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Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Dickens
445th Wing Chaplain

In Matthew 23, Jesus confronts the Pharisees on their religious legalism. After pointing out the petty laws that they had created about tithing on things as small and insignificant as spices, He states that they had missed the deeper meaning of God's Law: Justice, Mercy and Faithfulness. In making this point, Jesus reminds us of the message of the Old Testament prophet Micah. In Micah 6:8 it says, "He has shown you, O man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you, do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

If you live long enough, you will discover that you cannot control how other people think, act or respond. However, the mature and wise person does understand that they have absolute control over their own actions. As we approach this Thanksgiving season, don't react, instead, take control of your situations by doing justly to others, showing mercy when it is warranted, and walking in humble thankfulness with your God.

Cover: Maj. Mike Baker, a C-5 pilot with the 445th Operations Support Squadron, gives a 60th Anniversary football to Baxter Breach inside the C-5 at the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends Air Show at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 28, 2007. (U.S. Air Force photo/Mary Allen)

Why do we serve?

By Col. Oba Vincent
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It was a hot Sunday as I sped down the bike path with my teenage daughter. It is one of our favorite things to do together, over the past four years we have traveled most of the bike paths around south-western Ohio and had ice cream from most of the stands adjacent to these former rail tracks. Today was a little different given that we had just left a college fair where we were discussing where she would go to college in a little less than two years.



Colonel Vincent

As we biked our discussion turned to the future, "Dad are you sure you can't come watch me race in the league cross-country championships next weekend?" And, "Are you sure we can't go to the ghost and goblin run this year? And of course "why do you work so much?" That is a question that stings a bit. Why do I, - no why do all of us do what we do; money, education, pride, commitment, a drive to serve or just boredom?

The UTAs seem to roll around so fast and it seems that the commitments are never ending. We will go from the Operational Readiness Inspection in 2008 to a Unit Compliance Inspection and a Health Services Inspection (something special just for us medics) in 2009. I know by the time I get my head above the water from the inspections my daughter will be in college and I

will have missed more than a couple of special moments with her.

My daughter was born two month's after I came back from Desert Storm and since that time I have struggled to meet my commitments as a father, husband and officer. There never seems to be enough time in the day.

Of course this is an issue that each and every one of us must face. Why do we volunteer to serve when we know there can be great cost?

A friend of mine recently sent me a report from the Congressional Research Service listing the war casualty statistics from all of the wars the U.S has been involved in the last 225 years. In looking at the number of Americans who have given their lives to defend our freedoms, it drives home the point of how minor an impact I face and the importance of our work.

Looking back to the 405,399 Americans who died during World War II or the 58,209 who perished in Vietnam and the 3,341 (as of 2 Jun 2007) who have given their lives in Iraq it is obvious that our service is needed. In Vietnam, about 1 in 3 injured Americans died, while in Operation Iraqi Freedom the number is close to 1 in 10. This is why we do what we do. Although one death is too many, every American that we can bring back home or return to duty is a victory for us.

Of course, how do you explain that to a teenage daughter? Luckily I didn't have to explain anything else, as we cruised along my daughter smiled and mentioned "Dad, I think I may join AFROTC".

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Air Force artists to paint reservists caring for patients



Air Force Art by Alexander Bostic

Two Air Force artists traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in August to see how Air Force reservists care for patients.

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Richesson and Alexander Bostic of the Air Force

Art Program saw first-hand the full cycle of patient care from loading and unloading patients on the flightline to the in-patient recovery process at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Aug. 6-12. They watched injured men and women arrive and leave through a contingency aeromedical staging facility.

The paintings these artists create from their experiences will become a permanent part of the Air Force Art Collection. Their work will document the Air Force Reserve's aeromedical and ground support to the Global War on Terrorism in the universal language of art.

Col. Shaun Maynard, reserve advisor to the 3rd Air Force commander, met with the artists. He told them about the role unit traditional reservists and individual mobilization augmentees play in the total force effort to provide aeromedical support for American troops.

"We have IMAs working alongside their active-duty partners performing critical duties in support of the Global War on Terrorism," he said.

At Ramstein's air mobility operations control center, IMAs and Regular Air Force Airmen work in airfield management, aeromedical evacuation, transportation, and other critical tasks in direct support of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Central Command. After the artists left the center, they went to the flightline to watch the loading and unloading of military aircraft at Ramstein's ramps.

One deployed reservist, Lt. Col. Robert Dangredo, led a team of four reservists from the 932 AES, Scott AFB, Ill. He explained to the artists how the reservists worked with Regular Air Force and Air National Guard Airmen to load and unload patients at Ramstein and the LRMC.

