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445 CES hones skills while improving base facilities

By 2nd Lt. Rachel Ingram

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Each year, the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron completes a number of projects around the base, and 2017 was no exception. Since January, the 445th CES has successfully executed approximately one dozen individual projects, improving the mission effectiveness and morale of Citizen Airmen across the 445th Airlift Wing.

“A few of our biggest projects this year were the progress we made on Heritage Park, outside of the wing headquarters building; the improvement to the exterior of the renovated 87th Aerial Port Squadron building, including tearing out the curb, building steps, and extending the landing; and repairing electrical wiring and installing lights for the base honor

members contribute to the projects during unit training assemblies, annual tour, and on special orders. Senior Airman Austin Rollins helped pour 13 cubic yards of concrete for Heritage Park during three days of his home station annual tour.

“I just left active duty and I’m cross-training into this new job,” Rollins explained. “I am still learning the ins and outs of civil engineering, so it was neat to do that in a hands-on way that also benefitted my brothers and sisters in other squadrons.”

Shelton, who lives locally, opted to participate in nearly every project this calendar year.

“Another big, multi-day undertaking this year was the beautification of the Warfighter Training Center,



Courtesy photos

Members of the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron begin construction of Heritage Park outside the 445th Airlift Wing headquarters building. The park, scheduled to be completed by Sept. 30, 2018, will consist of aircraft displays, unit emblems and park benches.

guard facilities,” said Master Sgt. Douglas Shelton, heavy equipment technician in the squadron.

While many other squadrons in the wing exist to train and prepare to support the Air Force mission in a deployed environment, the 445th CES does not only that, but also enables everyone else to continue their important work without the hindrance of outdated, damaged facilities or non-functioning utilities.

“The primary mission of the squadron is base sustainment,” he said, “meaning the squadron ensures everything on the base is functioning properly so the overall Air Force mission does not suffer.”

In order to accomplish the wide variety of tasks,

which is frequently used for training by squadrons like the 445th Security Forces Squadron,” Shelton said. “We repaired the roofs on a few buildings, disposed of a ton of old razor wire, and cut back some of the grass and shrubbery that had overgrown.”

The civil engineer career field is divided into numerous sections, like structures, utilities, fire, and operations, among others.

“We all kind of work together on most jobs,” Shelton said. “When we don’t have the tools needed to finish a task, the 88th Airlift Wing partners with us to

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445 AW, 'takin' care of business'

By Col. Matthew C. Conrad
445th Airlift Wing Vice Commander



What do you think of when you hear the words "takin' care of business?" If you're like me it's the classic tune by Bachman-Turner Overdrive. It can also accurately describe the deeds of the great Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing.

Wow! What a very busy couple of months we just came through.

When three catastrophic hurricane events erupt in such a short period of time, the need for strategic airlift and recovery efforts on top of the day to day mission are critical. Who does our nation call? Us. Who comes through with flying colors? Us the great Airmen of the 445 AW. We have been burning the prover-

bial candle at both ends. We are, have been, and will be busy.

We are in a constant state of honing our craft and executing the mission. This is no surprise to you. You have been, forgive the cliché, "takin' care of business!"

As the holiday season is upon us, I would like you to take care of some of the other business in your lives. First of all, please take some time to recharge and relax as much as your situation allows. Your families are important. You are important. Many of us will get an opportunity to spend a little more time with friends and family during this season so take advantage of it—enjoy life.

Second, I realize that the holidays can be stressful and for some downright depressing. Please be aware of your fellow Airmen and those you work with as we roll on into the holidays.

I want to impress upon you that our success is based on our team. We have to look out for our fellow

Airmen. Our business is not only the mission, it's also the people. We must never forget—it's the people who accomplish the mission. If we have no people to execute the mission, we may as well lock the doors and turn out the lights.

Folks, our nation needs us and we need to be able to execute the mission at any given moment. To ensure we are ready and able, take the time to take care of the business of yourselves and your co-workers. Coming off the herculean effort you all gave for hurricane relief, and now rolling into the holidays, it is the perfect time to take the pulse of those around you and give attention to those who need it.

It's been said the sun never set on the British Empire. It's literally not too much of a stretch to make the claim that the sun never, or rarely, sets on the 445 AW.

The business forecast for 2018 concerning the 445th—business is good. So keep takin' care of Airmen and keep takin' care of business!

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tain biking, golfing
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I aspire to become a supervisor, particularly a HSC section chief.
What do you like about working at the 445th?
What I like the most is working day in and day out with great people.
Why did you join the Air Force?
To serve our great country.



