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Five 445th Airmen selected for promotion to colonel

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced Dec. 7, 2015 the results for the Calendar Year 2015 Air Force Reserve Line and Non Line Colonel Promotion Selection Boards. The boards selected more than 150 Citizen Airmen for promotion.

The selection boards convened at ARPC October 5-9 to determine those officers best qualified to assume the next higher grade. Board members selected 163 of 1,538 officers considered. Five reservists from the 445th Airlift Wing were selected.

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



Congratulations to all the following lieutenant colonels selected for promotion to colonel: Peter Derussy, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Jason Shroyer, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron; Steven Theohares, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Jennifer Wedel, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Joshua Wright, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

A complete list of Citizen Airmen selected for promotion is available online at <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/Portals/4/Documents/CY2015%20Air%20Force%20Reserve%20Line%20and%20Non%20Line%20Colonel%20Promotion%20Selection%20List.pdf?ver=2015-12-01-112553-640> or visiting the Air Reserve Officer Promotion page on myPers.

Veteran shares emotional story of service

*By Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing and 120 local veterans celebrated the holiday season with food and comradery at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center December 5, 2015.

Reservists served food in the lobby and delivered food to the rooms of veterans who were less mobile.

While visiting, I had the opportunity to meet a veteran and hear tales from another era.

William L. Jay, an Army private first class drafted in 1951, sat in his room watching television. The Korean War vet wore an orange, long-sleeve shirt with "Turkey Trot 2015" and had a blanket draped over his lap. He appeared content as he watched TV. Food and a soda were served to him in his room. He requested that each Airmen visiting him sign his log book.

As I visited Mr. Jay, I was curious to hear his stories, so I requested that he share memories of his time in service.

Jay told me tales about bayonet training from a scarred master sergeant; missing the assignment to Korea by one name; the endless tulip fields in Holland; and occupying a post war-torn Germany.

I asked him about his plans for the holidays.

"Well I hope I get to go home," he said.

I proceeded to ask him how the holidays were celebrated during his time of service.

He paused for a moment and then said, "We got better meals than what we normally did."

"When I was in basic, they set the lights off in the mess hall and passed around a helmet," said Jay. "They said 'take one piece of paper out of the helmet and pass it around.'"



Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

Korean War Veteran William L. Jay, an Army private first class, shares stories of his time in the service with members of the 445th Airlift Wing during the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center holiday party December 5, 2015.

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Every 445th Airman is on the championship team

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

Welcome back from the holidays, to our service together in Air Force Reserve Command's finest airlift wing.

You have a lot to be proud of when you reflect on 2015, where we followed winning the Clouse Trophy in 2014 (best maintenance group in 4th Air Force) with the wing's selection for the 2015 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Every 445th Airman gets to wear this on your uniform, and I encourage you to be proud of that achievement.

These recent achievements set us up to max-perform the challenges ahead in 2016, which include a formal unit effectiveness inspection in June when we host the



AFRC Inspector General team.

Planning is underway for the exercise scenarios that will test our rapid response to specific mission taskings across the wing during our March unit training assembly, and again for the June CAPSTONE event. Our compliance programs are already being evaluated by online inspectors, which is why each of us needs to embrace the cultural change toward mission effectiveness, not inspection readiness.

We're well on the way toward executing a culture of continuous process improvement, with every Airman on our championship-winning team encouraged to function as a sensor. What I mean by this is that you should realize you're empowered to identify areas where we can improve our performance: bring these to the attention of your leadership! You're expected to know your role on the team and to back each other up when your wingman misses a tackle. The term "every Airman a sensor" means we work together to prevent undetected non-compliance, and bring it into the light of day so the wing can work toward a solution.

Part of improving your sensor awareness is through training, and it's why I need you to complete a

short (under 30 minutes) online CBT that explains every Airman's role in the Air Force Inspection System. Trust me, I understand how piling on computer training lessons competes with the primary skills training that attracted you to your Air Force specialty, and this is a message that every wing commander relentlessly up-channels to big Air Force. But the particular CBT will clarify your role in self-evaluating and guaranteeing our readiness. It's worth the time invested.

Here's my direction before the March UTA: just log onto ADLS through the Air Force Portal, select the AFIS CBT (search for ZZ133134), listen to the general introduction and then select your specific role. You'll be complete in under 30 minutes. I would ask that commanders go the extra mile and review all of the roles – it adds valuable knowledge to our toolkits. But whatever your position and specialty within the wing, understanding your role in our self-inspection system is critical to our ability to maintain the readiness contract we've made with America....and it's what helps us continue to be "proud of the patch" that we wear for the 445th. See you at the UTA.

