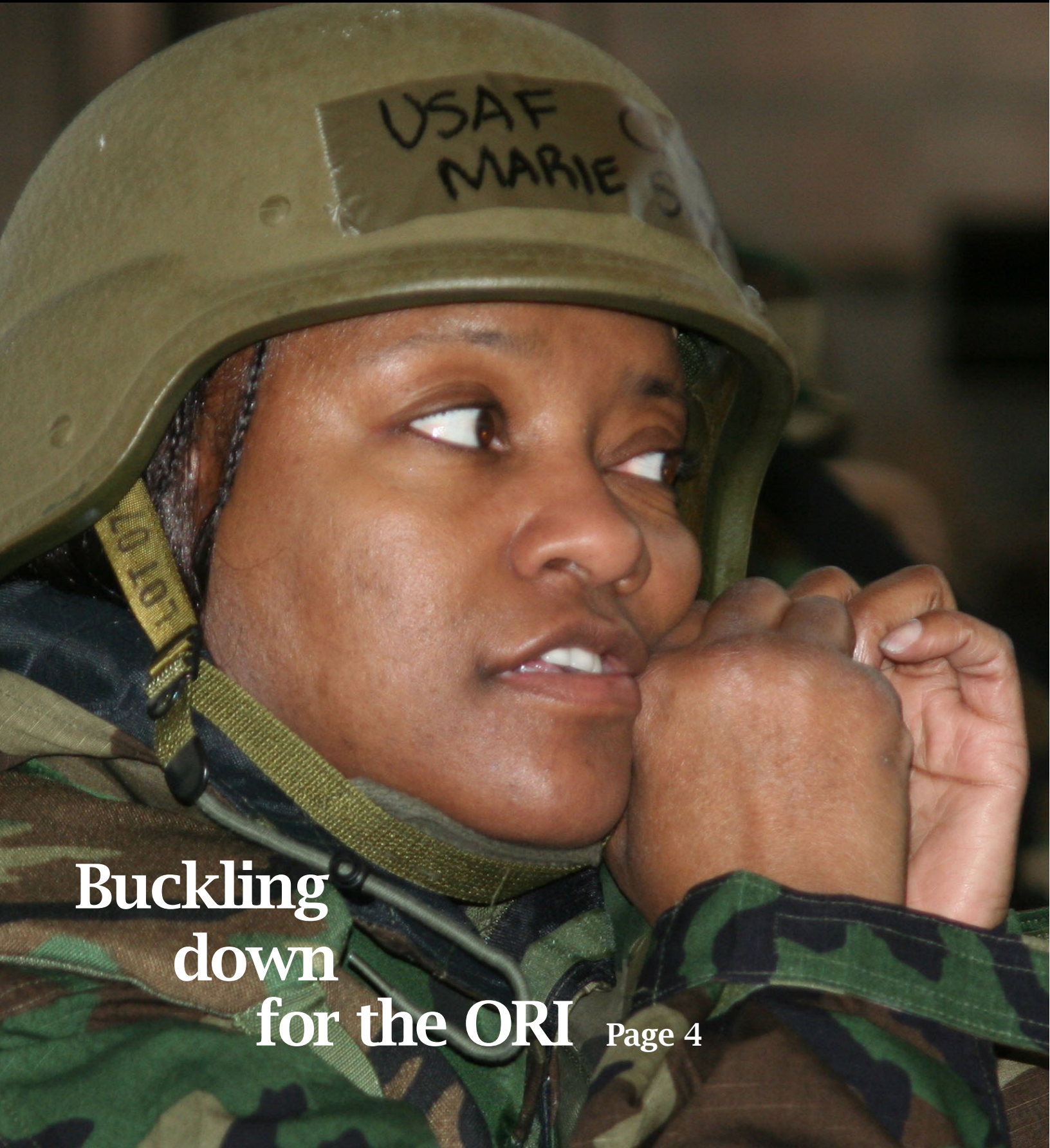


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Peace found in Him

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jim Fisher
445th Chaplain Office

Three “familiar” words for 2007, “Happy New Year”, indeed, but what about “Service Engine Soon”.

These illuminated words are currently present on the display panel of my 1998 van. It could mean almost anything, but summarily the warning light indicates that something needs attention.

We don’t have such display panels to communicate personal warnings, but is it possible that there is a sign or two in our lives that something needs attention?

