 445th Airlift Wing and five reservists from the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group. They are: Elizabeth Caraway, 445th Airlift Wing; Miranda Laubie, 445th Force Support Squadron; Angela Dunigan, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Dennis Cesarz, Keith Collard, Matthew Judd, Matthew Lare, Aaron Port, and Michael Shampine, 89th Airlift Squadron; Kimberly Ebel and Alan Harmon, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Rebecca Grgurich, Margaret Kuntz and Angela McCabe, 14th Intel Squadron; Shane Regoli and Wendy Westover, 64th Intel Squadron.

Donations needed for VA kid packs

The 445th Airlift Wing's Airmen's Council is collecting non-toxic crayons, coloring books, puzzle books, playing cards, markers, activity books and other items to be used by children when they visit family and friends at the Dayton VA Medical Center.

To make a donation, please contact SrA Jowanda Ayoub at jowanda.ayoub@us.af.mil.

Key spouses



The wing Key Spouse Program is actively seeking volunteers. If you or your spouse is interested in learning more about the program or becoming involved, please contact Stephanie Smith at ssmith2979@gmail.com or call (413) 301-3152.

Motorcycle safety class

A motorcycle safety class will be held May 29 at the base theater. The class is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. and will include a group ride beginning at 8:30 a.m.; lunch and demonstrations from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the annual pre-season briefing and refresher training from 1 to 4 p.m. All military riders are required to participate in the annual pre-season briefing. This event's ride and briefing meet the five-year refresher training requirement.

For more information please contact your unit motorcycle rep or CMSgt Dennis Pearson at (937) 257-5767.

Volleyball tournament

The 445th Force Support Squadron will host a battle of the squads volleyball tournament, Saturday, June 6 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The event will be held on the outdoor volleyball court at Jarvis Gym.

Food will be served.

To sign up or for more details, call 656-0013.



Rank/Name Tech. Sgt. Precious Sims Unit 445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps **Duty Title** NCO in charge, resource management Hometown Cincinnati, Ohio Civilian Job Corrections Officer Education Associate degree, Miami University of Ohio; Nationally Certified Echocardiograph Technician, Butler Tech; Nationally Certified Phlebotomist, Butler Tech; Associate of Applied Science for Ophthalmic Technician, Community College of the Air Force **Hobbies**

Reading and writing poetry

Career Goal

Associate of Social Science from Community College of the Air Force (6 Months) and Bachelors of Science in Nursing (2 Years)

What do you like about working at the 445th?

What I like about working at the 445th is the ability to make a difference in people's lives. My first duty assignment in the Air Force Reserve was with the Aeromedical Staging Squadron (AMDS) as an ophthalmic technician. I had the benefit of helping people see better, and had a part in the start of the careers of Air Force pilots. I enjoyed participating in flight physicals as well as ordering gas mask inserts. Now, as a chaplain assistant I get to help Airmen in a different way.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force because I love the military, although my first love will always be the Army. I couldn't be happier as a member of the Air Force family.

Golf outing

The 445th Airlift Wing annual golf scramble will take place June 19. The event will be held at the Sugar Isle Golf Course in New Carlisle, Ohio. Teams will consist of four players with a maximum of 32 teams. The cost is \$240 per team. To sign up or for more information, contact Jeff Hurtt at (937) 257-0388 or email jeffrey.hurtt.1@us.af.mil or Darrell Houston at darrell.houston.1@us.af.mil.



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Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Jeanne LaFountain, AES Lt Col Michael Pelger, 89 AS Maj Elisabeth Applegate, 655 ISRG CMSgt Joseph Gough, 89 AS SMSgt Robert Davis, **MXS** SMSgt John Guillaum, SMSgt Dean Keller, AES SMSgt Leslie Nance, **ASTS** SMSgt Patricia Wortham, FSS MSgt Robert Booth, MXS MSgt Chad Cazan, 87 APS MSgt Gregory Kern, MXS MSgt Alicia Lavender, **MXS** MSgt David Mashburn, MSgt Scott Schrier, FSS MSgt Jeffery Spires, LRS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Robin Kenny, AES MSgt Antonio Cerra, MXS MSgt Donald Floyd, 87 APS MSgt Jennifer Gerritsen, AES MSgt Charles Himes, 87 APS TSgt Mary Papanek, FSS TSgt Scott Schaffner, 89 AS TSgt Joseph Valenzuela, AES SSgt Joshua Hauser, 655 ISRG SSgt Keil Seward, 87 APS

Air Force Achievement Medal

Maj Janene Luff, AMDS Capt Kim Ebel, AMDS SSgt Chris Bateson, 87 APS SSgt Jason Benedict, 89 AS SSgt Victoria Reagan, AMDS SSgt Roosevelt Reid, 87 APS SrA Eric Hackett, 87 APS SrA Michael Osborn, 87 APS SrA Steven Power, 64 IS

Newcomers

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A1C Yakita Hunter, AW

A1C Thomas Masters,

A1C D'Alexander Massie,

A1C Phillip Vanderpool, AMDS A1C Daryn Weatherspoon, SFS

Promotions

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Airman First ClassJordan Cameron, SFS

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Senior Airman

Erik Adkins, AMXS

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Senior Master Sergeant Robert Bowles, OSS Mark Fisher, AMXS Todd Noe, AMDS

Chief Master SergeantKelly Kruger, FSS
Jason LeMaster, 89 AS

Annual VA picnic

The Dayton VA picnic is scheduled for June 6, 2015.

The VA Hospital relies on donations to provide vets items at no cost.

Needed items include: X-3XL T-shirts (plain, color or patriotic); socks; women's underclothes: men's boxers or briefs; decaffeinated coffee/ sugar/sweetner/powdered creamer; flip flops; flex straws; toothpaste/ tooth brushes; shampoo; combs/hairbrushes; hand lotions; spray deodorant; paperback novels; DVDs and baseball caps. Monetary contributions are always welcome.

Items donated at collection points around the wing should be dropped off to Chief Master Sgt. Terry Luzader prior to June 6, or brought to rally site at 10:30 a.m.

Please meet between buildings 4010 and 4012 to caravan to the Dayton VA Hospital at 10:30 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m.

To volunteer at a local VA facility visit: http://www1.va.gov/volunteer/.

For more information call Chief Master Sgt. Luzader at (937) 257-7058.

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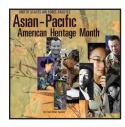
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Senior Airman Devin Long

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing join other military and local community members at the Dayton International Airport, April 11, 2015 as they salute U.S. military veterans returning from Washington D.C. More than 800 people were on hand to welcome the vets. The veterans participated in the Honor Flight program which includes a paid trip to Washington, D.C., a visit to each war memorial, and a return flight home.

On the Web



Air Force salutes Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month



MXS fabrication flight makes parts to keep C-17s flying



ASTS Airmen complete readiness skills training

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