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Snow symbolic with spiritual connectedness

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

Snow can be a wonderful experience as it falls freshly on the ground and covers the earth with a white blanket of powder. I have several pictures of the snowfall in my backyard from the past two winters that were so beautiful to look at that I had to take a snapshot of them to keep in my cell phone for future delight.

Frigid weather is often connected with the snow. I recall a winter when I lived in southeast Michigan that the snowy

season that pressed on until March. Most people, to include myself, had fallen out of love with snow and were looking forward to a climate change and warmth. Further drop in temperature would only bring more anticipation for the weather to warm up and the spring thaw to occur and melt away the messy stuff.

The majestic beauty of the snow, even as I threw endless shovelfuls of it from

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SPOTLIGHT



Stacy Vaughn

Rank/Name Senior Airman Onyekachi Udeinya	Unit 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
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Duty Title
Aeromedical Technician

Hometown
Rockville, MD

Civilian Job
Orthopedic technician

Education
Miami University/currently attending Wright State University

Hobbies
Traveling, hiking, working out, biking, art, anime, sci-fi

Career Goal
Biomedical engineer or medical doctor

What do you like about working at the 445th?
I can say that the 445 AES has pushed me to

be a more patient, caring, and driven person. There are so many ways to contribute and make a difference. It's hard not to appreciate what people do on a daily basis.

Why did you join the Air Force?
I joined after a few years of thinking about what I could do to help my fellow man. I wanted to be part of an atmosphere that promoted selflessness and community. I looked at various avenues, found the Air Force and I've been part of it in some capacity since 2008.

JAG Airman named Air Reserve Paralegal of the Year

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Rebeccah Stammen, 445th Airlift Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate superintendent, won the David Westbrook Award for Outstanding Air Reserve Component Paralegal of the Year for 2014.

The award recognizes the most outstanding Air Reserve Component paralegal of the year based on demonstrated superior initiative, technical skill, training accomplishments or contribution to mission support, exhibition of leadership in the military or civilian community and enrollment in off-duty programs of professional self-improvement.



Senior Airman Joel McCullough

Lt. Col. Gregory Baxley, 445th Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate (left) and Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, 445 AW Commander, present Master Sgt. Rebeccah Stammen the Justitia statute in recognition of her selection as the Air Reserve Component Paralegal of the Year.

Stammen completed a multi-year review of Uniform Code of Military Justice actions, compar-

ing data and developing unit commander reference for use in taking military justice actions. She researched the legality of allowing armed security forces personnel to use privately owned vehicles when responding to active shooter threats, offering additional options during times of crisis. Stammen coordinated legal issues across four divisions, managing more than 500 suspenses and identifying more than 60 critical compliance areas during a self-inspection. The sergeant led a high-visibility records review, compiling 24 sexual assault files and enabling the command to meet a short-notice suspense from a U.S. Senator.



Airmen must keep SGLI, emergency data current

By Maj. Elizabeth Caraway
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Several years ago, an Airman at another base passed away and his current spouse was told that his former spouse would receive the entire \$400,000 insurance payment because the husband had failed to update his beneficiary form after his most recent marriage. As a legally binding contract, the form required the entire amount go to his named beneficiary.

This incident illustrates the critical need for Airmen to maintain both their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance form and their virtual Record of Emergency Data.

The SGLI form, SGLV 8286, is the only document used to legally identify the beneficiary for an SGLI payment in the event of death. The vRED is used to contact next-of-kin in the event of serious injury or death. It is also used to identify the person who will make funeral and final resting place decisions for the deceased Airman, as well as designate the beneficiary for any unpaid allowances or final salary, explained Senior Airman Umar Yasin, 445th Force Support Squadron customer service technician.

"We encourage members to update their vRED any time they experience a major life event, like marriage, the birth of a child, a deployment, or a move," said Yasin.

However, the vRED does not delineate SGLI payment beneficiaries.

"Unlike testamentary documents like wills, insurance is a contract," said Maj. Omar Ebarb, 445th Deputy Staff Judge Advocate. "So even if you want your

insurance payments to go to your heirs, they won't unless you specifically name them in the documentation."

SGLI provides group term life insurance, with coverage up to \$400,000, or lesser amounts in increments of \$50,000. As Reservists, members of the 445th Airlift Wing are automatically enrolled with full coverage unless they fill out paperwork denying it or changing the coverage amount. SGLI coverage can help in case of injury, as well as death.

"Airmen can claim up to \$25,000 for traumatic injuries," explained Yasin, "and the \$400,000 coverage amount remains unchanged."

Reservists may not realize that insurance coverage also extends to family members.