445 AW hosts Employer Appreciation Day



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The 445th Airlift Wing hosted more than 50 employers during its annual Employer Appreciation Day, Nov. 4, 2017 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The participants were personally invited by their employees, who are also Citizen Airmen in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The event is designed to recognize the support of civilian employers toward their reservists. The event included catered breakfast and lunch compliments of the Ohio Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; aerospace medicine, security forces, chemical warfare and aeromedical evacuation demonstrations; and a C-17 Globemaster III flight over Kentucky and Tennessee.



Around the wing...



Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough



Airman 1st Class Ethan Spickler

Left: Col. Adam Willis, 445th Airlift Wing commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. John Robinson, incoming 445th Operations Group commander at the OG assumption of command ceremony, Nov. 5, 2017. Lt. Col. Robinson comes to wing after serving as the 315th Operations Group commander at Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

Right: Col. Bryan Runion, 445th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Jason Vance, incoming 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander at the LRS change of command ceremony, Nov. 5, 2017. Maj. Vance assumed command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Albert Olagbemiro.



Stacy Vaughn



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Left: Loadmasters from the 89th Airlift Squadron load a fire truck on a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III, Nov. 8, 2017. The wing received a request through the Denton Program to move a fire truck from Ohio to Belize City, Belize. The fire truck, a 1981 Pierce Arrow model donated by the Beechwood Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio was off-loaded at Belize's Phillip S. W. Goldson International Airport with its final destination of Cave Caulker, a small island off the coast of Belize. The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need.

Right: Lt. Col. Todd Reeder, 445th Maintenance Squadron commander; Col. Cade Gibson, 445th Maintenance Group commander; and Maj. Jason Miller, 445th Force Support Squadron commander, serve holiday meals to Airmen at the Pitsenbarger Dining Facility, Nov. 5, 2017. Each year commanders, chiefs and first sergeants serve meals to Airmen during the November and December unit training assemblies.



Keep safety in mind in seasonal, holiday plans

By Darlene Y. Cowsert

Air Force Safety Center Public Affairs

Temperature changes, shorter daylight hours, increased travel and emotional overload are hallmarks of the fall, winter and holiday seasons that safety officials say result in preventable mishaps.

“It’s as simple as taking the same safety practices and procedures we use on duty and applying them to our off-duty activities,” said Air Force Chief of Safety Maj. Gen. John T Rauch. Every Airman should maintain a safety culture, he said, from following the fundamentals on duty to using sound risk management and making smart decisions off duty.

“I urge every Airman – uniformed and civilian – to take the time to thoroughly think through your holiday plans and use sound risk management when traveling and participating in the seasonal and holiday activities,” Rauch said.

Occupational safety experts at the Air Force Safety Center track mishaps through the fall-winter-holiday period from the Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day to the day after New Year’s Day. Mishaps for those periods over the past five fiscal years resulted in 24 serious off-duty mishaps; 20 deaths, one permanent total disability and four permanent partial disabilities. Motor vehicle mishaps made up the majority with 15, followed by sports, recreation and individual fitness with five.

“While we know that one fatal mishap is too many, it’s especially disheartening when we see that most of these mishaps were preventable,” said Bill Parsons, Air Force chief of occupational safety. “If every Airman commits to making risk management part of every activity – on duty and off duty – I’m convinced there will be more Airmen who return to duty after the holidays with great memories and stories to share.”

While most serious off-duty mishaps involve motor vehicle operation, safety experts agree that potential dangers in the home and in recreational activities must also be managed effectively to save lives and reduce serious injuries.

All Airmen and their families can use the following safety checklists to keep seasonal and holiday travels, celebrations and activities safe.

For your home:

- Supply of flashlights (and batteries) and blankets
- Salt or sand for treacherous sidewalks and drive-

ways

- Safe, radiant space heater (no open coils)
- Supply of medications and food
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

For your car:

- Check fluid levels, service belts and hoses
- Ensure heater and defroster are working
- Check tire pressure and tread

- Check brakes within the last 5,000 miles

- Test turn signals, brake and headlights, and four-way hazard lights

- Change cracked or worn windshield wiper blades

- Stock emergency kit (blankets, flashlights, water, energy bars, warning triangles, first aid kit, etc.)



