



Wright-Patt reserve aerial porters take over Hickam AFB air operations

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445th Public Affairs

The 87th Aerial Port Squadron from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base deployed 145 Airmen to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, and took over port operations for two weeks June 30 to July 14, 2007.

Reservists from the 87th APS were responsible for running the Air Terminal Operations Center (ATOC), cargo processing, ramp, fleet, and passenger services, supply functions, and administrative duties normally performed by members of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron based at Hickam AFB.

"We went to Hickam AFB to demonstrate our capabilities in assuming responsibilities of the aerial port operation there," said Lt. Col. Keith Bond, 87th APS commander.

"This was a great opportunity to get some real hands-on training and to learn new procedures and systems from our active-duty counterparts that we can integrate into our training program at home station," he said.

Getting this training in all aspects of port operations was the main objective for the 87th APS when they first started planning for this opportunity back in December of 2005, according to Chief Master Sgt. Robert Jamison, who planned and



From left to right : Staff Sgt. Toby Ellis and Senior Airman Charles Ride, fleet services specialists with the 87th APS, review work orders with Staff Sgt. James Schumann, 735th Fleet Services, after servicing a KC-135 aircraft at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Doug Moore)

coordinated this takeover with the 735th AMS team members.

"There were only three port takeovers available within all of Air Force Reserve Command for 2007," said Chief Jamison. "We chose this location for the opportunity to get everyone doing what they would be doing in a wartime scenario," he said. "Everyone would have the actual training and experience in their respective roles so that when we were deployed, it wouldn't come as a surprise to us," Chief Jamison said.

Hickam's busy flight line is an ideal training ground for reservists

to experience many aspects of their job that they may not otherwise see on a regular basis. The training has been valuable in all areas of the flightline.

The 735th AMS welcomes a different reserve unit about every two weeks, almost year-round. Usually a team of about 35 servicemembers works together with the 735th AMS team. However, once a year a full complement of about 150 servicemembers arrives to do a full port take over.

Walking Together

*Can two walk together,
unless they are agreed?
- Amos 3:3*

*By Chaplain, Capt. Jonathan S.
Kollmann/445th Protestant
Chaplain*

My wife is a kindergarten teacher. This summer we committed to walk together early in the morning. It has been a joy! We talk about life, our day and most importantly just being together brings harmony and stability to our home. However, I am not a "morning person." It is hard to commit to do this daily.

The Bible points to different verses about walking with God. In Micah 6:8 it explains that we should walk humbly with God.

Walking with God means being in harmony and staying close to the Almighty. The prophet Amos wrote, "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3). This phrase "walking with God" speaks of a joint effort. In his devotional writings, Greg Laurie states, "Walking with God is like going into business with God. This means that I take all of my resources, which obviously are quite limited, and say, "Lord, here is what I have to bring. I give myself to You." Then God says, "Here is what I bring to the table. I bring My omniscience. I bring My unlimited power. I bring My grace. I bring all that I have."

Walking with God is very beneficial to our lives. I highly recommend walking daily with God (and yes, your spouse or friend).

Wing council reaches out to the League of United Latin American Citizen Conference

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HRDC committee member*

Our people are without question, our number one priority and resource. How often have we heard this in recent years? The 445th Human Resource Development Council firmly believes this to be true in every sense. Today, perhaps more so than in previous years, we have witnessed first hand the challenges we all face today with end-strength, readiness, recruiting, quality of life issues, and diversity.

Working together, we can promote readiness, retention, fairness and thereby maintain a world-class, fully diversified force. Recruitment is one of the key areas that we heavily rely on the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing to assist us with.

Recently we were extremely fortunate to have Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Rodriguez, Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant, Tech. Sgt. Claudia Winn, Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Nicole Mardis, Maintenance Squadron, represent the wing at the League of United Latin American Citizen Conference (LULAC), July 11-14, 2007 in Chicago. The three 445th members were among many reservists and service members reaching out to the Latino community.

Maj. Gen. Linda Hemminger, who is the chair of the Air Force Reserve Command's Human Resources Development Council, expressed that the military's partici-

pation fits in with the conference's theme of "Empowering Latinos: Building Prosperity through Partnerships."

