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## Citizen Airmen airlift passengers, cargo worldwide

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Nestled along the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base flightline, the nearly 200 members of the 87th Aerial Port Squadron buzz between multiple buildings to fulfill all the tasks encompassed in their career field. They are cargo builders, passenger services specialists, forklift drivers, hazardous materials handlers, joint inspectors, and pallet pushers. Without “Port Dawgs” and their extensive expertise, all cargo and supplies are permanently grounded.

“Considerably one of the most vital roles in the U.S. Air Force, we have the capability to move anything, anywhere, at any time,” says Staff Sgt. Robert Hessler, special handling joint inspector.

It all begins in the air terminal operations center, where flight information comes directly from the air traffic control tower.

“ATOC is where everything happens,” says Staff Sgt. Seth Allen, a Citizen Airman assigned to the ATOC section within the aerial port. “We push information from the tower to all of our sections, then they go out and do their part.”

When an aircraft lands at Wright-Patterson, the aerial port ramp controller goes out to meet the crew immediately upon arrival. Soon after, passenger services specialists arrive to greet passengers and transport them safely off the flightline.

Ramp services Port Dawgs drive large vehicles designed for transporting multiple pallets, up to 60,000 pounds of cargo, at a time. Other aerial porters work with 89th Airlift Squadron loadmasters to physically push the pallets off the aircraft so they can be taken to the aerial port cargo warehouse, where other Port Dawgs process the cargo, sometimes storing it until it can be loaded onto another aircraft and



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**Airmen from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron unload cargo from a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III November 6, 2016 on the west ramp at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.**

flown to its final destination, often overseas.

“When my recruiter explained everything this AFSC [Air Force Specialty Code] does, I thought it sounded like a fun job,” says Senior Airman Ryan Hood, a ramp services specialist and full-time graphic design student at Wright State University. “My favorite part of this job is driving different vehicles, and the people.”

During the November unit training assembly, the 87th Aerial Port Squadron completed one aircraft upload and two aircraft downloads for real-world missions, directly supporting the Air Force.

“If anything comes up during the drill weekend, we take it,” says Chief Master Sgt. Sean Storms, aerial port manager and Air Reserve Technician. “We are also responsible for a weekly combat download on Tuesday evenings, and our local members usually help with that.”

Although the mission requirements fluctuate from month to month, Port Dawgs stand ready.

“Perpetually training in our ever-changing military, we can maintain expeditious and safe transportation of cargo and troops,” Sergeant Hessler says. “The 87th has a deep history of family and excellence in service. We carry that honor with us through each operation.”

The squadron frequently works closely with other branches to accomplish tasks like joint inspections before airlifting equipment like vehicles and deploying troops.

“This presents us with the opportunity to interact with other forces and better understand our mission as a whole,” he says.

Within the career field, Airmen are rotated through the ATOC, cargo processing, passenger services, ramp services, and special handling sections, allowing opportunities for growth, advanced certifications, and promotion.

“We have a pretty big impact,” says Airman Hood. “A lot of stuff couldn’t happen if we didn’t do our job correctly.”

# You are the greatest Airman!

By Col. Adam B. Willis  
445th Airlift Wing Commander

The greatest Airman? Yes, you are! Since the beginning of our service, 1947, the United States Air Force has evolved and adapted just as society has evolved and adapted. From the Korean and Vietnam Wars to the last two decades of combat engagement, it is the Airman, you, who has carried the will of our Nation to the enemy.



It is you who has deployed multiple times, leaving family and friends behind. It is you who continues into harm's way. It is you who returns home and assimilates back into a society that often cannot comprehend what you have endured. It is you, the Airman, who ensures they never need to. It is you, the Airman who continually adapts to the changing landscape ensuring our Nation, our families and loved ones are safe. It is you who I believe is the greatest Airman in history! It is you, the Airman, who I salute.

This adaptation and evolution I speak of manifests itself in a multitude of presentations all of which parade themselves within every endeavor we engage.

From within, the Airman, you, are our instrument of that change, that adaptation. However, change does not come easy. As one of history's great philosophers, Heraclitus wrote, "There is nothing permanent except change." This elegant message, while simple in understanding, is arguably more difficult in execution. Simply stated, the only constant in life is change. Through the mechanism of change, whether willing or not, the outcome is always progress; albeit it's sometimes in the opposite direction one intended.