While driving:

- Driving and texting make a lethal combination; don’t let your next text be your last

- Alcohol and driving ... don’t do it

- Plan your outing ... know the area and pack accordingly

- Slow down ... enjoy the drive

- Get a good night’s sleep and take frequent rest stops

If stranded on the roadway:

- Stay calm; get your vehicle as far off the road as safely possible; turn on emergency flashers

- Call or text roadside assistance or 911; keep windows and doors locked until help arrives

- Make your vehicle visible; open the hood or tie a brightly colored object to the antenna

- Remain in the vehicle unless help is visible within 100 yards; don’t risk exposure

- Run engine periodically to keep the vehicle warm; ensure car exhaust pipe is clear of snow that could block the discharge; crack a window to avoid carbon monoxide buildup

- Move fingers, toes and change seated position frequently to avoid frostbite



445 AW announces unit vacancies

The 445th Airlift Wing has several positions available, ranging from operations intelligence and air transportation to security forces, historian and aerospace maintenance positions.

Members interested in cross training into any of the following positions should stop by the Force Management Office or visit the Reserve Vacancies at <https://w45.afpc.randolph.af.mil/RMVSNet40/SelectVacancies.aspx>.

Traditional Reservist (TR)

- 1N051 Operations Intelligence
- 1N051 Operations Intelligence
- 1N171A Geospatial Intelligence
- 1N251C Signals Intelligence Analyst
- 1N271A Signals Intelligence Analyst
- 1N471B Fusion Analyst
- 2A500 Aerospace Maintenance
- 2A571 Airlift and Special Mission Aircraft Maintenance
- 2A655 Aircraft Hydraulic Systems
- 2A851B Mobility Air Forces Intg Comm/CM/Nav Systems
- 2A852B Mobility Air Forces Integrated Instr/Flt Cntrl Sys
- 2G071 Logistics Plans
- 2T251 Air Transportation
- 2T371 Mission Generation Vehicular Equipment Maintenance
- 3D151 Client Systems
- 3D151 Client Systems
- 3E051 Electrical Systems
- 3E351 Structural
- 3E451 Water and Fuel Systems Maintenance
- 3E551 Engineering
- 3E651 Operations Management
- 3E751 Fire Protection
- 3F051 Personnel
- 3F151 Services
- 3F251 Education and Training
- 3F551 Administration
- 3H071 Historian
- 3P051 Security Forces

- 4A251 Biomedical Equipment
- 4N071 Aerospace Medical Service
- 4V071 Ophthalmic
- 5J071 Paralegal
- 8F000 First Sergeant

The listing below is current as of press time, and can be found at <https://www.usajobs.gov>.

Air Reserve Technician (ART)

- GS-0201-11 Human Resources Specialist (Military/Info Sys)
- GS-0201-11 Human Resources Specialist (Military)
- GS-0203-07 Human Resources Assistant (Military)
- GS-0301-09 Command Post Specialist
- GS-0301-11 Executive Officer
- GS-1702-07 Training Technician
- GS-1702-09 Training Technician
- GS-1702-11 Supervisory Training Technician
- GS-2181-12 Airplane Pilot
- GS-2185-10 Aircraft Loadmaster (Instructor)
- GS-2210-11 It Specialist (Custspt)
- WG-2892-10 Aircraft Electrician
- WG-3414-12 Machinist (Welder)
- WG-8268-10 Aircraft Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic
- WG-8852-08 Aircraft Worker
- WG-8852-11 Aircraft Mechanic
- WS-8801-09 Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor
- WS-8801-11 Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor

Civilian Non-ART

- GS-0301-09 Management Support Specialist
- GS-0303-06 Office Services Assistant
- GS-0303-07 Unit Program Coordinator
- GS-0318-06 Secretary
- GS-0318-06 Secretary (Office Automation)
- GS-0343-12 Management and Program Analyst
- GS-0503-06 Accounting and Budget Technician
- GS-0545-06 Military Pay Technician
- GS-0560-09 Budget Analyst
- GS-0560-11 Budget Analyst

For more information, please call Tech. Sgt. Kerry Schooler, 445th Force Management Chief, at 937-656-3298.

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loan the needed equipment. We are responsible for allocating the personnel, resources, and equipment to accomplish tasks for the 445th.”

Some days, those tasks are not exactly grandeur, explained Tech. Sgt. Maggie Malidai, who is responsible for writing many of the orders needed throughout the year to activate members in support of various

projects.

“Occasionally, we get requests for smaller projects that may not be a big deal to some, like when a squadron asked us to repair the shower in their locker room so their folks could shower after fitness tests,” she said. “It does help to bring the morale up. We consider ourselves a big family, and we treat

this place like home.”

The projects are often labor-intensive, and sometimes just plain unpleasant, said Tech. Sgt. Aaron Wright.

“The jobs aren’t always easy or fun, but someone out there is counting on it happening,” he said. “Someone has to do it, and we can, so we do.”



