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## Wing announces 2015 annual award winners

The 445th Airlift Wing held its 2015 Annual Awards Banquet April 2, 2016 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. More than 520 Airmen, family members and community leaders celebrated a night of achievements and accomplishments.

The 2015 annual award winners are:

**Airman:** Staff Sgt. Jessica McMillian, 445th Force Support Squadron; NCO: Staff Sgt. Anthony Busellato, 87th Aerial Port Squadron; Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Brian Algeo, 445th Security Forces Squadron; First Sergeant: Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Company



Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

**The 445th Airlift Wing Maintenance Squadron accepts the 2015 445th AW Squadron of the Year Award from Col. Jeffrey McGilliard, 445 AW commander, during the wing's annual awards banquet April 2, 2016.**

**Kolesen McCoy, son of Master Sgt. Scott McCoy, 445th Maintenance Group; and Community Partner: U.S. Air Force Band of Flight.**

**Grade Officer:** Capt. Trevor Webb, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Field Grade Officer:** Lt. Col. Roberta Stemen, 445th AES; **Civilian:** Ms. Carrie Ruby, 445th AW Financial Management; **Honor Guard Member:** Senior Airman Joseph Divish, 87th APS; **Recruiter:** Master Sgt. Milton Lezcano, 445th AW Huber Heights – South; **Squadron:** 445th Maintenance Squadron; **Spouse:** Mr. Marcus Vest, spouse of Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, 445th ASTS; **Youth:** Mr.

## Members complete annual tour in Germany



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

**Tech. Sgt. Patrick Kirby, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, and fellow Airmen load a 7,520 pound pallet of items on board a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III at Ramstein Air Base, Germany April 19, 2016. More than 90 445th Airmen from a variety of career fields completed their annual tour in Germany.**



**Staff Sgt. Jerry Farley, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, looks for the source of an oil leak on a 60K aircraft cargo loader while preparing the stored item for use at a warehouse for war reserve material in Luxembourg, Germany April 20, 2016.**

# Be proud of the patch

By Col. Jeffrey McGalliard  
445th Airlift Wing Commander

It seems like only last week that you were welcoming me as your new commander, but in reality it's been 2.5 years since I started the best job in the Air Force, working with the finest Airmen anywhere! In that time you've never ceased to amaze me with your mission commitment and excellence, as well as your commitment to each other.



We played hard: setting new attendance records in annual morale events like our picnic and awards banquet, and the superb

intramural sports tournaments that FSS brings us every quarter. We worked hard: improving our Airmen's readiness, reducing time spent in upgrade training, and winning both an Air Force Outstanding Unit award as well as the Clouse Trophy for best maintenance group in 4th Air Force. We did all of this while maintaining our steady deployment commitments to overseas combatant commanders.

While it's sad that ABUs have had all unit insignia removed (but a plus that squadron t-shirts are once again authorized) you never forget your identity in our great wing, and your loyalty to the 445th is our proudest tradition. We don't accept anything less than mission excellence because we build on the wing's reputation

for "getting it done" every day – a commitment lauded by Gen Carlton Everhart, who leads our #1 external customer in Air Mobility Command, during his visit last fall when he remarked we are the top producing C-17 wing in the ARC.

When we first met I told you that my job was to take care of you, so that you can take care of our mission. In reality, you took great care of me and I'll be forever blessed for my time with you. Thank you for that deep commitment to each other and to our mission. Continue to display it, so the next generation of 445th Airmen will know exactly how to identify with our culture and understand the weight of responsibility they take on when they join us, the finest airlift wing in our Air Force. Be proud of the patch!

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# Chaplain Corps, others available to help Airmen

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

Did you know that more than 29,000 Ohioans currently serve in the Reserve or National Guard? Ohio has a long history of military connectedness to those who wear or have worn the uniform. More than 900,000 Veterans live in the state of Ohio. Since you are reading this article you probably have some connection to one of these individuals or you may be one of them yourself.