The Bible tells us that God called Joshua to give great attention to something in his life (Joshua, chapter 1, verses 5-9). Joshua was the one who filled Moses’ sandals of leadership. God told him to “meditate” upon His word for it was the pathway to being successful. Without giving attention to this vital detail, Joshua knew something would go astray. The warning light had been illuminated.

As with Joshua, we would do well to give attention to the sacred Book. It is a great source of encouragement, comfort, and strength, addressing matters (warning lights) that may need attention. May the words of Jesus from John chapter 14, verse 27 serve as such a reminder: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Cover: Capt. Marie Smith, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, tightens her helmet preparing for the upcoming ORI in February of 2008. (U.S. Air Force photo/1st Lt. Erica Donahoe)



A year to remember, owed to you

By Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser
445th Command Chief

WOW, it has been a year already since I became the C o m m a n d Chief for the wing. It has been a learning experience as well as extremely rewarding for me.



Chief Mouser

We have had numerous accomplishments within the wing that have been recognized by AFRC and you should all be proud of these accomplishments.

One of the awards that recognize the efforts of the ENTIRE WING is the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil award for Human Resource Development Council Excellence. This award recognizes our wing members and their support of wing events and programs that reach out to our local communities. I look at all of the outstanding members in this wing and am awed by the tremendous attitude and support each provide to our communities, our mission, and our Country.

This past year you have all proven to be a great wingman and now we have a new challenge before us. We have approximately 190 Airman from our wing deployed in support of AEF and other real world taskings; they and their families will need your support during this time of separation. Members who aren’t currently deployed should take a few extra minutes to keep in touch with your deployed mem-

bers via email and phone calls and also check in on the families to see if they need anything. If you become aware of an issue with the family of a deployed member, please ensure you push it up through your chain to get them the assistance they need as soon as possible.

In addition to keeping in touch with our deployed members, we now have a new tool to help keep us all informed with current Air Force issues; “Roll Call”. This is a recent mandate for all supervisors from our Chief of Staff. This publication is designed to help keep all Airman informed on current issues, clear up confusion and dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams. “Roll Call” highlights the topics that supervisors should include in their weekly/monthly meetings and is posted on the Air Force Link (www.af.mil) every Friday.

We have finally received our last C-5 aircraft and are on our way to becoming a fully functioning heavy airlift unit again. We have the best crews, aircraft maintenance, and support units in the Air Force so we should all look forward to an outstanding future for the wing.

One of the near future events for this wing is the ORI scheduled for early 2008. This gives the wing as a whole the opportunity to show AMC and AFRC that we are the best wing in the command. Let’s all lean forward and blow their socks off with our skill, attitude and professionalism!

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More awards for wing reservists

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing won five of nineteen medical service awards for 2006, the most in Air Force Reserve Command.

Winners included flight nurse Lt. Col. Nancy A. Westbrook, of Elba, Ala., and flight nurse Capt. Barbara L. Kippins, of Fredericksburg, Va. Other winners included aeromedical evacuation technicians Master Sgt. Timothy L. Pawlaczyck, of Huber Heights, Ohio; Staff Sgt. Patrick J. McCoy, of Columbus, Ohio; and Senior Airman Afton L. Wright, of Westfield, Mass.

All five winners are members of the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, which provides in-flight medical care to sick and wounded soldiers.

Levitow Award



Tech. Sgt. Bryan Cepluch not only graduated from the NCO Academy but earned the John L. Levitow award.

The John L. Levitow award is given to the top graduate of every Air Force enlisted Professional Military Education class.

The Award is named after Sergeant John L. Levitow who is one of only 16 Airman awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism. The sergeant was an Airman First Class at the time of his heroic deed of saving an aircraft and all on board.

The sergeant was accompanied at the awards dinner by his father, retired Chief Master Sgt. Cepluch from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron.



Approximately 35 Air Force reservists assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron deploy on a charter aircraft Jan. 10. This was the last of three aircraft since January 1st to transport a total of 175 reservists overseas to support the Global War on Terrorism. The majority of the deploying reservists are from the 445th's Civil Engineer and 87th Aerial Port Squadrons as well as members of the Aeromedical Staging, Maintenance, Logistics Readiness Squadrons, Services and Mission Support Flights. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Ted Theopolos)

Special day for all

By Maj. Ted Theopolos
445th Public Affairs

Approximately 60 Masonic Home residents gathered together inside their auditorium Jan. 9 to hear pilot Lt. Col. Philip Pierce, Jr. talk about his flying experience with the 89th Airlift Squadron.