"Children are automatically covered for \$10,000 under the Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance at no cost," said Yasin. "Spousal coverage is equal to the amount of the Airman's coverage, not to exceed \$100,000."

Members are also covered for 120 days following separation or release from duty, at which point they can apply for Veterans' Group Life Insurance through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If you initially declined SGLI and wish to obtain or increase coverage, you can stop by the military personnel flight and complete and sign a form SGLV 8286. You can verify the beneficiaries on your SGLI by accessing the Personnel Records Display Application (PRDA) on the Air Force Portal.

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"This was at Fort Bliss, Texas. They turned on the lights and said, 'okay, everybody that got a red piece of paper can go home for Christmas and if you have a black one then you've got to stay at camp,'" said Jay. "Well the guy sitting next to me had a red piece of paper." "I asked him 'are you going home?' and he replied heck, I don't have any money to get off of the base let alone go home."

"I asked him 'what will you take for that?' and he told me a 20 dollar bill so I gave him \$20."

"I went to the airlines and they were all booked up," said Jay "So I

then went to the bus station."

Jay looked at me deep in thought.

"When you're in El Paso, heck you might as well be off the edge of the earth," said Jay. "We didn't have any through traffic."

Again, Jay stopped and appeared deep in thought.

This is where the holiday story almost ended. But I wanted

closure on the Christmas story.

I asked him if he got to see his family that Christmas.

"Yes," he replied. "It was just a long train ride home."

I thanked him for his service,

signed his log book and said goodbye.

I plan to spend the holidays with family as well. I'm grateful that I will not have to depend on the drawing of a red ticket (or someone else's for that matter) out of a helmet. Not all opportunities are paved with the path of convenience. Jay must have known that, and he acted accordingly.

William L. Jay saw his family in West Milton, Ohio the year of his basic training in 1951. He hopes to see them again this year. He spent his Thanksgiving dinner with his family last month.



News Briefs

Annual awards banquet

Mark your calendars for the 445th Airlift Wing annual awards banquet to be held April 2, 2016 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The reception is slated to begin at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

The awards banquet will recognize those selected for Airman, NCO, senior NCO, company grade officer, first sergeant, field grade officer, honor guard member, civilian, spouse, youth and squadron of the year. The winner of each category will be announced during the banquet.

The costs of the event are \$30 for E-7 and above; \$25 for E-6 and below; \$13 for children 6-12; and children 5 and under are free.

All reservations must be received by Mar. 6, 2016.

The dress for the evening is semi-formal or mess dress for enlisted Airmen, and mess dress for officers. Civilians may wear formal evening attire.

Any Airmen (E-1 through O-6) or civilian can nominate their spouse, youth or fellow Airmen, or those of a co-worker for field grade officer, civilian, honor guard member, squadron, spouse, youth and community partner of the year. Nominations should be submitted on an Air Force Form 1206 to Chief Master Sgt. James Felton at 445aw.ccc.res@us.af.mil no later than close of

business March 5, 2016.

For more information, contact the public affairs office at 257-5784.

Newcomers

Maj James Huizenga, ASTS
MSgt David Powell, MXS
TSgt Mark Adams, MXS
TSgt Robert Long, MXS
TSgt Eric Riehle, AES
TSgt Jay Swanson, 87 APS
TSgt Shymaine Williams, LRS
SSgt Ryan Curtis, FSS
SSgt Jerry Farley, LRS
SSgt Cody Green, 89 AS
SSgt Charles Metz, AMXS
SSgt Clayton Tallman, MXS
SSgt Christian Valente, 87 APS
SrA Matthew Auriemma, MXS
SrA Joshua Lewis, LRS
SrA Matthew Sigler, MXS
A1C Jessica Elexendere, ASTS
A1C Dominic Fredo, CES
A1C Brian Lakes, 87 APS
A1C Dustin Seelig, 87 APS
A1C Zachary Sutton, 87 APS
AB Brandon Adams, AES

AFRC Top Three Scholarships

Air Force Reserve Command Total Force Top Three is offering 20 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to further military and family members college education pursuits.

Completed packages must be submitted no later than January 15, 2016.

Eligibility

- Rank of E-9 or below or immediate family member of E-9 and below (i.e., daughter, son, etc.)
- Military member must be a current member of the Air Force Reserve, Air Force Reserve Command, or a family member of the above.
- Currently enrolled in an associates, bachelor, or master's degree program at a regionally accredited college or university during the upcoming semester or have "Letter of Acceptance" from Registrar's Office from a regionally accredited college or university. Students with an earned master's degree are not eligible to apply.
- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above (within last 6 months).
- If new college student, must have last high school transcript.
- Must not have been a Total Force Top 3 Scholarship recipient in the last 12 months.