"What we have here is a dedicated team of Air Force reservists who work hand-in-hand with the Guard and regular Air Force in moving patients both ambulatory and litter," he said. "One thing you will notice is that we have a standardized patient movement regimen from receiving to departure. We work around-the-clock to ensure our service members are treated with the best care possible."

Medical people from other Air Force Reserve medical units were at Ramstein caring for patients in the contingency aeromedical staging facility as the injured prepared to go to the States. The reservists belonged to the 920th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.; 94th ASTS, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.; 433rd ASTS, Lackland AFB, Texas, 445th ASTS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 446th ASTS, McChord AFB, Wash.; 914th ASTS, Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, N.Y.; 932nd ASTS; and 419th Medical Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah.

This was the first overseas tour for the new Air Force artists.

"We have witnessed heroes at work, treating and caring for heroes from the battlefields," said Mr. Bostic, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. "No matter the hour or the day, these care providers work with an extreme sense of urgency and with the compassion of saints."

Ms. Richesson is a professor at Cal State-Long Beach University. Her first Air Force artist assignment was at the inauguration ceremony for the "Spirit of Ronald Reagan," a C-17 assigned to the 452nd AMW at March ARB, Calif.

"Seeing the Spirit of Ronald Reagan in action on the Ramstein flightline, moving critically ill patients, was indeed both a surprise and welcome sight to me," she said. In January 2006, Ms. Richesson watched Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC, pilot the aircraft and officiate its dedication with Mrs. Nancy Reagan.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I think I'd be within the Spirit of Ronald Reagan's fuselage observing litter patients, nurses, medical technicians and aircrews at Ramstein doing what they do best," said Ms. Richesson.

An Air Force Reserve aircrew from the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Andrews AFB, Md., flew the artists to Germany in a KC-135 commanded by Maj. Robert Blake. In addition to transporting the artists, the aircraft and crew performed down-range pickup and delivery of patients.

To capture these images, the artists took hundreds of still photographs and drew many sketches on-site so that within a year they will be able to transfer those images to canvas for the AF Art Program.

AFRC sponsored the artist trip in an effort to preserve through artwork the many contributions made by the command's operations, transportation and medical teams in the GWOT fight.

Mr. Bostic perhaps said it best: "Our paintings will depict the humanitarian efforts made by Air Force Reserve Command personnel and be a lasting tribute to those care and support providers who do their jobs extremely well, day-in and day-out, without fanfare." (AFRC News Service)

Wing partakes in Air Force Heritage Week



Chief Master Sgt. Teresa Kennedy, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, explains their mission inside a C-130 at the Mustangs and Legends Air Show Sept. 28, 2007. (U.S. Air Force photo/Laura Darden)