"All the services and our Total Force are represented here," said General Hemminger. "Our presence shows our support and commitment to human rights and the strength of our military through its diversity."

The primary focus at an event like LULAC is to create awareness. AFRC has a wonderful opportunity to do so by mentoring over 700 youth from all over Illinois and Indiana during the LULAC conference. On youth day Air Force reservists chaperone students from the local community and educate them on the opportunities available to them in the military and civil service.

Diana Hidalgo, a sophomore from Stickney, Ill said, "My chaperone was really inspirational and showed me that with hard work that I could also become a pilot one day."

Staff Sgt. Nicole Mardis stated, "Everyone I came in contact with at the conference inspired me to be the best and to be proud of the Air Force."

Created in 1991, the HRDC is a multi-tiered AFRC initiative designed specifically to focus on the human resource issues facing the command. The HRDC activities including gathering senior leadership demographic information and establishing Department of Defense partnerships with key civilian minority and female organizations such as LULAC.

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Wing's humanitarian missions on display at Dayton Peace Museum

By Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller
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For some, seeing a military exhibit at a peace museum might seem out of place, even frightening. But that's not the case at the Dayton International Peace Museum, which is currently featuring a display highlighting the humanitarian work of the 445th Airlift Wing.

And it looks like the exhibit, "Flights for Peace," is a perfect fit.

"I'm pleased to have the display so we can try and dispel the fallacy that peace and the military don't go together," said Steve Fryburg, the museum's director and operations manager. "That's the whole reason for the display. The military can be used as a tool of construction. Our strength as a country is together, not a fractured community. So, yes, the display is a good fit."

The 445th has a rich history of providing humanitarian relief during peacetime and war. The wing has transported thousands of tons of relief aid into many areas of the U.S. and the world that have been devastated by natural disaster as well as transporting wounded from combat areas and civilians to safety.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the 445th delivered critically needed medical supplies, food and clothing into New Orleans and Mississippi. The wing also transported doctors, nurses, medical technicians, FEMA employees and others to the storm-ravaged region.

Another part shows the airlift of the wounded military and civilians out of Iraq. There are photos of military medical professionals providing humanitarian relief in a remote part of Guatemala. They also work at a variety of American Indian reservations as well.

"Operation Deep Freeze" is an ongoing mission for the Air Force and Air Force Reserve which supplies McMurdo Station, Antarctica. The 445th has flown there numerous times delivering instruments, food, and supplies to the scientists.

Bill McIntire, public relations director at the museum, wanted to bring the military to the peace museum.

"I felt that the military often is portrayed negatively in the media and I wanted to bring to light all the good the military does for civilians and servicemen," McIntire said. He noted that the 60th anniversary of the Air Force and having the 445th in the community were part of the reason for including them.

"The 445th has airlifted doctors and supplies to Sub-Saharan Africa, flown civilians from combat zones and much more," McIntire said. "The Peace Museum believes that these types of missions are



Laura Darden, 445th Public Affairs, prepares an exhibit highlighting the humanitarian accomplishments of the wing



and it is now on display at the Dayton International Peace Museum through September. Don't miss it. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller)

critical in fighting the War on Terror. The humanitarian missions don't just demonstrate the compassion of the American people and the U.S. military but they show with their outcomes that they are more powerful than any weapon the enemy has."

This is a direct way to show the world that we care for their well-being and to negate the influence of terrorists and insurgent groups, McIntire said.

Both Fryburg and McIntire said they hoped many 445th members and other military members come to the museum, as well as area residents.

"Many of the 445th personnel live in the Dayton area and their accomplishments, through the exhibit, will demonstrate to Dayton residents that they, too, can work to change the world in a positive and peaceful way," McIntire said.

"Here at the museum we are pro-peace, we want a peaceful future," Fryburg said. "The military can act as a vehicle for diplomacy."

The 445th's Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron provided a patient, actually a full-size mannequin on a litter, along with a number of medical monitoring instruments they use during an actual medical airlift of wounded from a combat zone or a natural disaster area.

