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## Wing shows off C-5 at Dayton Air Show

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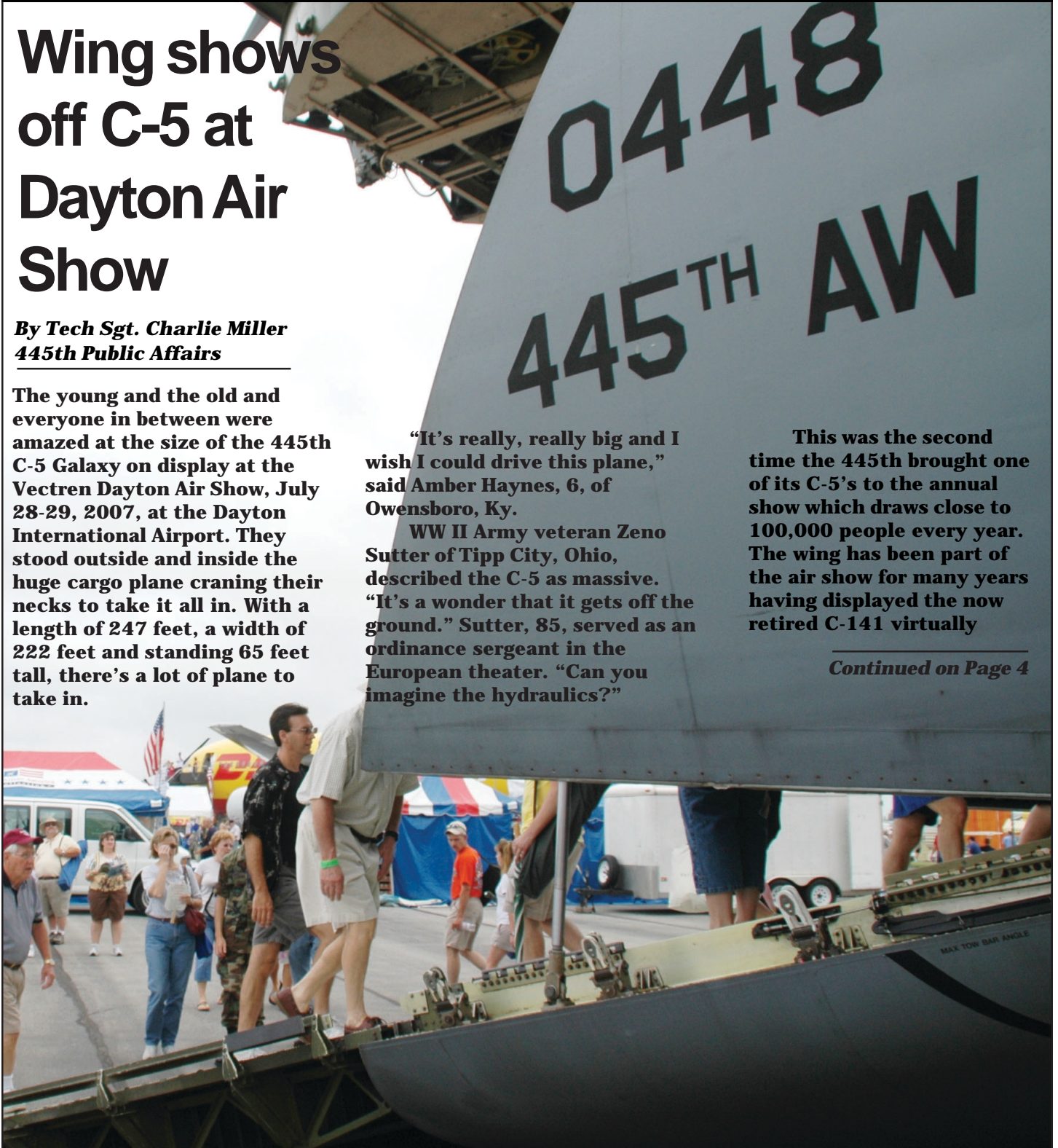
The young and the old and everyone in between were amazed at the size of the 445th C-5 Galaxy on display at the Vectren Dayton Air Show, July 28-29, 2007, at the Dayton International Airport. They stood outside and inside the huge cargo plane craning their necks to take it all in. With a length of 247 feet, a width of 222 feet and standing 65 feet tall, there's a lot of plane to take in.