The Total Force Top 3 scholarship committee determines appropriate qualifications and the distribution of money, and will be the final determining body for awarded scholarships. Funds shall be applied to tuition, books, and/or academic fees at a regionally accredited college or university for the 2016-2017 academic years.

For more information about applying and the information package, please visit: <http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151214-018.pdf>

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my driveway onto the increasing snowbanks, was a marvel to behold. I was mesmerized by the white stuff. One day 5 inches fell and I to examined the ice crystals that filtered down from the sky falling atop the already fallen layers of snow on the ground. I took a walk through the wintery wonderland and it sparkled as diamond dust across the landscape.

In the writing found in *Job 37:6* and the writing of David from *Psalms 51:7*, snow seems to have varied purposes. Snowcapped mountains irrigate the arid valleys below bringing fresh water in the spring as they melt away. David writes about the transformation of being cleansed and washed to be whiter than

the freshly fallen snow.

The next time you see snow in life or in photos, be thankful for the natural beauty that it can bring and the imagery of the cleansing power that can come through intense spiritual connectedness associated with it.

You may be thinking or even saying when will spring be upon us? If you are struggling with the winter months or even want to share the delight of your winter experiences with snow please, fill free to stop by the Chaplain office in building 4010 or take time to speak with a chaplain or chaplain assistant the next time you see one of us out and about.



445th Airlift Wing, 2015 Year In Review...



January

Maj. Elizabeth Caraway



February

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



March

Senior Airman Daniel Phelps



April

Maj. Elizabeth Caraway



June

Courtesy photo



May

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer





July

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



August

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

January

Members of the 86th Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, load wounded warriors aboard a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III bound for Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Jan. 4, 2015.

February

Tech. Sgt. Austin Schutte, 445th Operations Support Squadron, instructs Airmen on donning procedures during the unit's mega training event, Feb. 7, 2015.

March

Senior Airman Jessica McMillan, Tech. Sgt. Harold Debolt and Staff Sgt. Alison Barnes, 445th Force Support Squadron, look for clues during the scavenger hunt portion of the Air Force Reserve Command Force Support Silver Flag Readiness Challenge March 12, 2015. FSS took first place in the challenge.

April

Senior Airmen Shelby Money (foreground) leads the way as 445th Security Forces Squadron Airmen participate in an urban operations practical April 14, 2015 at Fort Wolters Training Center, Texas. The practical, part of Patriot Defender, focused on core security forces tasks.

May

More than 180 wing members participated in Exercise Buckeye Storm May 3, 2015. The two-day exercise was part of the new expeditionary skills training plan.

June

An 87th Aerial Port Squadron Airman operates a forklift through an obstacle course at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia, June 16, 2015 during the Port Dawg Challenge.

July

Master Sgt. Sean Smith, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, talks with Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan B. Battaglia, the senior enlisted advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 88th Air Base Wing command chief, during Battaglia's visit to the wing July 11, 2015.

August

Maj. Gen. Richard S. Haddad, AFRC vice commander, tests the Ingersoll Rand Ergonomic Handling System during his visit Aug. 27, 2015.

September

Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson, AFRC commander, congratulates Chief Master Sgt. Brian Fowle, 445 AES, at Air Force Marathon Sept. 19, 2015.

October

Staff Sgt. Siearra Williams and Master Sgt. Victoria Errett, FSS, sample chili during the wing's Combined Federal Campaign chili cook-off Oct. 29, 2015.

November

Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Johns, 445th FSS serves Thanksgiving meals to Airmen at the Pitsenbarger Dining Facility during the Nov. 8, 2015.

December

Senior Airmen Nicole Patterson, Unity Johnson and Jowanda Ayoub, 445th Maintenance Group, visit residents during the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center holiday party Dec. 5, 2015.



September

Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris



October

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



November

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



December

Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver



AMDS change of command



Senior Airman Devin Long

Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, 445th Airlift Wing commander, passes the guidon to Col. Brad Goldman, incoming 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, during the AMDS change of command ceremony, Dec. 6, 2015. Master Sgt. Frank Williams, AMDS first sergeant and flag bear looks on. Goldman previously served as the AMDS chief of aerospace medicine.

87 APS change of command



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Lt. Col. Dale Bateman, 445th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Barry Crane, incoming commander, during the 87th Aerial Port Squadron Change of Command ceremony Dec. 5, 2015. Crane previously served as the 908th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

On the Web



Airmen celebrate holidays with vets at VA Christmas Party



SFS Airmen work in all weather conditions



AMXS completes Home Station Check

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