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## 445 CES primes expeditionary skills with Navy seabees

By Maj. Elizabeth Caraway  
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Airmen from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron joined with sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 10 to participate in bivouac, or campsite, training at the warfighter training center here Sept. 13-15. The training is the first bivouac training for the 445 CES at the WTC since 2006 and offered valuable skills to the 144 Airmen and 15 sailors.

During the three days of training, service members covered a wide array of topics ranging from tent set-up, damage assessment response, and land navigation, to radio communications, attack preparation, and self-aid and buddy care.

“I enjoy the more hands-on aspect of training here,”

said Staff Sgt. Michael Fetherolf, 445th CES engineering apprentice. “Getting out here, getting dirty...I love CE,” he added.

Fetherolf, a civilian deputy sheriff with Franklin County, noted that CE learns a unique blend of skills during training due to their role as “back-up security forces.”

“CE Airmen, like cops, are class B shooters and train appropriately,” he said.

Fetherolf also appreciated the chance to work with another service.

“I’d interacted with the Navy at tech school, and that was about it,” he said. “But I just worked with a

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Photos by Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) Members of the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 10 and (right) Senior Airman Elliott Holmes, 445 CES engineering helper, erect an Alaskan tent during a bivouac training exercise at the warfighter training center Sept. 13, 2015.

## 445 AW lieutenant colonel promotions announced

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the calendar year 2015 Air Force Reserve Line and Nonline Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Selection board Aug. 28, 2015. The boards selected more than 600 Citizen Airmen for promotion.

Board members selected 619 of 1,293 officers considered.

Categories considered during

these promotion boards were: Air Force Reserve Line, Dental Corps, Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Medical Services Corps, Biomedical Sciences Corps, Chaplains and Line of the Air Force Judge Advocates.

Nine members from the 445th Airlift Wing were selected:

David Atkinson, Omar Ebarb, Thomas Fuhrman and Kevin Sullivan, 445th Airlift Wing; Romeo

Cabungcal, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Matthew Hudkins, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; and Brett Manger, Christopher Sopko and Terry Troutman, 89th Airlift Squadron.

A complete list of Airmen selected for promotion is available online by visiting the Air Reserve Officer Promotion page on myPers, <https://mypers.af.mil>.

# Thanks for a successful wing Family Day

By Col. Jeffrey J. McGalliard  
445th Airlift Wing Commander

What a phenomenal event last UTA (unit training assembly)! I have been to many wing picnics over the years but never one like that. The ball fields seemed to be a furball of activity, and at the end of the event we crowned some new champions: the 87th Aerial Port Squadron Port Dawgs overcame 89th Airlift Squadron Rhinos in the flag football final, and 445th Force Support Squadron was selected as having the best "tailgate theme" that contributed to unit esprit de corps and identity.

The first sergeants made a few hundred dollars for their cause by



providing the dunk tank, which produced surprisingly few injuries from among us participants. Our first car/truck/bike "cruise-in" was well-attended with 36 vehicles parked in front of one of our aircraft, and we were fortunate to also welcome participation by our Honorary Wing Commander Dave Schardt's parents, who brought his car to the event and also donated several of the door prizes we distributed.

Thanks for making our first "Cars & Coffee" type event a huge success. For the "tailgate" events, it was particularly rewarding to see so many families out enjoying the time together and getting a glimpse of the inter-squadron rivalry that we practice every day.

An event this successful does not just happen; it requires lots of

careful planning and dedication by those committed to its success. I want to personally thank everyone who had a part in making that happen.

For the wing's "Cruise-In," the committee was led by Tech. Sgt. Nicole Sturm, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. She was helped by Master Sgts. Tony Katros, Maintenance Group; and Jesse Dunbar, AMXS; Tech. Sgts. Diego Cancino, Operations Support Squadron and Matt Larsen, AMXS; Staff Sgt. Sam Pulver, AMXS; and Senior Airman Tony Farkas, Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Providing gate security were Tech. Sgt. Matt Edds and Airman 1st Class Nicholas Sand, both from our Security Forces Squadron.

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# Farewell to best Air Force wing

By Col. Roger Gallet  
445th Airlift Wing Special Assistant to the Commander

As I sit down to write my farewell article for the Buckeye Flyer, I find myself experiencing a wide range of emotions; I'm happy and excited about all that the future holds, and at the same time I'm sad and just a little bit nervous about leaving it all behind. I guess retirement will do that to you, especially if you're retiring from something you have done for over 40 years.