"It's really, really big and I wish I could drive this plane," said Amber Haynes, 6, of Owensboro, Ky.

WW II Army veteran Zeno Sutter of Tipp City, Ohio, described the C-5 as massive. "It's a wonder that it gets off the ground." Sutter, 85, served as an ordnance sergeant in the European theater. "Can you imagine the hydraulics?"

This was the second time the 445th brought one of its C-5's to the annual show which draws close to 100,000 people every year. The wing has been part of the air show for many years having displayed the now retired C-141 virtually

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## Moving on by faith

By Chaplain, Capt. Jim Fisher  
445th Senior Protestant Chaplain

It has been a privilege to serve with the members of the 445th Airlift Wing! The August UTA marked my last drill with you and I will surely treasure the memories.

As many of you know, I am transitioning to active duty Army chaplaincy, assigned to Fort Eustis, Va. Nineteen of my 21 years have been in blue, while the other two have been green. It will not be easy to turn the page of my Air Force chapter, but it is with confidence in God's provision that I move by faith.

I have many fond remembrances during these last four years! Your dedication to each other, to the wing, and ultimately to our country, is truly awe-inspiring. Your kindness to me will not be forgotten. Please know that I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to minister to you and among you.

I thank Chaplain Dickens for the opportunity to serve at Wright-Patterson AFB. His trust in me has been incredible and encouraging.

I know that the chaplain's office will continue to provide quality care to you. Do call on them for your needs. They are here to serve. Attend chapel services. Seek their counsel. Get acquainted with their resources.

Please remember the Fisher Family in prayer as we enter this new mission-field. I shall pray for the wing as you continue to serve with integrity and selflessness. You have been a blessing!

Cover: A C-5 Galaxy aircraft from the 445th Airlift Wing wows spectators at the Vectren Dayton Air Show July 28-29. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller)

## Recognizing Opportunities: Preparation is key

By Col. Anna Schulte  
445th Maintenance Group Commander

Opportunities present themselves to those who are ready. How many times have you heard this phrase from your parents, family members, teachers, mentors, supervisors, commanders or higher up?



Colonel Schulte

You never know what opportunity will be presented to you, but it is important to be prepared and ready. If you are not prepared, you may not recognize an opportunity, nor be able to take advantage of it.

You can prepare yourself for opportunities by improving yourself and your skills. Always be conscious of your surroundings and the situation so you can take advantage as needed.

Opportunities vary in kind and type. Within the military, they include promotions and assignments. They can involve travel, a humanitarian project, a chance to be an ambassador, a learning experience, heroism in combat and a host of other events.

There are also moments when you face a crisis or an emergency. Serving in the military puts us in harms way. We are taught Self Aid and Buddy Care and CPR to prepare us for emergencies. Being prepared boosts your confidence and could save another person's life.

How can you prepare yourself for advancement? You prepare through PME, mentorship, career broadening and

learning. First, learn your job!! Once accomplished, working on your professional military education, completing career development courses, or taking civilian educational courses are always good.

Another is stepping up to a task or challenge. The key is not how well you fare but that you are ready to take a risk for the benefit of others. Stepping up to a challenge demonstrates a willingness to take on additional responsibility. Those that step forward are recognized as possible future leaders that can be honed and mentored at a higher level.