This military exhibit is a first for the peace museum. Recently, they conducted a clothes drive for Afghans, spearheaded by an Army lieutenant serving in Afghanistan who had Dayton contacts, but that was about the extent of the museum's connections with the military. That is, until now.

The exhibit on the 445th is set to run through September. The Dayton International Peace Museum is located at 208 W. Monument St., Dayton, Ohio. They are open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 and noon to 5:00 on Sunday. There is no cost for admission, and all staff members are volunteers.



Left: Tech. Sgt. Brett Snelling and Airman 1st Class Starlain Thompson, ramp service specialists, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, unload cargo pallets from the lower cargo area of a 747 aircraft.

Below: Master Sgt. Gordon Gauger, a passenger service specialist, 87th APS validates a parking pass for a traveler going on a Space-A flight from Hickam AFB, Hawaii.



Senior Airman Dustin Weidner, a passenger services specialist, 87th APS, drives a luggage conveyor out to a KC-135.

(U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Doug Moore)



Working hard in Hawaii

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This year Wright-Patt reservists are running the show.

In the air terminal operations center (ATOC), the control center of information for everything that is happening on the flightline, team members received first hand experience in the decision making processes necessary to keep things moving on the flightline.

“Working in ATOC Control presented new challenges for us everyday,” said Senior Airmen Adam Altenburger. “It was very exciting working here knowing that the decisions we made up in ATOC controlled all aspects of the operations on the flightline,” he explained. “It was nice to be in charge of the operations.”

“I think we learned a lot from both the civilians and our active duty counterparts in ramp services, as well,” said Staff Sgt. Roxanne Rubsam, an 87th ramp services specialist. “They are always willing to step in and help out showing us better ways to do our jobs. Whether we were unloading pallets from a 747 cargo aircraft, a C-17 aircraft, or a KC-135 aircraft, the first hand experience was great,” she added.

Senior Airman Justin George, a forklift operator in cargo processing with the 87th APS said, “Every base has different processes and procedures on how they handle things. The trainers here in cargo services have been very patient in helping us understand how they do things here and were quite helpful in answering questions about things we do not get to do at Wright-Patterson,” Airman George said.



Master Sgt. John Westermeyer, a ramp services specialist from 87th APS, spots Senior Airman Bryan Reed on the forklift.



Top: Tech. Sgt. Marshall Palmer and Senior Airman Kevin Houser, passenger services specialists with the 87th APS, load baggage on a truck at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.



Left: Reservists from the 87th APS remove cargo pallets from an Atlas Airlines 747 aircraft onto a 40-K loader at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

“This runway is moving all the time and they process a lot of passengers,” said Tech. Sgt. Timothy Opp, an 87th air transportation specialist, working in passenger services. “It is very eye-opening,” he said, “coming from Wright-Patterson AFB, where as reservists, we don’t see that many live missions. It gives us a chance to learn the small things that you can learn only when you are doing the whole job.”

Senior Airman Jennifer Bowersock, a passenger services specialist with the 87th APS, agrees. “It is nice to be able to come face-to-face with

passengers here at Hickam AFB,” she said. “We are able to put all our previous training into practice in these actual real-world missions,” she explained.

The Airmen in Fleet Services, who were responsible for servicing the aircraft with pillows, blankets, meals and water, trash collection, and cleaning, among other things, were pleased with the training they received at Hickam.

“We were trained on service vehicles that were not normally available to us,” said Tech. Sgt. Samuel Hodge, a fleet services specialist, 87th APS.

“Getting first-hand experience using the lavatory services truck, the portable water truck, and the high lift service vehicles when servicing the aircraft that landed here was great,” he said.

“Being involved in a port take over operation allows us to understand what our full responsibilities are as active-duty air transportation specialists,” Sergeant Opp said.

“It allows all of us to see what the end mission is and allows us to be part of something that we don’t normally get to be a part of.”

Medical technicians treat Native Americans in Montana



By Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller
445th Public Affairs

Seventeen members of the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron have returned from a humanitarian medical mission at an American Indian Reservation in Montana.

A dentist and dental technicians, lab technicians and medical technicians who are EMT qualified and medical administrative technicians were part of the mission at the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Browning, Mont.