My Air Force journey began in 1973 when I had the extreme good fortune to enter the Air Force

Academy. Of course at that time I had no idea that I would spend my entire working life wearing Air Force Blue! It was a life that appealed to me personally and professionally, and it proved to be an exciting and interesting "adventure" for me and my family as we got to live in different parts of the country and even overseas.

I have always considered myself to be one of the luckiest guys in the world because of all that I got to do and experience throughout my Air Force career. As a pilot, I got to fly one of the Air Force's most enduring, classic airplanes, the Boeing KC-135, for the majority of my career. It wasn't until relatively late in my career, when I

arrived at the 445th in 2007, that I got to transition to pure strategic airlift in the C-5 and C-17. All great aircraft and great missions contributing to the Air Force mission "Fly, Fight and Win". What a great ride it has been!

I feel especially fortunate to have served the final eight years of my career here in the 445th Airlift Wing. I could not have asked for a better "ending chapter" to my career. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served alongside each and every one of you. And it is you, the Airmen of the 445th, the best Wing in the Air Force, that I will miss the most. Take care of each other as you take care of our great Nation.

Visit us on the 445th Airlift Wing Facebook page or website. We would love to hear from you!

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# Ordinary people do extraordinary things

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

Back in the late 70s there was a movie entitled *Ordinary People* starring Donald Southerland, Mary Tyler Moore and Timothy Hutton. It was a movie reflecting on tragedy in life. A sail boating accident in fierce storm took the life of one of the family members and ruptured the fabric of the family. This film looked intently at the issue of suicide and life after loss. To this day it is my favorite movie and it greatly impacted my desire to pursue the field of counseling as a profession.

Gideon in the book of Judges was an ordinary person who was placed on a mission. His story also deals with great tragedy and inspiration in that Gideon was called to deliver the people of Israel out of the hands of the Midianites and Amalekites. He states, "How can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my

father's house." Tragedy had struck the people of Israel who were devastated in that their crops, land and households had been overrun by the neighboring enemy tribes. Gideon stuck to his mission of obedience and brought great victory to Israel.

Gideon assembled 300 men who were collectively used to save the Israelites from a strong enemy force. These men were valiant heroes who followed the strong leadership of Gideon and won the battle and struggle to sustain their homeland.

Today, here at the 445th ordinary people are still being called and utilized to do extraordinary things. We are inspired "in spirit" to sustain the mission of fly, fight and win. You may be wondering how can I be of service and what role do I play in the mission? Let the Chaplain Corps come beside you as you seek to turn ordinary into extraordinary.

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The AMXS team responsible for movement of our aircraft to support photos for the event was Master Sgts. Doug Werner and Amanda Crooker; and Tech. Sgts. Bill Burdick, Keith Bollard, Ted Everett, Joe Selway, and Greg Cyrus.

For the wing's "tailgate picnic," the overall leads were Senior Airman Caleb Smith and Airman 1st Class Cavel Lake, both from LRS, with assistance from Master Sgts. Mary Jo Fisher, LRS; Glenda Marck, 89 AS; and Sandi Golden-Vest, Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

The heavy lifting was done by the following groups.

FSS: Master Sgts. Jessica Pruitt, Carlos Vargas, and Tara Woodard; Tech. Sgts. Bryan Ulloa, Seth Webber, Kyle Jordan, Jennifer Godsey, and Jonathon Scherquist; Staff Sgts. Joey Frisco, Jermaine Wade, Gerald Woodard,

Simone O'Neal, Sierra Williams, and Samson Ohingo; Senior Airmen Terra Stinnett, Jared Dexter, Robert Ford, Stephan Hall, Michael Briggs, Tiffany Works, Chris Clark, Steven McClendon, Elizabeth Onnela and Jessica McMillian; Airman 1st Class Janah Berry and Airman Kambra Curry.

Aerospace Medicine Squadron: Staff Sgts. Casey Lovelace and Anne Textor; and Senior Airmen Melissa Sherman, Brandon Keys, and Adrienne Zizza.

Operations Group: Master Sgt. Cynthia Holland.

SFS: Tech Sgts. Jacob McCorkle and Christopher Booth; Staff Sgts. Kyle Altman and Asia Jones; Senior Airmen Joshua Huber and Jalen McMahan; and Airman 1st Class Robert Cole.

MXG: Tech. Sgts. Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Webster

ASTS: Master Sgt. Larry

Combs; Staff Sgt. Joshua Minefee; and Senior Airman Keiko McMillian

Airlift Wing: Tech. Sgt. Sherica Hall.