The meeting started with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ken Hershberger, president of High Twelve International Club who invited him, had the residents sing Happy Birthday to the colonel because he found out it was his birthday, although they never did find out his real age.

After the introduction, Colonel Pierce presented slides to point out some of the wing's success stories. One of which was the aeromedical evacuation mission during OIF. The colonel also elaborated on the new mission for the wing and the C-5 aircraft that he now flies.

Finishing the slides, some of which were emotional for the colonel, he asked if there were any



Lt. Col. Philip Pierce, Jr. talks with a Masonic Home resident. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Ted Theopolos)

questions, in which a roomful of hands went into the air. Most thanked the colonel for his 31 years of service and asked questions about the C-5 aircraft. Many were fascinated on how large the aircraft was.

After questions, the colonel stuck around and shook almost everyone's hand that came forward. He listened closely to each resident and thanked those who served before him.

"What a wonderful day," the colonel said. "Speaking to such a grateful group was sure enjoyable and on my birthday made it even more special."

Buckling down for the ORI

By 1st Lt. Erica Donahoe
445th Public Affairs

January ushered in a new year and a new focus for the 445th Airlift Wing. The upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection is the driving force behind the wing, evidenced by the many exercises the wing will execute between now and the inspection. The first of these began Jan. 3 and ended Jan. 7. The exercise is a mock deployment of 180 personnel from the wing according to Cecil Dalton, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The biggest push of the exercise came Saturday, as all of the participants were processed through supply, the deployment line, and then out to a waiting aircraft. The process replicates what the same group of people will do for the ORI next February, and ultimately how many of them will deploy for real-world scenarios.

As some pointed out, "It's a lot different from when you deploy all by yourself—which is how I've always gone—but I think it's great practice for when you deploy as a group," said Staff Sgt. Lisa Tyner a member of the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Tyner also mentioned that the process seemed very easy and everything was moving quickly.

Perhaps the reason the exercise moved quickly was the new procedures being used by base supply. "This is the first time that bags are being built specifically for an individual," said Michael Patrick of Base Supply. "If it works well with



Reservists walk through the mobility line Jan. 6 preparing for the upcoming ORI in February of 2008. The mobility line consists of different specialists located in a centralized location to make sure all reservists are current and prepared to deploy. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Doug Moore)

the reservists, we'd like to initiate the change on the active duty side as well. Today it worked really well. We had everyone done in 15 minutes."

And the kudos were being exchanged in both directions. As many of the 445th personnel remarked on how smooth the supply process was, supply personnel agreed that 445th troops are some of the best to work with.

"Doing this with your troops is always easy. We never have any problems," said Larry Hatmaker of Base Supply, referring to the importance of submitting the correct sizing in order to build the bags.

After supply, personnel were moved to the deployment line that was also moving along without a hitch. "It's been going really well,

very smooth," said Tech. Sgt. Angie Burritt, a representative from Family Support.

Others agreed that the process was working, "It's all been really well prepared and planned. If mobility processing can be pleasant, they've made it so," said Master Sgt. Cate Hannon, from the AES.

After the deployment line, the first chalk of personnel loaded a C-5 and took off a mere three minutes later than scheduled departure, according to Airman 1st Class Timothy Flanery from the Command Post.

Most participants seemed pleasantly surprised that the day was better than expected. As Tech. Sgt. Joseph Drake of the AES said, "The best part is getting the training."



Reservists walk toward the awaiting C-5 for a flight simulating a real deployment to another location. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Doug Moore)

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Loadmasters from the 89th Airlift Squadron are silhouetted as they prepare to receive cargo on a C-5 from a 60K loader. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Ted Theopolos)



Master Sgt. Cass Tumblison, 445th Operations Support Squadron, writes his name on his helmet after receiving possession of it during the January UTA. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Erica Donahoe)

African-American History Month

Capt Paul Grimes, Chief of Military Equal Opportunity

February is a month for celebrating and reflecting on the many contributions of African-Americans in this country, a tradition that began in 1926 by American Historian Carter G. Woodson. Originally, Mr. Woodson established African-American History Week beginning on Feb. 12, 1926, and it later grew into African-American History Month in 1976.