A big opportunity for military members includes traveling; the chance to visit different countries and be ambassadors for America and our military. At AEF's and other deployments there are opportunities – don't let them slip away in your short time there. How many of your friends can say they've ever been there, or ever will. There are many instances when Airmen can interact with the country citizens – on and off base. Take the time learn a few phrases; learn about the history and culture. Most locals appreciate the effort and that effort may reap even greater rewards.

There are humanitarian opportunities too. Most bases have groups that support the local people. At Manas AB, Kyrgyz Republic, we shared time with orphaned children, repaired floors at a blind school and built a playground. You give of yourself and will have memories and experiences that you will take throughout your life.

Opportunities present themselves to those who are prepared, whether it's for advancement, improvement, enjoyment or emergencies. How you've prepared will determine if you're ready. Are you?

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## “Can do” attitude gets wheelchair to handicapped man in Trinidad

By Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller  
445th Public Affairs

**I**t took a lot of work, but thanks to two members of the 445th's 87th Aerial Port Squadron, a young man in Trinidad with cerebral palsy no longer has to be carried everywhere by family members. He now has a wheelchair.

Master Sgt. Rob Hays from the APS was one of the catalysts. The sergeant, while talking with his neighbors Tom and Barb Shanahan who have a daughter with cerebral palsy, found out about the 21-year-old who needs constant care from his parents and family members. The Shanahans knew they could obtain a wheelchair, but how could it be shipped to rural Trinidad?

Sergeant Hays contacted fellow APS member Tech. Sgt. Sean Schluter who works on the civilian side with Bax Global, an international freight transportation firm. The two wing members had worked together at a worldwide freight services company and were soon brainstorming on how to ship this wheelchair to Trinidad.

“The wheelchair we wanted to send to Trinidad was actually at a prison in Colorado,” sergeant Hays said.

That may sound odd but there are nine correctional facilities in seven states that have groups of convicts that refurbish wheelchairs for the underprivileged disabled around the world. Named Wheels for the World, they are connected with the internationally known ministries Prison Fellowship and Joni and Friends.

“The Shanahans had the wheelchair shipped to their home in West Carrollton, Ohio, and sergeant Schluter took it from there,” sergeant Hays said. “I thought of him instantly after talking to the Shanahans; he's a ‘go to’ guy.”

The sergeants knew that even though the Air Force does hundreds of humanitarian missions each year, there would be a slim chance that they were to go to Trinidad in the next few months. Routing the chair through sergeant Schluter's employee was the next step.

“Sean was very passionate from the beginning,” said Barb Shanahan. “He took total ownership of this; he locked on and saw it to completion. You could tell he wanted to make a difference in someone's life.”



Tech. Sgt. Sean Schluter from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron is in front of his civilian employer's office where he prepares to ship a wheelchair to a young man in Trinidad with cerebral palsy so he no longer has to be carried everywhere by family members. (Courtesy photo)

Wheels for the World had never shipped wheelchairs to Trinidad, according to Shanahan.

Trinidad is the largest and most populous of the 23 islands, which make up the country of Trinidad and Tobago located in the Caribbean. Trinidad is the southernmost island.

“I hit road block after road block after road block before Sean and Rob stepped in,” Shanahan said. “A one-time delivery like this was virtually impossible.”

The work of two 445th members has really given hope to the Nanansingh family, Shanahan said. She had estimated that the chair could be shipped to them in two weeks. Three months later, the wheelchair arrived in Trinidad.

“Both of these guys had the knowledge, knew the ins and outs and how to do all the paperwork,” Shanahan said. “If it had not been for the hearts of Sean and Rob, this would have never happened.”

The Shanahans had met the Nanansingh's, parents of the young man with cerebral palsy, while at a conference in Washington D.C. with their daughter, Emily. They learned of his lack of a wheelchair and were determined to help.

# Wing shows off C-5

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every year before 2006. The C-5 on display had flown directly from the nations largest air show in Oshkosh, Wis. Thousands of people toured the 445th plane during its stop in Wisconsin. Over 2600 aircraft were displayed at the week-long show there.