As a service, we experience change every day, whether at work or at home. Sometimes that change is evident, sometimes not. Sometimes change is strategic and sometimes tactical.

Each engagement represents a new set of variables

and challenges. We as Airmen, have an avenue available to us thereby ensuring we fight as a team.

There already exists a variety of vehicles that "soften" the expressed "difficulty to change." Just as the Air Force relies on you as the instrument of change, they too are the instruments which you use. They are the instruments we entrust all Airmen with... Integrity, Service before Self and Excellence in All We Do. Through these vehicles, apprehension associated with change becomes palatable and manageable.

While these vehicles are the essence, the core of our Service, they also set the stage for the expressed progress which inevitably comes with change, yet never with lack of change...for change is enduring, as are our Airmen. It is the Airman, you, the very instrument the Air Force uses to implement change who truly are the greatest! Our service is strong because you, the greatest Airman, who has the capacity to adapt and evolve, who faces apprehension armed with courage and our core values. As noted by Winston Churchill, "success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts".

Continue to stay proud, continue to stay engaged and continue to stay safe...

The greatest Airman... Always!

As we embark on the holiday season, Elyse and I wish you and your family a safe holiday and a prosperous New Year!

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**Airmen from the 89th Airlift Squadron arrived back home Nov. 2, 2016 after spending 30 days assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Southwest Asia, supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. While deployed, the Airmen moved cargo, including munitions.**





Stacy Vaughn

Senior Airman Adrienne Zizza, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron aerospace medicine technician, demonstrates how to properly cleanse the area of Senior Airman Aubrey Booher's arm in preparation of a blood draw November 16, 2016. Zizza recently graduated from an aerospace medicine technician's course at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, becoming the 445th Airlift Wing's first "Four Fox" Airman.

## Aerospace medicine brings back much needed 'Four Fox' training

By Staff Sgt. Rachel Ingram  
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In an effort to enhance flight medicine effectiveness, the 445th Airlift Wing is sending Airmen back to school—the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine that is.

Upon graduating the three week, in-residence course, aerospace medicine technicians receive a special distinction: an F suffix at the end of their Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC), 4NOX1. In casual conversation, the Citizen Airman becomes an esteemed "Four Fox."

"Historically, they were the subject matter experts in the field of aerospace medicine," says Col. Joseph Lawlor, chief of aerospace medicine in the 445th. "They ran the flight medicine clinic and trained the junior flight doctors. A Four Fox had extensive responsibilities, including knowledge of medical standards, and administratively managing flying class physicals and flying waivers."

In 1999, the Air Force eliminated this specialization, "much to the disdain of flight surgeons," he says.

The clinic's organization and continuity were significantly impacted, and mentorship fizzled out, says Lawlor. "The field of flight medicine and the flight medicine clinic suffered greatly during these dark times."

Then, in 2012, the Air Force decided to reinstate the program, formally named the Flight and Operational Medical Technician course.

"The goal is to develop a dedicated, competent enlisted force trained to support flight medicine," Colonel Lawlor says.

Senior Airman Adrienne Zizza completed the course in August of 2016 and became the 445th's first Four Fox Airman.

"Our leadership presented the opportunity and were looking for someone to take charge, and I volunteered," says Zizza, who was raised in Italy and England while her mother, now retired, served in the Air Force.

For Airman Zizza, training alongside active-duty Airmen was especially beneficial.

"It was good to be there with the

active duty and get some pointers and feedback from them," she says. "A lot of the ways they do things on the active-duty side, I tried to soak up and learn so I could bring it back to the 445th."

Much of the training honed in on the details associated with caring for Airmen who must meet flying requirements, and also included training surrounding technical skills in surgery, optometry and lab work.

"As a technician, we need to be versed in all those areas," she says. "It's rewarding and intense, but there's a lot of knowledge that comes with it, and I like serving people."

While Zizza is the first to return from the training, several other Airmen are already scheduled to attend the course and earn their F suffix.

"I really look forward to working with them and working together to make all of us better," says Zizza. "We needed this."



# SPOTLIGHT



Courtesy photo

**Rank/Name**

Senior Airman Brandon Keys

**Unit**

445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

**Duty Title**

Health Services Management Apprentice

**Hometown**

Zanesville, Ohio

**Civilian Job**

Student/Shift Manager at Pizza Hut

**Education**

High school diploma from Fredericktown High School in Fredericktown, Ohio. I will be receiving my bachelor's degree in history-pre-law from

Ohio University after this next semester. After that I will be attending law school but I am not 100 percent sure where I am going yet.

