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Vice President Michael Pence speaks to a crowd of approximately 250 Airmen and families inside a 445th Airlift Wing hangar Saturday, May 20, 2017. The vice president and second lady Karen Pence visited Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to commemorate Armed Forces Day.

Vice President makes stop at 445th Airlift Wing

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Vice President Michael Pence spoke to Airmen and their families as part of his visit to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for Armed Forces Day May 20, 2017. The event was held in a 445th Airlift Wing hangar.

A 445th C-17 Globemaster III was the backdrop for the vice president and second lady Karen Pence, as they were welcomed by an audience of more than 250 Airmen and their families.

Before meeting the crowd, the presidential couple enjoyed a personal tour of the C-17. Two 445th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron Airmen 1st Lt. Stacey Blurton, flight nurse, and Master Sgt. Sean Smith, AE medical technician, shared with the couple the role of AES in the Air Force Reserve; crewmembers

from the 89th Airlift Squadron Capt. Paul Kolk, pilot, and Staff Sgt. Jason Benedict, loadmaster, explained the role of the C-17 and some of the missions they've supported. Two maintainers from the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were also on board to discuss the mechanics of the aircraft, Chief Master Sgt. Nathan Wilson and Staff Sgt. David Smart.

Blurton said during the tour, they told the vice president and second lady that they can move patients quickly, usually within 24 hours and go as far forward as the plane will allow. She said the vice president thanked them for taking care of our men and women that need to get home.

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A farewell letter from our command chief

Dear Family,
It has been an honor to call the 445th Airlift Wing “my home” for nearly 20 years of my 36-year-military career.

I began my Air Force career as a loadmaster with the 89th Airlift Squadron and moved on to serve as a first sergeant for the aeromedical evacuation Squadron, Aircraft Maintenance squadron and 87th Aerial Port Squadron, before becoming command chief.

As my record clearly indicates, I’m not able to keep a job very long.

In those 20 years, our outstanding squadrons and the wing staff have trained and developed me into the chief and command chief I am today – Thank you!

As your command chief, my moto has always been ‘Mission First, People Always!’ I have asked only two things of each you and that is to be mission ready and



watch out for your wingman.

Through the years, we have faced many challenging times together: numerous deployments, two aircraft conversions, annual budget and financial constraints, major Air Force inspections and unman-

ageable training requirements to name a few. But in spite of these many challenges, your dedication to our profession of arms and living our core values of integrity, service and excellence with never saying no to any mission set given is what makes you all truly exceptional.

Regardless of the rank on your sleeve or collar you are all called to be leaders. My final request is simple, continue to be mission ready and watch out for your wingman because your nation needs you more now than ever before.

I am going to leave you with the words of another Ohio chief,

Native American Shawnee, Chief Tecumseh (I believe he might have been a buckeye as well):

“So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none. When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.”

Thanks and Godspeed.

Chief Felton

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Integrity, key to military service

By Colonel Craig McPike
445th Operations Group Commander

Members of the U.S. military have enjoyed a long standing reputation as being brave, truthful and honorable.

The American public holds military members to a high standard, and we as members must hold ourselves to the highest of standards in order to maintain good order and discipline.

I cannot emphasize how important it is to remain

courageous, always tell the truth, and protect your integrity.

Winston Churchill once said, “Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.”

The military’s reputation of bravery goes back many years as it is steeped with incredible stories of

service before self, enormous human sacrifices, and uncommon valor and heroism.

America takes notice when its service members lay down a life for a friend. Courage is the cornerstone of an exceptional military, equally important is honesty.

Military members must always tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Mark Twain said, “If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.” Remember, integrity first. No one can take your integrity, unless you let them.

Military members are held to the highest of standard. Lying, sexual misconduct, illicit use of drugs, or dereliction of duty may result in Article 15 or UCMJ (Uniformed Code of Military Justice) actions.