During this month, we pause and remember the challenges and triumphs of African Americans. We remember heroes like Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, the Tuskegee Airmen, Martin Luther King Jr., Benjamin O. Davis Jr., Ray Charles, James Brown, General Chappie James, Brig. Gen. Marcelite J. Harris: the Air Force's first black female general, and the impact they all had on American culture and

history. These individuals single-handedly changed the course of history and created opportunities for African Americans that were once only a dream. The list of influential African Americans goes on and on; they have woven a rich and important history into the fabric of America.

This year's theme for African American History Month is: "From Slavery to Freedom, the Story of Africans in the Americas". This theme sets the stage for a story about overcoming adversity, fighting for equality and standing up for what is right. Last year, the 445th Airlift Wing recognized African American History Month by honoring the Tuskegee Airman. This year, as a part of the Human Resources Development Council's 101 class, two original Tuskegee Airmen will join us and share their stories. According to Col. Brian Dominguez, the 445th HRDC



Benjamin O. Davis Jr. in P-51

Chairman and Vice Wing Commander, "The Tuskegee Airmen provide the ultimate example of overcoming adversity. We can never forget the tremendous prejudice and injustice the original Tuskegee airmen had to endure just to serve their country. Their legacy of self sacrifice and heroic actions has made our Air Force and our nation stronger." *(Localized by 445th Public Affairs)*

Final C-5 arrives home



The 10th and final C-5 Galaxy aircraft landed here at 3:49 p.m., Jan. 5. Command pilot Maj. Steve Temple and aircrew from the 89th Airlift Squadron flew the final C-5, tail number 00447, from Westover Air Reserve Base, Ma., to the base. The 445th Airlift Wing has been in conversion from the C-141 to the C-5 since 2005. The C-5 inventory for the wing is now complete but the conversion status continues as all personnel finish training and qualifying on the C-5 aircraft. *(U.S. Air Force Photo/1st Lt. Erica Donahoe)*

Newcomers

Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:

Maj Ali Miremami, 445 AMDS
 Capt Carl Bolin, 445 MXS
 MSgt Kelly Janus, 445 AMDS
 TSgt Charity Kidd, 445 OSS
 TSgt Eric Peters, 445 AMXS
 TSgt Michael Turpin, 445 MXS
 SSgt Tracy Hughes, 445 SFS
 SSgt Carl Kinley, 445 SFS
 SSgt Daniel Labelle, 445 MXS
 SSgt David McLaughlin, 445 CES
 SSgt Anthony Nagy, 445 SVF
 SSgt Felicia Sexton, 445 MSF
 SSgt Anthony Stenton, 445 AMXS
 SrA Neyra Griffin, 445 CES
 SrA Michael Henson, 445 CES
 SrA Ricardo Mamuyac, 445 ASTS
 SrA Adam Moses, 445 SFS
 SrA Dan Richards, 445 MXS
 SrA Teneisha Smith, 445 OSS
 SrA Rachelle Squires, 445 AMDS
 A1C Katie Dulin, 445 MXS
 A1C Gary Elliott, 445 AMXS
 A1C Kacey Flanigan, 445 SFS
 A1C Jason Hardman, 445 MOF
 A1C Gustavo Medina, 445 SFS
 A1C Jeffrey Navarre, 445 MXS
 A1C Timothy Sexton, 445 SFS
 Amn Maggie Kocher, 445 ASTS
 Amn Marshal White, 445 ASTS
 AB Cheryl Beauchamp, 445 ASTS
 AB William Bowden, 445 SFS
 AB Jammie Hicks, 89 AS
 AB Eddie Sanchez, 445 AMDS
 AB Daniel Smith, 445 MXS
 AB Cordell Washington, 445 CES

Awards

Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned an award.

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Daniel Witt, 89 AS
 MSgt George Cleere, 445 CES
 MSgt Rubin Knight, 445 MXS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt Lindsey Bullard, 445 OSS
 Capt Barbara Kippins, 445 AES
 Capt Judy Willets, 445 AES

TSgt Gordon Carter, 445 AMDS
 TSgt Tracy Johnson, 445 MXS
 SSgt Gregory Kern, 445 MXS
 SrA Anna Tracy, 445 LRS

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt James Gillespie, 445 LRS
 TSgt Randy Watson, 445 CF
 SrA Timothy Emberton, Jr., 445 MXS

Promotions

Congratulations to the following reservists recently promoted to the rank indicated.