"We treated hundreds of patients," said medical technician Staff Sgt. Belinda Tennyson. "I worked in the emergency room, doing IV's, drawing blood, working in triage and wound care."

Senior Master Sgt. Tricia Maples, who is also a medical technician and EMT qualified, worked in the urgent care area of the hospital. "We were the only military members working with the staff even though there were other medical people there who had volunteered. I am an EMT but that was not the role I played," the sergeant said.



Left to right: Staff Sgt. Belinda Tennyson, Senior Master Sgt. Tricia Maples, and Master Sgt. Sonya Anguiano, 445 AMDS, stand next to the nurse's station at the Blackfeet Community Hospital in Montana. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

"We saw a lot of alcohol abuse and drug abuse, a lot of psychological issues, even spouse and child abuse," Sergeant Maples said. In the ER, Sergeant Tennyson said they were getting up to ten patients a day with alcohol withdrawal symptoms and alcohol related seizures.

The biggest impression the mission left on Sergeant Maples was that 75 percent of all Native Americans at the reservation have type-2 diabetes. "For the U.S. as a whole, it's about 30 percent. The health of the Blackfeet is very poor."

The AMDS team found that the children treated on the second floor had literally nothing but an old television with bad reception to occupy them while they were recuperating. A collection was taken and about \$200 was raised for toys, games, books, crayons and more.

"We did not work up there; it was a closed door and for tribal members only," Sergeant Tennyson said. But there is little doubt the 445th members left a favorable impression on the kids with all the gifts.

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Macek, a medical lab technician, spent most of her time behind the scenes working in the hospital's lab. "I did a lot of pre-natal testing for the women of the reservation, chemistry work and urinalysis."

With the amount of patients coming to the hospital, the sergeant said she was constantly busy for the two weeks but she still made time to meet and visit with the tribe

members. "Some seemed to feel they have been left alone. There was a sense of hopelessness but they definitely want to keep their heritage alive."

Family unity was incredibly strong according to all three sergeants.

"Lots of them have children in the military and they are very proud of that," Sergeant Maples said. "We treated Vietnam veterans, WWII veterans."

Maj. (Dr.) Ali Miremami, a dentist with the AMDS, had a constant flow of patients. The major did dozens of tooth extractions and a number of root canals as well as other dental procedures.

The annual 56th Annual North American Indian Days celebration took place while the team was there and they saw an increase in urgent care and ER traffic. Thousands of American Indians from most of the western states and parts of Canada attend. And along with the increase of people in the area comes accidents and injuries.

"We treated people stepped on by horses, broken bones, auto accidents, some alcohol related problems," Sergeant Tennyson said.

The team worked in the hospitals' ER, urgent care, radiology, dental, admin, lab and information technology areas while on their annual training.

The medical mission is part of the Air Force Reserve Command's Innovation Readiness training program which allows reservists to train while rendering assistance to communities in the U.S. The reservists spent about two weeks working at the Blackfeet Community Hospital as part of their annual training.

Promotions

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



Airman First Class

Kimberly Beaudoin, 445 AES
Jennifer Hawkins, 445 AES
Melissa Miller, 445 ASTS



Senior Airman

Danielle Beckley, 445 ASTS
Jeffrey Navarre, 445 MXS
Brittany Ramsey, 445 AW



Staff Sergeant

Jarrold Applegate, 445 SFS
Joshua Bower, 89 AS
Amber Church, 445 AW
Steven Cramer, 87 APS
Matthew Keechle, 87 APS
Nathan Livingston, 87 APS
Steven Ponichtera, 87 APS
Lauren Trester, 445 AMDS
Afton Wright, 445 AES
Christopher Yacullo, 445 AES



Technical Sergeant

Nicholas Davis, 445 CES
Brian Jones, 445 SFS
Patrick McCoy, 445 AES



Master Sergeant

Bryan Cepluch, 445 SFS
Joshua Wade, 445 OSS
Claudia Winn, 445 AES



Senior Master Sergeant

Alice Collingwood, 445 LRS
Richard Lehman, 445 AMXS
Robert Welshhans, Jr., 445 OG