News Briefs

Retirements

December 2017

SMSgt Craig Barnett, AMXS
 SMSgt Timothy Emberton, FSS
 MSgt Linda Aleck, 42 IS
 MSgt Bryan Bohn, AW
 MSgt Gregory King, MXS
 MSgt Caleb Wilson, 71 IS
 TSgt Shawntel Golden, 87 APS
 TSgt Jason Hutchinson, SFS
 TSgt Johnathan Lowe, AMXS

Promotions

Airman

Jaylynn Francois, LRS

Airman First Class

Jonathan Jones, 38 IS
 Clayton Langston, MXS
 Emiley Marshall, 63 IS
 James Moore, 87 APS
 Bryce Postle, CES
 Aaron Schley, 38 IS
 Jordan Scott, 87 APS
 Wilfredo Vargas, MXS

Senior Airman

Gabriel Clark, 87 APS
 Devin Crider, AMXS
 Maria Dantonio, 718 IS
 Jacob Dietz, 87 APS
 Reynia Edwards, 512 IS
 Gianni Elliott, 50 IS
 Matthew Jones, CES
 Kassandra Minigh, 14 IS
 Claire Newman, 71 IS
 Taylor O'Neal, 512 IS
 Travis Smith, AMXS
 Kyle Tanyag, 42 IS
 Randel Tomina, FSS

Staff Sergeant

Erik Adkins, AMXS
 Marvin Brewer, MXG
 Thomas Cackowski, AES
 Joshua Collins, AMXS
 Justin Jackson, 23 IS
 Courtnew McLelland, 63 IS
 Thomas Mitchell, 16 IS

Celeste Mullings, FSS
 Andrew Parker, 28 IS
 Megan Snyder, MXS
 Gariel Terrill, AMDS
 David Wilson, OSS
 Emily Wilson, 71 IS
 Paul Wooley, MXS

Technical Sergeant

Jelliz Brown, 655 ISRG
 Ashley Gamboa, 820 IS
 Joseph Hawkins, MXG
 Asia Jones, AW
 Phillip Lett, AMXS
 Adam Naber, MXS
 Sharlota Polen, 71 IS
 Noah Prout, 28 IS
 Scott Reynolds, 63 IS
 Chad Sears, MXG
 Jason Teske, 50 IS
 Benjamin Weldon, 71 IS

Master Sergeant

Jesse Boice, 512 IS
 John Delarama, 50 IS
 Brian Pellettiere, MXS

Senior Master Sergeant

Nathan Livingston, 87 APS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Capt Jason McDowell, 71 IS
 MSgt Raymond Durban, 28 IS
 MSgt Randy Pella, 28 IS

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt Robert Hampton, 87 APS

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt Gina Daniel, MXS
 SrA William Campbell, 87 APS
 SrA Unity Johnson, MXG

Newcomers

Lt Col John Robinson,

OG

Lt Col Todd Everett, AMDS
 Capt Jeffrey Guillotte, 89 AS
 Capt William Harris, LRS
 Capt Michael Harrison, 87 APS
 Capt Daniel McFadden, 87 APS
 Capt Wilson Wise, AW
 MSgt Evelyn Roman-Amador, 64 IS
 TSgt Kenneth Lovelace, 87 APS
 TSgt Sean Sullivan, CES
 TSgt Matthew Whaling, OSS
 SSgt Patrick First, SFS
 SSgt Randall George, AMXS
 SSgt Jordan Helphrey, SFS
 SSgt Joshua Knouff, SFS
 SSgt Xavier Lanier, LRS
 SSgt Laura McArthur,

MXS

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 SSgt Ryan Stark, AMXS
 SSgt Dustin Wehrung, FSS
 SrA Joshua Buck, FSS
 SrA Joshua Davis, 87 APS
 SrA Jacob Hernandez, 64 IS
 SrA Mariah Magtoto, MSG
 SrA Angela Shay, OSS
 SrA Corey Sweeney-Morehouse, AMXS
 SrA Darrell Sydnor, AW
 A1C Thomas Drouillard, CES
 A1C Kassandra Minigh, 14 IS
 AB Eric Lovingshimer, AES
 AB Brooke Thornton, MXS
 AB Michael Van Dyke, MXS

Diamond Sharp Award



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Rhonda Gambill, 87th Aerial Port Squadron first sergeant and Master Sgt. Sierra Cabungcal, 445th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant, present the September Diamond Sharp Award to Senior Airman Kirk Laytart, 87th APS, Nov. 5, 2017. The award is given for exemplary performance and adherence to the Air Force Core Values, attitude and appearance.





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