**Hobbies**

I enjoy being with my friends or wife. Whether it is exercising with friends from work or watching TV with my wife, I enjoy being around people. My favorite hobbies are the ones that get me outside and being physical. I've also been known to play video games as well.

**Career Goal**

I want to graduate law school and be able to work for a company that I believe is doing good things for people. I've heard that corporate lawyers work many hours their first few years but if I am happy with the place I choose then it would all be worth

it. Other than that, I just want to do the best that I am able to. The sky is the limit.

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

The people that I work with is my favorite part. Our unit has some fantastic people, and I love getting to interact with them. It is one of the reason's I started doing the sign-in and sign-out each day. Everybody works hard to get the job done but we also have a great time doing it.

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

Like many people, I joined for assistance with college and to get new life experiences. The military definitely has unique aspects that only others who serve can relate to.

## Around the wing...



Stacy Vaughn



Airman 1st Class Ethan Spickler

(left) The 445th Force Support Squadron conducted training for 25 commander support staff Airmen assigned to the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group Nov. 14-18, 2016. The training event taught by Airmen assigned to the 445th FSS military personnel section covered various topics from the customer support, force management and career development sections. (right) Airmen from throughout the 445th Airlift Wing attend a Airman's Leadership Council Meeting Nov. 6, 2016. The Airman's Council is a place where enlisted Airmen can bring up concerns and find practical solutions to problems they face.

# News Briefs

## Retirements

Lt Col Dennis Park, LRS  
Maj Jason Crow, 655  
ISRG  
SMSgt Chima Ellis, 49 IS  
SMSgt Joseph Kotsko,  
AES  
SMSgt Timothy Opp, 87  
APS  
MSgt Melissa Caylor,  
AMDS  
MSgt Mark McIntosh, 87  
APS  
TSgt Patrick Kirby, 87  
APS  
TSgt Dale Quigley, CES  
SSgt Brandon Baker,  
AES  
SSgt Katheryn Sandoval,  
42 IS

## Promotions

### Senior Airman

Joshua Glass, MXS  
Jonathan McMahel, 71 IS

### Staff Sergeant

Daniel Brockman, 71 IS  
Joseph Divish, 87 APS  
Joshua Flynn, ASTS  
Brantley Fowle, OSS  
Jameccia Haygood, LRS  
Courtney Kalb, ASTS  
Natalie Stesen, 28 IS  
James Terrell, MXS  
Ashley Thompson, 718 IS  
Josiah Timmerman, 16  
IS  
Nicholas Walker, 71 IS

### Technical Sergeant

Nicholas Akins, 87 APS  
Nathan Collett, 87 APS  
Jason Cordle, 87 APS  
Victor Dinarte, 718 IS  
Robert Golubich, CES  
Roosevelt Reid, 87 APS  
Jacob Stalker, 63 IS  
Darren Wiles, 28 IS

### Master Sergeant

Ryan Anthony, ASTS  
Brandon Ashcraft, CES  
Ashley DeLaCruz, FSS  
Jeffery Rang, AES  
Jay Swanson, FSS  
Daniel Wright, 14 IS

## Newcomers

Lt Col Patrick Allan,  
ASTS  
Maj Bryan Bailey, 89 AS  
2Lt Maria Duffy, 89 AS  
2Lt Abigail Duncan, AES  
SMSgt Virginia Westover,  
ASTS  
TSgt Michael Trimble,  
MXS  
SSgt Douglas Barr, MXS  
SSgt Vanessa  
Christensen, ASTS  
SSgt Steven Dornbos,  
ASTS  
SSgt Jeffery Elam, AMXS  
SSgt Jacob Haner, MXS  
SSgt Jordan Shepherd,  
MXS  
SSgt Christopher  
Sherman, ASTS  
SSgt Mackenzie  
Thompson, OSS  
SSgt Andrew Wagner, 89  
AS  
SrA Deandre Douglas,  
LRS  
SrA Jennifer Mullins,  
CES  
SrA James Williams, CES  
A1C Constantin Muhire,  
LRS  
A1C Brandon Walker,  
SFS  
Amn Matthew Crotty,  
ASTS



## Rising 6 upcoming events

The 445th Force Support Squadron Rising 6 will host Game Night, Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Wright-Patt USO. The free event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

The FSS Rising 6 will host a bowling event Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Kitty Hawk bowling lanes from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information on FSS Rising 6 events, please contact SSgt Stephan Hall at 937-257-7688.