"I've been to a few air shows before but this is the biggest plane I've seen," said Daniel Shoemaker, 16, of Hanover, Pa. He's seen some big planes before; his father works at the Baltimore/Washington D.C. International Airport.

Air show visitors were able to walk through the C-5; aircrew members of the 89th Airlift Squadron, part of the 445th, opened up the nose and the tail of the plane so the public could do an easy "walk-thru."

"I like all the equipment on it," said Erica Parka, 10, of Trotwood, Ohio. When told that the 445th has several female pilots Parka said "I'd love to fly it someday, but I'm too young right now."

On board the plane were members of another part of the wing; the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron brought a full medical set up to show people how they care for the sick and wounded during a medivac flight.

Master Sgt. Tom Geoghegan of the AES said that "It's always a pleasure explaining to folks what we do and what kind of aircraft we fly." The C-5 is not currently used by the Air Force for medivac missions, but the AES members fly on other strategic airlift aircraft helping care for patients all over the world.

Chief Master Sgt. Teresa Kennedy, also of the AES, spent hours with youngsters. The chief first took the pulse of the kids, and then had them help "save" an ill patient which was actually a training mannequin. The patient would have his heart checked with a stethoscope, then have breathing problems and need manual oxygen. Next the chief would tell the kids that the patient had gone into cardiac arrest. The young medical "trainee" would then, under the chief's guidance, use the disarmed defibrillator and save the patient.

To add to the experience, a heart monitor was up and running and the chief could show a regular heartbeat, an irregular heartbeat or none at all.

"In order to do my job, someone has to get hurt or become ill and I don't like that," Chief Kennedy carefully explained to Alyssa Buongiorto, 5, of Tolland, Conn., after the young girl had "saved" the patient.



Senior Airman Emily Kennedy, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, shows Alex Hernandez, age five of Dayton, Ohio, how to use a stethoscope and some of the other medical equipment used by aeromedical evacuation crews at the Vectren Dayton Air Show July 28, 2007. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller)

"This air show is good public relations," said Senior Airman Emily Kennedy, Chief Kennedy's daughter. "In regards to the current situation, this lets people see the personal side of the military. It lets them see how we treat the injured and how we get them home."

At the shows, it was estimated that over 300 per hour walked through the plane and over 5,000 had toured the C-5 over the two-day event.

"Most of the people are real inquisitive about the C-5," said Senior Airman Travis Egger of the 89th Airlift Squadron. "A lot of people I talked with had actually worked on the plane and they had some interesting stories."

Throughout the aircraft pilots, engineers and loadmaster were available to speak with the people.

"One of the main benefits of the show is that people can see what we actually do and then ask





The crowd enjoys the view inside the 445th Airlift Wing's C-5 Galaxy at the Vectren Dayton Air Show July 28, 2007. Air Show officials estimated 80,000 were in attendance, which includes paying customers and air show staff. The C-5 is the largest aircraft in the Air Force Inventory. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller)

questions as opposed to what they see on television," said 1st Lt. Andrew Pierce, a pilot with the 89th. "Obviously, you can't talk to the TV."

"I've been talking to kids still in school and I ask them if they want to fly. If they say yes, I say, ok, you have got to do well in school. I think it's a good motivator for them to do well in school. I came here to the Dayton Air Show every year when I was young and it motivated me. I'd go

to the static displays and ask the pilots tons of questions," said the lieutenant who grew up about 20 miles from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in nearby Yellow Springs.

"I love it when the kids have questions for me; I can just see their young minds turning." Lieutenant Pierce said. "For those interested in flying I explain how you get to these positions."



Above: Chief Master Sgt. Teresa Kennedy, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, shows Joey French and sister Liz from West Chester, Ohio, some of the medical equipment used by aeromedical evacuation crews at the Vectren Dayton Air Show July 28, 2007.