Airman

Jennifer Hawkins, 445 AES



Senior Airman

James Adkins, 445 AES
 Jordan West, 87 APS
 Mouk Chounlamany, 445 SFS
 Nathan Ellcessor, 445 SFS
 Sierra Lagard, 445 AMDS
 Matthew Brodarick, 445 AMXS



Staff Sergeant

John Altevers, 445 CES
 Jondra Boles, 445 ASTS
 Daniel Conrad, 445 MXS
 Eric Cornett, 445 LRS
 Nathan Hutchison, 445 AES
 Stephen Nelson, 445 OSS
 Adam Patrick, 445 AES
 Douglas Schaumleffel, 445 LRS
 James Sledge, 445 MSF
 Tiffany Watkins, 445 CES



Technical Sergeant

Glenda Baber, 445 AMDS
 Ryan Baumgartner, 445 SFS
 Nicole Deshotel, 445 ASTS
 Steven Durham, 445 SFS
 Oliver Fisher, 445 CES
 Angelia Fogle, 445 MOF
 Kristen Parsons, 445 AMDS
 Steven Purvis, 87 APS
 Ashby Redmond, 445 ASTS
 Debra Stinson, 445 ASTS
 Sarah Strand, 445 ASTS
 David Worrell, 87 APS



Master Sergeant

Clarine Blakely, 87 APS
 Robert Fulker, 445 SFS
 Tracy Johnson, 445 MXS
 Greg Myers, 445 SFS



Senior Master Sergeant

Jo Ellen Mason, 87 APS
 Kip Michael, 445 SFS



Chief Master Sergeant

Teresa Kennedy, 445 AES
 Ronald Thomas, 87 APS



First Lieutenant

Michael Shampine, 89 AS



Lieutenant Colonel

Bruce Nelson, 445 AES
 Carlotta Webb, 445 AES

News Briefs

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History Channel's "Mail Call" features the Hanoi Taxi

February 16 at 9:00 p.m. on the History Channel, the show, "Mail Call", will feature the 445th Airlift



Wing's event last May, the C-141, Hanoi Taxi, airlifting former POWs. The show also looks at the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB and a segment on the Blue Book project. Don't miss it, especially if you were at the event last May, you may see yourself on the History Channel. For more information contact the 445th Public Affairs office at 257-5784.

Go ride! Spin across America

By Maj. Ted Theopolos
445th Public Affairs

In a small fitness room with a large map of America on the wall are 52 buttons with names on each. In the same room a small group of determined riders mount and adjust their stationary spinning bikes for another 50 mile ride before they move their button a little closer towards the Pacific Ocean.

Fifty-two riders participated in one of last year's Fit-to-Fight events. Each rider had a button on the map which started at the Statue of Liberty in New York City and moved along the map according to the number of rides they participated in. The goal



was to ride across America to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Several intermediate goals such as getting to Dayton and crossing the continental divide added to the flavor of the challenge.

Four certified instructors led the rides for approximately 45 minutes at least three times a week as riders inched their button across the map. The spinning bikes were adjusted during the ride as if they were biking up hills to give a more realistic feel to the ride. Most worked up a good sweat by the end of the session.

In order to make it all the way across America it took 73 rides. Tech. Sgt. Mike Parshall, 445th Maintenance Squadron, and Lt. Col. David Hardwick, 445th Operation Support Squadron, also an instructor, made it all the way

before the end of the year. Many riders had 50 rides or more which calculates to more than 2,500 miles for each rider. Other riders racked up 25 rides or more, but most important, was getting or staying fit.

The last ride was a small class of only six riders. Riders rode their bikes to some old time rock and roll music with a video on the wall as if you were riding a bike downtown San Francisco towards the Golden Gate Bridge with lots of hills on this ride.

The class concluded with a shout "Good job" from the class instructor Master Sgt. Annette Jones, 445th Airlift Wing. Riders were exhausted, grabbed their towels and headed for the showers.

Next year's biking challenge has already started, but there is room for another button on the map with your name on it. Go ride!



Master Sgt. Annette Jones, 445th Airlift Wing, instructs a spinning class Dec. 19 while the class watches a virtual reality view during lunch at the 445th Fitness Center. (U.S. Air Force photos/Maj. Ted Theopolos)



A reflection in a mirror shows Tech. Sgt. Mike Parshall, 445th MXS, in the spinning class.

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