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Courtesy photo

Vice President Michael Pence visits with 1st Lt. Stacey Blurton, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse onboard a C-17 Globemaster III during his tour of the aircraft.

the wing's C-17.

"It was an honor to be able to show the vice president and his wife our C-17. It was such a coincidence because I was just at the White House a few weeks ago. I was part of the crew that flew the Air Force Academy football team from Colorado Springs to Washington D.C., to accept the Commander in Chief's Trophy from President Trump," said Benedict.

Lt. Col. Bill Barton, 89th Airlift Squadron assistant director of operations, attended with his two children ages 15 and 17.

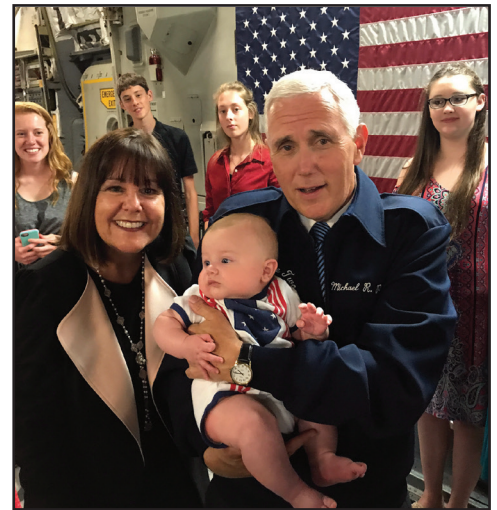
"It was a great opportunity to be able to showcase what Aerovac does and how passionate we are about what we do," Blurton said.

Benedict was also thrilled to have been selected as one of the crewmembers to give the vice president and second lady a tour of

"My children were thrilled to have this once in a lifetime opportunity to see the vice president. They were even more thrilled to have been able to meet the vice president and shake his hand. This will be an experience they will never forget."

Col. Adam Willis, 445th Airlift Wing commander, was thrilled to have Vice President Pence address the men and women of Wright-Patterson on Armed Forces Day.

"What a remarkable day for the Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Today, Vice President Pence and his wife, Karen, thanked the Nation, the United States Armed Forces and families for their dedication and support in defending our way of life... past, present and future. It was truly an honor to host the VP and his wife while allowing us to showcase the 445 AW and the United States Air Force's premier airlifter, the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft," Col. Willis said.



Courtesy photo

Vice President Michael Pence and second lady Karen Pence, visit with children of military members inside a 445th Airlift Wing C-17.

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Those who serve know this and must hold themselves as well as others accountable.

To paraphrase the apostle Luke, to whom much is entrusted, much more will be required.

The Air Force Core Value, service-before-self, embodies this testament of accountability.

I am inspired by those who exhibit a great work ethic and hold me accountable to the same. That's how we become excellent in all we do. But carrying this burden is not light. Avoiding temptation, controlling our temper, maintaining a positive attitude, telling the truth, and avoiding slander and filthy

language takes self-discipline and accountability.

Supervisors must ensure our workplace environment is safe and promotes good order and discipline.

Employees must be willing to inform their chain of command when it does not.

Military service can be difficult, but when we exhibit courage, truth, and integrity we reach the level of excellence.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty...I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people

who led difficult lives and led them well."

We endure the deployments, operations tempo, and common irritants that come as a byproduct of service, because we have been called to serve. We serve, because it's who we are.

And therefore, I submit to you that our reputation hinges on maintaining steadfast courage, integrity, and honor. This in turn ensures our ability to keep integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you in the most amazing military ever assembled on earth.



SFS conducts deployment training at local park



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

1. Staff Sgt. Shayne Denihan, 445th Security Forces Squadron, chops wood for fire-building training during the survival, evasion, resistance and escape training at the Oakes Quarry Park in Fairborn, Ohio May 6, 2017. This was part of a three-day expeditionary training which consisted of several phases to include: humvee mount/dismount, SERE, setting up/tear down and night vision goggles.