Left: Senior Airman Travis Eggers, 89th Airlift Squadron, explains the roller system of the 445th Airlift Wing's C-5 Galaxy to spectators at the Vectren Dayton Air Show July 28, 2007. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller)



Tech. Sgt. Leonard Gray III, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, performs an inlet inspection on a C-5 before starting the engine Aug. 19, 2007. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller)

## Maintenance in a bunny suit?

By Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller  
445th Public Affairs

Ever wear a bunny suit? Oddly, some members of the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron wear them on a regular basis. But only on the flightline and never in public.

The suits are bright yellow with velcro and elastic straps. They do not have a white fluffy tail attached. Too bad. The media would call that a photo op.

"It's called a Foreign Object Damage (FOD) suit," said Master Sgt. Leonard Gray III of the AMXS. "It's also called a bunny suit. We wear the suit as an additional precaution to prevent FOD while inspecting the C-5 engines." They have also been called banana suits.

The sergeant had climbed high atop a moveable scaffold then stepped gingerly into the front of one of the C-5 engines to perform an inlet inspection. Sergeant Gray is tall but still had plenty of headroom while standing on a special mat inside the engine. With the mat and the bunny suit there was little chance damage could occur during the inspection.

Sergeant Gray slowly looks over every inch of the huge engine. He looks for cracks, loose rivets, loose screws, really anything that looks out of the ordinary. And he uses his bare hands to touch the engine, feeling for anything broken, uneven or out of place.

It takes about an hour to inspect all four engines. The AMXS members do the inspections before every engine run up whether they are running tests or prepping the plane for a flight. And they inspect them the same way after the run up is done.

It's more thorough after a plane returns. That inspection takes about an hour for each one of the four engines. It's comforting to know the inspections are so precise, so dedicated to the smallest of details. There's still this issue of wearing bunny suits....

## Live at sunrise with the C-5

Bucher's Beat on WDTN Channel 2 News filmed live in front of the 445th Airlift Wing's C-5 Galaxy at the Vectren Dayton Air Show June 27, 2007. The Channel 2 satellite news truck sits alongside the C-5 aircraft early Friday morning. Jim Bucher interviewed Col. Colleen Ryan, 88 ABW commander and 445th Airlift Wing flight crew members for his popular morning show. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Ted Theopolos)





## Promotions

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



### Airman

Christopher Booth, 445 SFS  
Timothy Monroe, 87 APS



### Airman First Class

Stephanie Blevins, 445 SFS  
Phillip Lemaster, 89 AS  
Candice Wallace, 445 CES



### Senior Airman

Kenneth Burkhardt, 445 MXS  
Wendy Glover, 445 MXS  
Sheila Lebron, 445 SFS  
Gustavo Medina, 445 SFS  
Michael Neri, 445 MOF  
Natalie Stiles, 445 AW  
Andrew Slahta, 445 CES  
James Williams, 445 CES



### Staff Sergeant

Jerrold Cambell, 445 SVF  
Timothy Emberton, 445 AMXS  
Andrew Linz, 445 CF  
Craig, Ridener, 445 AMXS  
Anthony Shepherd, 445 AMXS  
Grant Thurmond, 89 AS  
Brian Villalon, 445 CES  
Angela Wilson, 445 ASTS



### Technical Sergeant

Russell Atkinson, Jr., 445 AMXS  
Alan Baker, 445 CES  
Michael Carley, 445 SFS  
Claude Dinkel, 445 MOF  
Troy Fenhoff, 445 OSS  
Bryan Johnson, 445 AES  
Steven Kaffenberger, 445 AMXS  
Fred Lockery, 445 MXS  
Letroy Mays, 445 AMDS  
James Plunkett, 445 SVF



### Senior Master Sergeant

Blaine Bermel, Jr., 445 OSS



### Lieutenant Colonel

William Barton, 445 AW  
Diane Doty, 445 AES  
Sheri Gladish, 445 ASTS  
Gretchen Mulhorn, 445 AMDS  
Neil Repke, 445 AW  
Michael Sander, 445 MXG  
Susan Stoy, 445 ASTS  
Judith Uzell, 445 AES  
Jennifer Wedel, 445 AES  
Donald Wren, 445 LRS