There is clear evidence that along with the rich heritage of military identity often come the human costs of sustained involvement with war. Military members, veterans and their families have played a critical role in the ongoing mission of the reality of a 15 year war in the Middle East. More than 2.6 million troops have deployed and 40 percent have faced multiple deployments culminating in increased stress and family detachment issues.

A different war can be waged when veterans return home. When military members and their families support the war effort certain challenges follow. Mental health issues among military children

have increased by 20 percent since 2003. Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs medical facilities are stretched beyond limits and often backlogged and struggling to provide care for the influx of clients. According to VA the newest population of combat Veterans have filed more service connected disability claims since 2001 than all other conflicts combined.

Social and psychological treatments are not the only therapies available to assist with moral and emotional pain. We have sharpened the swords of war, sent troops into battle, brought them home and have a responsibility to care for them as a nation and as a caring community.

As a chaplain corps of the 445th Airlift Wing we have developed unique social networks in providing an environment to care for and support our Airmen and their families.

We realize that the labor and call to service comes with a high price. Moral injury resulting from exposure to trauma

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# Wing announces 1st quarter CY16 award winners

## Airman



**Senior Airman Robert Wince**, 445th Maintenance Group administrative helper, is the 445th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter, first quarter. Wince created 12 continuity binders during a personnel turnover to keep his office at a high functioning level. He researched and fixed more than 25 common access cards to scan and update through the Unit Training Assembly Processing System, thus ensuring his office was in compliance. During his off-duty time, Wince is involved in the 445th Maintenance Group squadron fun run, helping to enhance unit camaraderie and fitness performance. He's an active member of the Airman's Council and recently collected more than 30 pounds of hygiene products for a local veterans center. Wince volunteered at a Detroit, Michigan, youth day where he monitored and played games with more than 200 children.

## NCO



**Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Nickert**, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics guidance and control system mechanic, is the 445th Airlift Wing NCO off the Quarter, first quarter. Nickert managed a computer integrated processor/video integrated processor time compliance technical order software update resulting in the increase of processing power for seven aircraft with an eight month early completion time. He created an aircraft integrated avionics systems shop standard task list, enabling an expedient technical order referencing thus increasing task efficiency by 50 percent. During his off-duty time, Nickert volunteered at the Dayton Veterans Administration Stand Down event, helping provide essential clothing and information to more than 300 homeless veterans. Nickert participated in the Bring Hope to the Table campaign, an event that provided more than 30 million meals to local families and food pantries.

## SNCO



**Senior Master Sgt. Frankie Lowder, Jr.**, 445th Security Forces Squadron training superintendent, is the 445th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter, first quarter. As the training superintendent, Lowder is responsible for organizing and equipping more than 100 Airmen. He organized critical manning coverage for the 88th Air Base Wing security forces by leading 15 Airmen as a support flight during an increased Department of Defense threat level. He oversaw his unit's first Pre-Raven training program, ensuring readiness for future candidates for wing mobility missions. Lowder volunteered for two humanitarian missions supporting 67 passengers and 140,000 pounds of cargo flown as part of the Haiti relief effort. During his off-duty time, Lowder received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and earned his Community College of the Air Force degree in criminal justice.

## CGO



**Capt. Sonny Hernandez**, 445th Airlift Wing chaplain, is the 445th Airlift Wing CGO of the Quarter, first quarter. As a Yellow Ribbon program advocate, Hernandez provided four hours of crisis counseling to seven distressed reservists and accomplished 100 visits for returning Airmen returning from deployment. He counseled 30 Airmen and civilians, providing insight to help the members and their families thrive, even saving two marriages. Hernandez implemented a monthly Bible study session for wing members. He presided over 10 memorial services, supporting more than 500 veterans and their families. During his off-duty time, Hernandez earned a doctorate pastoral leadership from Tennessee Temple University. He preached on two occasions for the Christian Conference with two more scheduled later in 2016. The chaplain is currently writing his second book on family worship and theology.

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can sometimes lead to lifelong impairment. Recovery can take place yet it is often slow and prolonged. Please know that we care for you and your family, and we also care about you and your families.