## VA holiday party

The annual VA holiday party will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Dayton VA Medical Center Complex in Lakeside Manor, building 305, on the first floor. Attendance is encouraged with supervisor approval.

Members who would like to carpool will meet between buildings 4012 and 4010 at 10:20 a.m.

A bus will be provided to and from the VA Medical Center, departing no later than 10:30 a.m.

Various donations are needed to include new clothing and toiletries. For a complete list, please contact the POCs listed below.

Donations may be dropped off to Master Sgt. Daniel Ozio in building 4026 (room 109), or with your first sergeant.

If you have any questions, please contact Master Sgt. Ozio at 937-271-2688 or Master Sgt. Sierra Cabungcal at 614- 582-2866.

## 445th Airman's Council

The 445th Airman's Council invites Senior Airmen and below to attend its monthly council meetings held each Saturday of the Scarlet UTA at 11:30 a.m. Location may vary. Lunch is provided.

The Airman's Council is a place where enlisted Airmen can bring up concerns and find practical solutions to problems they see around their workplace. They also talk about opportunities in the community and how to participate as a group. It is also a place to expand connections, build morale, and solve problems in the ever changing landscape of the U.S. Air Force. The focus of the group is to not only prepare Airmen to become staff sergeants but to prepare them to be excellent staff sergeants.

For more information, please contact Senior Airman Jawanda Ayoub at [Jawanda.ayoub@us.af.mil](mailto:Jawanda.ayoub@us.af.mil) or 614-499-4092.



# Employers enjoy a day at the 445th...



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Col. Adam Willis, 445th Airlift Wing commander, gives a wing mission briefing to approximately 70 civilian employers and 35 reservists during the 445 AW Employers Day Nov. 5, 2016. The employers enjoyed breakfast and lunch, received a C-17 Globemaster III flight and participated in tours and demonstrations of the different jobs and training that their Air Force Reserve employees do when performing military service.



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(left) Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Wyatt, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, talks with employers about chemical warfare training. Employers were given the opportunity to don the gear Airmen use during various emergency situations. (right) Maj. Jason Miller, 445th Force Support Squadron commander, and Senior Airman Jowanda Ayoub, 445th Maintenance Group maintenance scheduler, help their employers don chemical warfare masks during the civil engineer demonstration.



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



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(left) Staff Sgt. Christopher Bock-Bacalao, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical apprentice, gives instructions to employers and their reservists on suturing techniques using gauze to simulate an arm during a demonstration provided by the 445th AMDS. (right) Argeri Lagos from Lagos and Lagos Attorneys at Law participates in a suturing demonstration.





Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



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(left) Staff Sgt. Tyler Deye, 445th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, talks to employers about the purpose and use of a raft during a demonstration. (right) Tech. Sgt. Bradley Strong, 445th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment shop, shows Dale Carr from Caterpillar, Inc., a mask worn by aircrews if an emergency situation arises during a flight. Employers had the opportunity to see the various equipment managed by the aircrew flight equipment shop.



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(left) Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Fischer, 87th Aerial Port Squadron passenger services flight craftsman, and his employer, Ronny Hayes from Hearing Lab Technology, check out a flack vest as part of the 445th Security Forces Squadron demonstration. (right) Dr. Denitza Davis from PharmD participates in a 445th Security Forces demonstration during Employers Day Nov. 5, 2016.



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(left) Staff Sgt. Zachary Webb, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 loadmaster, shows employers participating in the 445th Airlift Wing Employers Day some of the duties he performs during a flight. (right) Employers watch a medical scenario performed by the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron during a C-17 Globemaster III flight.





Col. Craig McPike

### 89 AS crew delivers helicopter

Reserve Airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, unload an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter from a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III, November 15, 2016. The 89th Airlift Squadron aircrew from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, flew to Gimhae International Airport, Korea, to pick up the helicopter and delivered it to Patrick AFB.

### On the Web



CMSgt Kaleth O. Wright selected as 18th CMSAF



Wing performs flyover for Cleveland Browns game



AES Airmen participate in team building exercises

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