2. Senior Airman Nicholas Sand, 445 SFS, takes cover and provides security during dismount training.

3. A security forces Airman drives a humvee through rugged terrain and water during the training.

4. Staff Sgt. Brandon Thomas, 445th SFS, runs for cover during dismount training.



4 AF commander, command chief visit 445th



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Maj. General Randall Ogden, 4th Air Force commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Brian Wong, 4th Air Force command chief, visited members of the 445th Airlift Wing May 19-21, 2017. The visit consisted of having breakfast and lunch with 445th Airmen, touring wing facilities, participating in an "All Call" and meeting and greeting Airmen in their work centers. This was the general's first visit to the wing since assuming command of 4th AF earlier this year.



Rank/Name

Senior Airman
Jason Ware

Unit

445th Civil Engineer
Squadron

Duty Title

Operations Manage-
ment Journeyman

Hometown

Columbus, Ohio

Civilian Job

Configuration Analyst

Education

Currently enrolled in
the Web, Mobile and
Software Development
Program at the Univer-
sity of Phoenix to be a
web developer.

Hobbies

Cars, computers and
gaming

Career Goal

Become a training
instructor

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

The people. I am proud to work and serve with the members of the 445th. They are dedicated to the mission and make each member truly feels a part of their Air Force family. From checking in to make sure each person is just OK. personally to making sure each member is 'green'. I know I can count on all ranks from, officers through enlisted Airmen and that's a good feeling.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I enlisted to challenge myself. I knew I

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wanted to do more and have my life mean more than just work. I wanted to have the work I do/ did have meaning. Additionally, I knew I would

regret not serving. I feel it's a duty to serve and enjoy every day that I am able to put on the uniform.

Around the wing . . .



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) Col. Craig McPike, 445th Operations Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. David Atkinson, incoming 445th Operations Support Squadron commander, during the squadron's change of command ceremony May 21, 2017. (right) 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electronic integrated systems mechanics Senior Airman Casey Jones, Tech. Sgt. Tame Marshall and Staff Sgt. Jeremie Jamito replace a C-17 Globemaster III satellite communications antenna during the May 21.



News Briefs

Retirements

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Lt Col Ted Schiller, 89 AS
 Maj Clifford Erli, 89 AS
 CMSgt James Felton, AW
 CMSgt Patrick Zerby, MXS
 SMSgt Stoni Warwick, AW
 MSgt Deborah Claridy, OSS
 MSgt James Partlow, MXS
 MSgt James Hartsell, 87 APS
 MSgt Charles Dyer, MXS
 TSgt Steven Kause, 71 IS
 TSgt Douglas Simon, AMXS

Newcomers

Capt Joshua Earl, 89 AS
 TSgt Latjerome Lamb, 445 OSS
 TSgt Patrick Young, 64 IS
 SSgt Sean Estell, 445 LRS
 SSgt Joseph Steele, 445 SFS
 SrA Jonathan Prather, 445 SFS
 SrA Aaron Wacker, 445

ASTS
 SrA Adam Coyle, 445 CES
 A1C Leah Blankenship, 71 IS
 A1C Samantha LeFaive, 445 CES
 A1C John Slonkosky, 445 MXS
 Amn Bryce Postle, 445 CES
 Amn Clayton Langston, 445 MXS
 AB Dejanae Sargent, 445 LRS
 AB Haley Petitt, 445 AMDS
 AB Mickela Harris, 445 CES

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Todd Borzych, 655 ISR
 Lt Col Tedd Schiller, 89 AS
 Lt Col William Gorczynski, 89 AS
 Lt Col Michael Pelger, 89 AS
 Maj John Pica, 89 AS
 Maj Dennis Cesarz, 89 AS