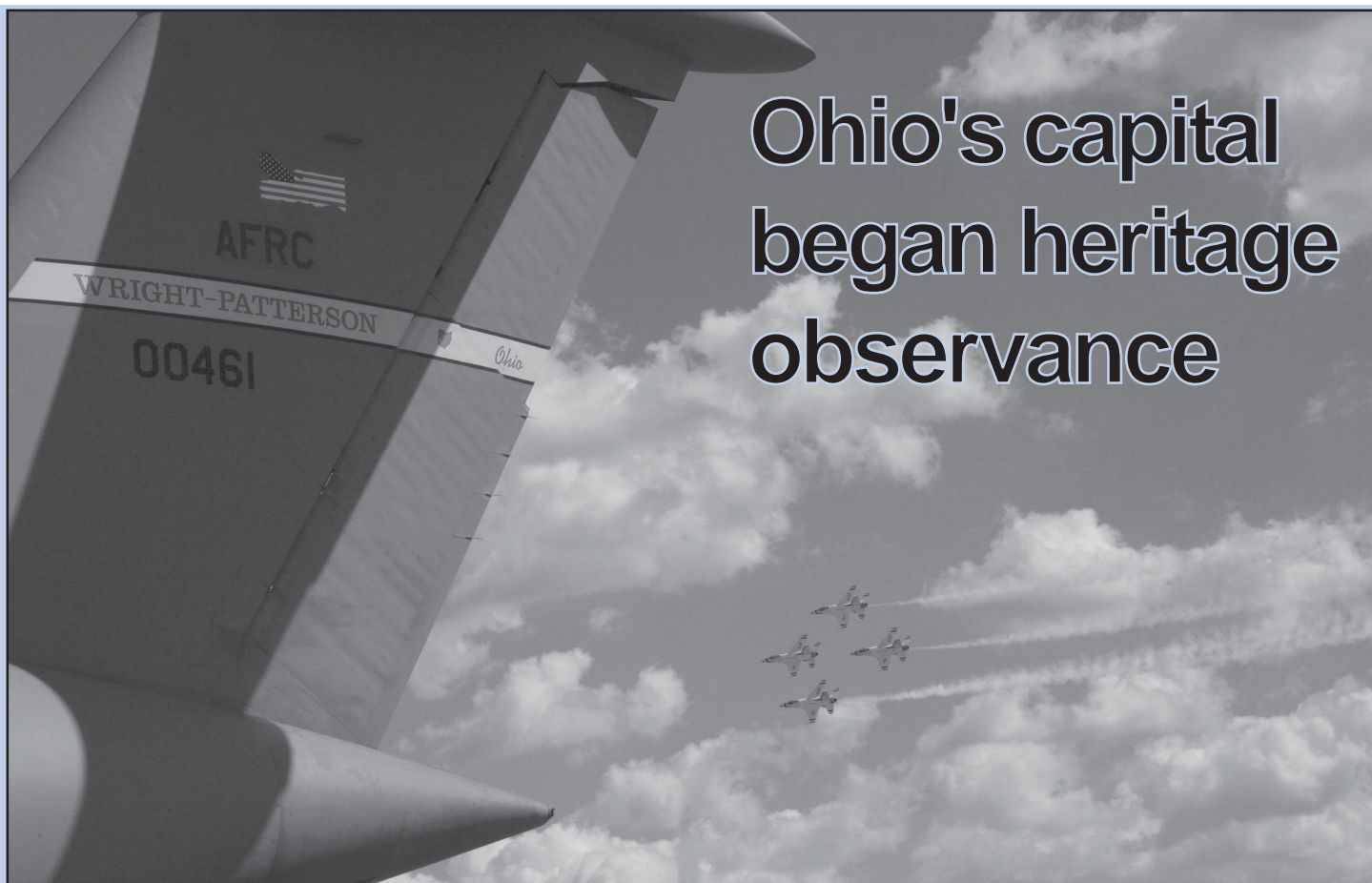


Master Sgt. Paula Oliveri and Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Leveck, both from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, talk with Chuck Howard, at the Air Force Reserve recruiting station during the Mustangs and Legends Air Show. The reservists volunteered to help at the recruiting station during the air show. (U.S. Air Force photo/Mary Allen)



Top Left, Spectators from the Mustangs and Legends Air Show walk into the wing's C-5 Galaxy Sept. 28, 2007. Left, The Air Force Reserve Recruiting bus parks next to the wing's C-5 Galaxy at the air show. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Maj. Ted Theopolos)





Ohio's capital began heritage observance

Air Force Thunderbirds fly by the tail of the wing's C-5 Galaxy during the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends Air Show Sept. 28, 2007. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Ted Theopolos)

The Ohio lieutenant governor proclaimed Sept. 24 to 30, 2007, as Air Force Heritage Week in a Sept. 24, 2007 ceremony at Columbus's Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher invited the public to join in "a time of remembrance and recognition for the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force and to turn their thoughts, prayers, and thanks to Ohio's men and women who are serving and have served our nation."

Several events and displays were available including a free concert Sept. 25 by the Air Force Band of Flight from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman attended the concert and expressed the city's gratitude for the Air Force's service to the nation.

The activities took place Sept. 28 to 30 at the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends at Columbus Regional Airport Authority where modern, state-of-the-art fighters flew in close formation with World War II and Korean War vintage fighters. The Air Force Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, performed at the gathering following a round of visits and activities in the city.

Airmen of the 180th Fighter Wing from the Toledo, Ohio, Air National Guard performed a flyover at a Major League Soccer game Sept. 30 in Columbus. During the game, via a video "shout-out," Gen. Bruce Carlson, the commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presented an American flag flown during Operation Enduring Freedom to the Columbus Crew team, which played the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Of the more than 500,000

men and women who serve in the Air Force as either uniformed members or civilian employees, 25,000 of them are assigned to Ohio's Air Force installations, including Guard and Reserve bases. About 65 percent of these people are assigned in the Miami Valley-Dayton area alone, home to Wright-Patterson AFB. (AFPN)



Capt. LaDonna Schreffler, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron explains their mission at the Mustangs and Legends Air Show. (U.S. Air Force photo/Laura Darden)

Enlistment ceremony - one to remember

By Maj. Ted Theopolos
445th Public Affairs

The United States Museum of the Air Force is full of historical items. It will also be a place to remember for those who raised their right hand and gave their oath to their country Oct. 13. This was the location for a mass enlistment ceremony for several enlistees and reenlistees. They will always remember this as the place they gave their oath to their country in front of their family and friends.