APS: Tech. Sgt. Ben Battista; Staff Sgts. Karen Fletcher, Jeff Fischer, and Kendrick Clay; and Senior Airman Christopher Mier

89 AS: Capt. Jennifer Byrne and Tech. Sgt. Carl Hayden

AES: Master Sgt. Sharon Standford.

Referees were: Staff Sgt. Joshua Cordle, APS; David Cordle; Perry Jenkins; and Brad Oiler.

The DJ was Staff Sgt. Ryan Maloney, LRS.

On the grill: Maj. Sabrina O'Campo and Tech. Sgt. Trina Showers, both from FSS; assisted by Chiefs and 1st Sgts.

Finally, a big thanks to our award-winning Public Affairs team for recording all of it to share!



# SPOTLIGHT



Senior Airman Devin Long

<b>Rank/Name</b> Staff Sgt. Ashley Roberts	<b>Unit</b> 445th Maintenance Squadron
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**Duty Title**  
Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman  
**Hometown**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Civilian Job**  
Air Reserve Technician  
**Education**  
Community College of the Air Force applied science in aviation maintenance technology and pursuing bachelor's degree in technical management with a minor in project management at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
**Hobbies**  
Hunting, hiking, cooking and spending time with family  
**Career Goal**  
Earn a commission in

the 445th Airlift Wing  
**What do you like about working at the 445th?**  
I enjoy the men and women I get to work with on a daily basis. I am excited about the opportunities to travel and that I get to be a part of maintaining quality engines to put our birds in the air.  
**Why did you join the Air Force?**  
I joined the Air Force because they offer the most career opportunities. The training and skills you learn are easily transferable into civilian life and help to prepare you for the long run.

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sailor in the last exercise here.”

The training also gives CE Airmen visibility into other specialties within civil engineering.

“This is definitely a great opportunity to communicate with the other components of CE and interact with people outside of our specific shop,” said Staff Sgt. Mitchell Ruiz, who instructed on Alaskan shelter construction. Ruiz said he appreciated the advantages of training at the WTC.

“The warfighter training center is a huge training asset,” agreed Master Sgt. Clay Bucy, 445 CES heavy equipment non-commissioned officer in charge. Bucy was part of the original team that built the WTC more than a decade ago, modeling it

after Tyndall AFB’s Silver Flag base. The 445th CES transformed the area from a deteriorating assemblage of hard-backed tents to solid barracks, a chow hall, shower facilities, administrative buildings, and a crucial “runway,” which allows CE to practice runway repairs.

“The cost savings,” said Bucy, “is significant.” Without the WTC, we’d have to go to facilities in Michigan or Wisconsin for similar training.” This was the first bivouac training at the WTC in nine years; Silver Flag and real world deployments have honed skills in the meantime, but Bucy hopes for greater 445th AW use of the training center in the future. “Security forces, services, and medical folks could all use this for

regular training.”

The 445th CES invited their naval counterparts to participate alongside them. NCHB 10, a component of the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, is headquartered in Virginia, but the sailors who attended the bivouac training all drill in Columbus, Ohio.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for us to partner with the Air Force and build relationships with fellow service members,” said Navy Lt. Glenn Conley, Expeditionary Support Company commander for NCHB 10.

Petty Officer Second Class Steven Peoples, a medical corpsman in the Navy Reserve, said he was enjoying the training because of the inter-service cooperation.

“I haven’t spent much time with the Air Force, and it’s been interesting seeing the different ways that the Air Force and Navy teach similar concepts and skills,” Peoples said. He left emergency room work after 11 years to work as a campus dining manager at Ohio State University during the week, but Peoples now teaches self-aid and buddy care to fellow sailors. He was looking forward to the SABC portion of bivouac training to see any Air Force variations. All in all, though, Peoples noted that the Air Force and Navy have one thing in common.

“The Airmen here are a good group of people and really demonstrate teamwork and an ability to operate together,” he said.