## Newcomers

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

TSgt Kristi Chase, 445 MXS  
TSgt Timothy Elliot, 445 CES  
TSgt Thomas Graham, 445 AMXS  
SSgt Bradley Coombs, 87 APS  
SSgt McLean Correll, 445 MXS  
SSgt Jesse Dunbar, 445 AMXS  
SSgt Matthew Larsen, 445 MXS

SSgt Christopher Rapp, 445 MXS  
SrA Adam Ackley, 445 MOF  
SrA Jarrod Bays, 445 MXS  
SrA Justin Dykes, 445 AMXS  
SrA Nicholas Helms, 445 LRS  
SrA Matthew Hinkle, 445 MXS  
SrA Paul Welch, 87 APS  
A1C James Williams, 445 CES  
Amn Vincent Gibson, 445 OSS  
Amn Ashley Holcombe, 445 ASTS  
Amn Eddie Mulkey, 445 AES  
AB Stephanie Blevins, 445 SFS  
AB Nicole Shider, 445 SVS

## Awards

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

### Meritorious Service Medal

MSgt Douglas Moore, 445 AW  
MSgt Curtis Shiner, 445 MOF

### Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt Deborah Claridy, 89 AS  
SSgt Josef Chlebek, 445 ASTS

## Movie star leaves mark in mail

Jimmy Stewart, arguably the Air Force Reserve's most famous Citizen Airman, received a tribute in mid-August.

On Aug. 17 the U.S. Postal Service issued a 41-cent stamp bearing his image. The stamp is the 13th stamp in the "Legends of Hollywood" series.

Mr. Stewart debuted in the film business in 1934. He was the first major movie star to enter the service in World War II. He kept up his military service until 1968 when he retired from the Air Force Reserve as a brigadier general.

Stewart enlisted in the Army as a private at Moffett Field, Calif. in March 1941. In January 1942, Mr. Stewart was commissioned a second lieutenant. Since he already possessed his pilot's license and commercial pilot's license before enlisting, he was sent to California as a twin-engine instructor on the B-17 and B-24.

Nine months later Stewart transferred to Sioux City, Iowa, and

was made squadron commander in the 445th Bombardment Group, forerunner of today's 445th Airlift Wing. In the fall of 1943 he took his squadron to the 445th Station at Tibenham in Northeastern England. In March 1944, he transferred to the 453rd Bombardment Group and flew 20 combat missions in the B-24.

After the war Stewart left active duty as a colonel and served in the Air Force Reserve. In 1959, the U.S. Senate approved his promotion to brigadier general, making him the highest-ranking entertainer in the U.S. military. He retired from the Air Force Reserve in 1968 after 27 years of service. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service Localized by 445th Public Affairs*)



# 445th Airlift Wing conducts fit test for new C-5 Fuel System Maintenance Hangar



*Above: A tow truck pulls a 445th Airlift Wing C-5 Galaxy into the new Fuel System Maintenance Hangar Aug. 15, 2007, to ensure the aircraft fits inside the new hangar appropriately. The hangar is a tail-out, high bay fuel cell maintenance hangar. It includes two 14 foot tall adjacent spaces for auxiliary functions, which include administrative and supervisory functions, a tool room, and space to house mechanical, electrical, and fire protection equipment. (U.S. Air Force photo/Mary Allen)*

*Above: Members of the 445th Airlift Wing gather around the C-5 Galaxy after the aircraft is inside the new Fuel System Maintenance Hangar Aug. 15, 2007. The new hangar cost \$10.5 million. The C-5 Multi-Purpose and C-5 Scheduled Maintenance Hangars are scheduled to be completed before the new year. (U.S. Air Force photo/Mary Allen)*

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