Maj Jason Shaffer, 89 AS
 Maj Bobby Dempsey, 89 AS
 Maj Scot Crowell, 89 AS
 SMSgt Alicia Lavender, 445 AW
 SMSgt Laura Nicholson, 655 ISR
 MSgt Chad Lifer, 655 ISR
 MSgt Roberto Garcia, 89 AS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Jeremy Bell, 89 AS
 Maj Jonathan Bell, 89 AS
 Capt Matthew Scholz, 89 AS
 Capt Jennifer Byrne, 89 AS

Air Force Achievement Medal

1Lt Michael Morton, 89 AS
 SrA Caleb Smith, 445 LR

Promotions

Airman

Paizley Allen, AES
 Jerimiah Gregorio, CES
 Jeffrey Veness, AES

Senior Airman

Jailen Dittman, ASTS

Justin Gardner, 63 IS
 Mariah Moreland, FSS
 Dominic Slonkoksy, AES

Staff Sergeant

Orrin Arnsdorff, 71 IS
 Amanda Hoffman, Det 3, 655 ISRG
 Lawrence Mark, AES

Technical Sergeant

Michelle Helms, 718 IS
 Bennett Holden, Det 2, 655 ISRG
 Adam Miller, 71 IS
 Jacob Nespor, OSS
 Ryan Nicoletti, 50 IS
 Sean Phillips, AMXS
 Jeremy Reding, Det 1, 655 ISRG
 Jordan Reed, MXG
 Victor Salinas, MXG
 Fayzer Wooten, 16 IS

Master Sergeant

Jonathan Bellerive, OSS
 Angela Hayden, 14 IS
 Kimberly McCoy, AES
 William ODonnell, 64 IS

Senior Master Sergeant

Victoria Errett, FSS
 Richard Rosado, 16 IS
 Nicholas Reed, LRS

87APS Airman wins AFRC logistics award



Maj. Jason Vance, 87th Aerial Port Squadron readiness flight officer-in-charge, won the Air Force Reserve Command General Thomas P. Gerrity Award for outstanding contributions to logistics operations, management, business processes and the success of logistics operations worldwide.

He piloted the movement of 6,052 tons of cargo, 11,332 passengers and 793 missions, enhancing his unit's mission success for Operations Freedom Sentinel and Inherent Resolve during annual tours. He engineered a quarterly aerial port squadron training scenario that fostered a joint training environment with four wing agencies.

Major Vance helped expedite 616 tons of Denton Program cargo in support of a Haitian humanitarian effort. He created monthly "Port Dawg Challenge" fit tests to help Airmen. The major readied 70 members to provide critical support for the 82nd Airborne Division training, Haiti relief and supporting the Iraqi F-16 program, involving 411 missions and 5,300 passengers. His block training program slashed training time for more than 220 unit Airmen 50 percent, ensuring a 99 percent total force awareness training completion.

Major Vance founded a newcomer sponsor program for his squadron that resulted in the integration of 14 NCOs and 30 Airmen -- a 10 percent increase in retention. The major directed a squadron security program where he developed a briefing schedule and streamlined 15 reinvestigation packages, making this wing program number one four years straight.



AMDS maintains medical readiness



Photos by Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough

Members of the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron conducted medical training May 7, 2017 at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center during the unit training assembly.

1. Senior Airman Jessica Lang, 445 AMDS aerospace medical technician, practices wound suturing as Senior Airman Kelsey Rayburn looks on. The Airmen honed their suturing skills during the training.
2. Senior Airman Jessica Lang, 445 AMDS, medical technician, practices wound suturing.
3. Staff Sgt. Jason Thomas, an aerospace medical technician at the 445 AMDS, instructs Staff Sgt. Ginnette Lykins and Senior Airman Jeneca Kennedy, 445 AMDS aerospace medical technicians, on proper wound care and dressing. The Airmen completed training at stations set up in the 88th Medical Simulation Lab.
4. Aerospace medical technicians from the 445 AMDS practice negative-pressure wound therapy.

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