## News Briefs

### Awards

#### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Michael Baker, 89 AS  
Lt Col Peter Derussy, ASTS  
Lt Col Charles Huff, ASTS  
Lt Col Jason Shroyer, CES

#### Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt Eric Weidner, LRS  
TSgt Daniel Baker, MXS  
TSgt Jamie Pope, 87 APS  
SSgt Athena Yacoumakis, ASTS

#### Air Force Achievement Medal

CMSgt Ronald Rearick, CES  
TSgt Benjamin Fryman, 89 AS  
SSgt Taylor Shaw, 87 APS  
SSgt Patricia Walker, CES  
SrA Courtney Harry, SFS

SrA Jonathan Porter, LRS  
SrA Thomas Read, AMDS

### Promotions

#### Staff Sergeant

Michael Abney, 445 ASTS  
Michael Brown, 445 ASTS  
Abraham Cancel, 87 APS  
Brandon Hakes, 87 APS  
Jeremy Hendricks, 87 APS  
Marisa Lenegerich, 445 ASTS  
Jennifer Lenz, 87 APS  
Kayla Miller, 445 SFS  
Daniel Williams, 445 ASTS  
Andrew Woods, 445 OSS

#### Senior Master Sergeant

David Filipkowski, 445 AW

### CPR training

The 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron will conduct CPR training on Sundays in November, December and January.

Heartsaver and base life support provider training will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Nov. 15, Dec. 6 and Jan. 6, 2016. Training will be held in Hangar 4026.

All current instructors who teach CPR and require renewal, should contact Capt. Alan Harmon at alan.harmon@us.af.mil or Staff Sgt. Michelle Lee at mleeasl@gmail.com.

### 445th teens selected for AFRC Teen Council

Andrew Smith, son of Lt. Col. Raymond Smith, Jr., 89th Airlift Squadron operations officer, and Nathan Williams, son of Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Williams, 87th Aerial Port Squadron first sergeant, were both selected for the Air Force Reserve Command Teen Council this year. Their

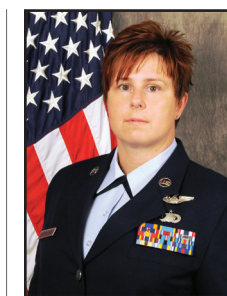
goal is to reach out to other Reserve and Guard teens to let them know about opportunities such as the various teen summits created especially for Reserve and Guard teens. Smith and Williams participate in a monthly teleconference with the other 16 members of the council and are getting ready to attend future Yellow Ribbon events. In December, the two will travel to San Antonio, Texas and meet as a group with the other council members. More information about Air Force Youth Programs can be found at the following link; <http://www.myairforcelife.com/youth/>



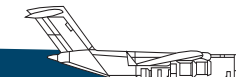
## 445 AW Airmen recognized



Staff Sgt. Tyler Mohr, 445th Airlift Wing command post controller, has been selected for the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. The Deserving Airman Program gives Airmen a chance to enter into an officer position based on several key factors such as their personal commitment and success in education, training and physical fitness. The program is governed by Air Force Instruction 36-2005. The number of Airmen commissioned through the program is based on position vacancies and the number of Airmen who meet the eligibility requirements



Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron first sergeant, has been selected for promotion to senior master sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers II Board, formerly the Promotion Enhancement Program. STEP promotions reward outstanding and deserving Airman who work hard and perform superbly. The selection board convened at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center, Buckley AFB, Colo., July 20-25. Board members selected 118 of the 250 enlisted candidates for promotion to the ranks of Tech. Sgt. to Chief Master Sgt.





Senior Airman Devin Long



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The 445th Airlift Wing family day picnic/tailgate party held Sept. 12, 2015 offered a variety of competitions that pitted units against each other — quarterback challenge, modified shot put, three-legged race, truck pull, and relay races. Children enjoyed a bounce house and partook in various games and danced to a DJ. A dunk tank proved a popular diversion as commanders, chiefs and first sergeants took the plunge. The day ended with a flag football game in which the 87th Aerial Port Squadron prevailed against the 89th Airlift Squadron, 21-16.

# Family Day: Airmen enjoy family, friends, food, fun



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



Senior Airman Devin Long



Senior Airman Joel McCullough



Senior Airman Devin Long



Senior Airman Devin Long





Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

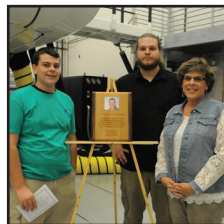
### **Cruise-In**

The 445th Airlift Wing hosted a Cruise-In as part of its family day Sept. 12, 2015. The owners of 30 cars and trucks, and six motorcycles showcased their vehicles against a C-17 backdrop.

### **On the Web**



**445th remembers Sept. 11**



**C-17 sim trainer dedicated in honor of late Master Sgt. Don Boudinet**



**445th reservist participate in Air Force Marathon**

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