Major

Annette James, 445 ASTS

Awards

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

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Dorothy Clark, 445 AES
CMSgt Charles Burger, 445 MXG
TSgt Chris Fogle, 445 SFS
TSgt Michael Pennington, 445 SFS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Jenny Couse, 445 ASTS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Gerald Hoke, 445 MSF
SSgt Brent Pemberton, 445 AW

Newcomers

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

Capt Ali Raja, 445 ASTS
MSgt Paul Dias, 445 AES
TSgt James Smith, 445 AES
SSgt Stephanie Monroe, 445 AMDS
SrA Robert Andrzejewski, 445 CES
SrA James Elson, 445AMXS
SrA David Ferver, 445 MXS
SrA Nathan Merz, 445 MXS
SrA Michael Nelson, 445 CES
SrA Joseph West, 445 LRS
A1C Robert Gibson, 445 AMXS
A1C Wendy Glover, 445 AMXS
A1C Ryan Holbrook, 445 CES
A1C Elizabeth Onnela, 445 MOF
A1C Steven Sherman, 87 APS
A1C Simone Sydnor, 445 LRS
A1C Trent Tonkovich, 445 CES
Amn Angela Baldwin, 445 SVS

Twins enlist together, ready to join 445th Maintenance Squadron



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

Ashley and Jessica Hacker, twins from Florence, Ky., were sworn into the Air Force Reserve by Maj. Kimberly Sandusky, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The Hacker twins will be assigned to the integrated avionics in the 445th Maintenance Squadron to work on the electrical systems for the C-5.

News Briefs

Commander's Call

The 445th Airlift Wing's Commander's Call is scheduled for Aug. 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Base Theater. See you there.

Volunteer for the Marathon

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the United States Air Force Marathon. The marathon is Sept. 15 at Wright-Patterson AFB. To volunteer, just go on-line and "shop" for the volunteer positions, dates and times that work for you. The website is www.usafmarathon.com and click on volunteer 2007.

Lending a Helping Hand

By Master Sgt. Chance C. Babin
Air Force Reserve Command

LINGUERE, Senegal – Medics from the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron joined 13 other Air Force Reserve Commands, Marine reservists and a hand full of Sailors and Soldiers to form Task Force 225 as part of exercise Shared Accord June 16-28.

This year's joint exercise was held to improve U.S. and Senegal relations and to conduct joint training with the Senegalese forces on a tactical level while providing humanitarian assistance to the local population.

The team of medics was part of the humanitarian mission providing care to the people of the desert region of Linguere. The care included general medicine, optometry and dentistry.

For the members of the medical team, the mission was a great opportunity to touch the lives of people who in many cases have no other means available to improve their lives.

As soon as they arrived, the medics saw a steady flow of patients for ten consecutive days in the hot desert, centrally located in northern Senegal.

"Our Air Force Reserve physicians provided quality medical care to over 4,400 Senegalese, many of whom waited for days just to be seen by the American doctors," said Maj. Melissa Triche, 445th AMDS and a medical planner for AFRC International Health



Lt. Col. (Dr.) Scott Sayre performs dental work during a recent humanitarian mission to Senegal. (U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Chance C. Babin)

Specialist Program. "I'm very proud of the efforts that were put forth by the medics on this team. The care they provided significantly improved the overall health of the local population."

For many of the patients what would be routine treatment back home has been neglected due to the lack of resources in the local population. When routine treatment goes untreated it leads to more serious problems.

"I'm amazed that the dental decay rate is so high, periodontal disease is rampant and the number of facial abscesses," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Scott Sayre, a dentist with the 445th Aeromedical Squadron. "We've seen some very unusual things that you only see in text book or learn about in school."

The 445th has been active in previous humanitarian efforts such as Shared Accord. Medics from the 445th have also visited such nations as Nigeria, Niger, Guatemala and El Salvador to provide much needed medical care.

"The experience and expertise that our physicians brought with them saved the lives of several



Maj. (Dr.) Darin Brimhall, a 752nd Medical Squadron physician performs a well baby exam, as Master Sgt. Rick Brewer, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, assists in the background.

Senegalese during this MEDCAP," Major Triche said. "To me, that spells out a successful mission for all involved." (Localized rewrite from Air Force Print News)

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