Intervention through council, prayers and sacred practices is always available. We have been working closely with clergy in the Dayton community to

develop mechanisms and practices that engage those in times of need through sensitivity to spiritual and personal needs. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to further discuss your own journey. We stand ready to support and assist. *(Chaplain Leist is a Board Certified Clinical Chaplain at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center).*



# SPOTLIGHT



Staff Sgt. Devin Long

**Rank/Name**

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Phillips

**Unit**

445th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Duty Title**

Operations management

**Hometown**

Louisville, Kentucky

**Civilian Job**

Air Reserve Technician

**Hobbies**

Caring for animals, shooting pool/darts, bowling, traveling, outdoor activities

**Career Goal**

To serve as long as I feel I am an asset to the Air

Force and my peers.

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

I am a socialite who loves the interaction with my fellow brothers and sisters in uniform. I hope that I can be a positive force in their careers by helping to facilitate their personal needs/goals with the highly demanding tempo/mission(s) of the Air Force Reserve.

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

To serve my country... and eat MRE's/boxed lunches of course!

## What you need to know about the upcoming UEI

*By Majors Eric Florschuetz and Doug West  
445th Airlift Wing Inspector General Inspections*

The Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General will have boots on the ground here at the 445th Airlift Wing June 2-7 in conjunction with the Scarlet unit training assembly June 4-5.

AFRC IG has spent months virtually inspecting our wing, through cloud based toolsets named Mission Internal Control Toolset (MICT), and IG Evaluation Management System (IGEMS). These systems were discussed in the previous articles written for the March and April Buckeye Flyers.

However, there is only so much of our wing's programs and activities that can be inspected virtually. The AFRC Unit Effectiveness Inspection (UEI) Capstone inspection team will consist of approximately 50 members that will visit the wing and assess our ability to inspect ourselves, maintain Air Force standards, and our overall effectiveness. While inspectors will look at many of our programs, these inspections will not be the only actions performed by the inspection team.

Airmen to IG sessions, or ATIS-Gs, are a part of the UEI in which randomly selected members will be chosen to participate. The ATIS-Gs are interviews conducted by the AFRC IG team to learn about our wing from an Airman's perspective. They are conducted in pre-selected rooms in a group setting (approximately 12-15 interviewees per session). It is an opportunity for inspectors to learn your perspective of how well the wing

is functioning and for you to provide your concerns in a confidential setting. Providing the IG honest answers and feedback allows them to evaluate how the leaders in our wing are performing, and identify concerns for AFRC to address. 445th Airmen will also have another important duty during the Capstone.

With an IG team of 50 members on our campus, you will see many new faces walking around buildings during the week. Their job is to inspect AFRC wings, and they visit different reserve units every couple of weeks. Their first impression of our wing is formed by something as simple as rendering a salute in the parking lot. We never want to lose perspective of our professionalism, and we should always display proper customs and courtesies. While it can be easy to get relaxed with members we see on a regular basis, keep in mind that the salute they might observe you not rendering to a senior ranking member might carry more of an influence than we think on how they perceive our wing to be performing.

While the Air Force Inspection System program relies on our wing to always be inspection ready, the UEI is an opportunity to showcase how well the 445th performs our mission every day. While the Capstone is in progress, put your best foot forward and conduct yourselves as you normally do and the wing will shine during this inspection.



# News Briefs

## Diamond Sharp Award



Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Williams, 87th Aerial Port Squadron first sergeant, presents the Wright-Patterson Reserve First Sergeant's Council Diamond Sharp Award to Senior Airman Anne Brady, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

SSgt Jacob Moore, AMXS  
SrA Michael Bailey, CES  
SrA Matthew Fehrman, 87 APS  
SrA Maxwell Garcia-Gonzalez, CES  
SrA Mark Murphy, SFS  
SrA Steven Murphy, 89 AS  
SrA Sean Reese, ASTS  
A1C John Slonkosky, AMXS  
A1C Ian Weider, MXS

## Col McGalliard Farewell

Please join members of the 445th Airlift Wing as we bid a fond farewell to our wing commander, Col. Jeffrey McGalliard. A farewell burger burn and cruise-in will be held Saturday, May 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Hangar 4026.

Airmen who would like to register their car or motorcycle for the cruise-in should contact CMSgt Mike West at michael.west.9@us.af.mil or 937-257-7444.

## Golf Scramble

The 445th Airlift Wing's annual golf scramble will be held June 17, 2016 with a shotgun start of 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Sugar Isle Golf Course in New Carlisle, Ohio. Four player teams are needed with a maximum of 36 teams. Cost is \$240 per team and one paid member of the team is required to secure a spot. Money is due June 3. Sign up now as teams fill up quickly. For more information or to sign up, contact Anthony Morgan at (937) 257-3236 or anthony.morgan.8@us.af.mil or Nicole Sturm at nicole.sturm.2@us.af.mil.

## Change of Command Ceremony

The 445th Airlift Wing Change of Command Ceremony will be held Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Hangar 4016. All Airmen are asked to be in place no later than 8:30 a.m. This is a mandatory formation. Airmen who are fit testing or have a drug screening are excused.

Maj. Gen. John Flournoy will preside over the ceremony in which Col. Jeffrey McGalliard will relinquish command of the 445th Airlift Wing to Col. Adam Willis.

Bus transportation will be provided from building 4010 beginning at 8 a.m., and buildings 15 and 101 beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For more information, please call the public affairs office at 937-257-5784.



Monday, May 30

## Promotions

### Major

Robert Alwine, AES  
Erik Anderson, AMXS  
Holly Gebert, AMDS  
Leslie Houk, AES  
Andrea Ismirle, AW  
Lucas Marksity, AW  
Cynthia Querubin, ASTS  
Tekara Ray, ASTS  
Sarah Ripma, MXS  
Melissa Seacat, AES  
Jason Vance, 87 APS

SSgt Christopher Bell, FSS  
SSgt Josiah Bourke, 87 APS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt Ashley Delacruz, FSS  
SSgt Thao Phan, MXS  
SrA Jalen McMahan, SFS  
SrA Anthony Perrin, MXS  
SrA Oleg Vanishev, AW

## Newcomers

Col Joseph Lawlor, AMDS  
Capt Isaac Cade, AES  
1Lt Jeremi Eveland, AES  
SMSgt Karl Morgan, CES  
SSgt Michael Alvarez, AMXS  
SSgt Brandon Bolen, LRS  
SSgt Ming Ferver, ASTS

## Awards

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt Ryan Armstrong, 89 AS  
TSgt Christopher Booth, SFS  
TSgt Heidi Keller, SFS





# 445th Airlift Wing 2015 Annual Award winners



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**Staff Sgt.  
Jessica McMillian**

**NCO**



**Staff Sgt.  
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**SNCO**



**Senior Master Sgt.  
Brian Algeo**

**First Sergeant**



**Senior Master Sgt.  
Sandi Golden-Vest**

**CGO**



**Captain  
Trevor Webb**

**FGO**



**Lt. Col.  
Roberta Stemen**

**Civilian**



**Ms.  
Carrie Ruby**

**Honor Guard Member**



**Senior Airman  
Joseph Divish**

**Recruiter**



**Master Sgt.  
Milton Lezcano**

**Spouse**



**Mr.  
Marcus Vest**

**Youth**



**Mr.  
Kolesen McCoy**

**Community Partner**



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### Getting ready to go!

Senior Airman Cody Burdette, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft mechanic, marshals a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III out of its spot on the ramp for a local flight March 22, 2016. The wing has nine C-17s in its inventory. The design of the aircraft allows it to operate through small, austere airfields. It can take off and land on runways as short as 3,500 feet and only 90 feet wide.

### On the Web



**445 AW units complete AT in Germany photo story**



**Deployed AES members provide care for wounded warriors**



**Annual awards banquet photo slide show**

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