In the auditorium of the museum, Air Force Reserve recruiter Master Sgt. Brian Burgin began the ceremony by welcoming everyone and having the Honor Guard Post the Colors on stage. After the national anthem, he asked the masses to single file onstage to take their oath.

Col. Mary Henderhan, 445th Mission Support Group commander, came on stage and administered the oath of office into the United States Air Force Reserve to 32 enlistees and or reenlistees. Afterwords, she welcomed the troops.

"Congratulations and welcome to the Air Force Reserve family," said the colonel. "I'd like to thank your families for being here today and for their support. For those of you in the audience please take the time to shake their hand and thank them for joining to fight for our country's freedom."

After the ceremony, the enlistees and reenlistees head out the doors while shaking hands for a photo opportunity under the printed sign in the museum stating "The Early Years."

It was a short enlistment ceremony, but one to remember.



Reserve Enlistment October 2007

Air Force Reserve recruiters along with Col. Mary Henderhan, commander of the 445th Mission Support Group (left) stands with 32 new recruits and enlistees in front of The Early Year's exhibit inside the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Colonel Henderhan did a mass enlistment for the recruiters Oct. 13, 2007, to start the new fiscal year 2008 enlistment drive. This was one of many events to highlight the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 60th Anniversary. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Ken LaRock)



Col. Mary Henderhan talks with a new recruit after the mass enlistment ceremony.



Members of the 445th Airlift Wing along with new recruits await their time to take the oath of office.



Col. Mary Henderhan, 445th Mission Support Group commander, administers the oath of office to new recruits.

Promotions

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



Staff Sergeant

Adam Ackley, 445 MOF
 Michael Andrewes, 445 CF
 Michael Baker, 445 AMXS
 Jean Ann Banner, 445 AES
 Rachael Bieniecki, 445 OSS
 Christy Carter, 445 ASTS
 Jessica Cottrell, 445 SVF
 Michelle Henry, 87 APS
 Christopher Lipps, 445 CF
 Steven Mauter, 445 AES
 Joseph Miller, 445 AMXS
 Rachele Squires, 445 AES
 Brian Sudkamp, 445 AMXS
 Seth Webber, 445 SVF



Technical Sergeant

Keith Beckerich, 445 AES

Jesse Dunbar, 445 AMXS
 Sherica Hall, 445 OSS
 Thomas McRoy, Jr., 445 CES
 Kimberly Trawick, 445 AES



Master Sergeant

Charles Childers, Jr., 445 MSG
 Luke Schroeder, 445 MXS



First Lieutenant

Tobby Ray Evans, 87 APS

Newcomers

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

Maj Kenneth Brown, 445 AW
 TSgt Jeffery Engel, 445 CES
 SSgt Joy Kinser, 445 CES
 SSgt James Kirklin, 445 SFS
 SSgt Michael McDowell, 445 CES
 SSgt James Shade, 445 AMXS
 SSgt Ashley Wallace, 445 ASTS

SrA Dilon Delay, 445 AMDS
 SrA Candice Green, 445 ASTS
 SrA Justin Hodge, 445 SVS FLT
 SrA Lekeisha Perry, 89 AS
 A1C David Hinkel, 445 CES
 A1C Andrew Slahta, 445 CES
 A1C Gregory Taylor, 445 CES
 AB Nathan Brown, 445 CES
 AB Kyle Cramer, 87 APS
 AB Devin Larsen, 445 MXS

Awards

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

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Michael Ponder, 445 SVF
 MSgt Scott Phillips, 445 CES
 TSgt Roger Brewer, 87 APS
 TSgt Charles Childers, 445 CES
 TSgt Michael Van Oss, 445 CES
 TSgt Charles Wilson, 445 CES

All Air Force Reserve officer candidates to train at Maxwell

Starting in October, Air Force Reserve Command will send all candidates for reserve line officer training to the Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Previously, only rated officer candidates - pilots, navigators and air battle managers - attend OTS at Maxwell AFB.

The first combined class of rated and nonrated Air Force Reserve officer candidates at Maxwell AFB starts Oct. 11 and graduates Jan. 18.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff, announced this change and other total force initiatives Sept. 13 during a ceremony at Maxwell AFB. Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander, attended the ceremony with General Moseley.

"In light of the ongoing total force integration initiatives, Air Force Reserve Command has secured enough OTS class seats to accommodate all Air Force Reserve line officer candidates," wrote General Bradley in a memo to his commanders in June.

Each year Air Force Reserve Command receives 155 officer candidate training slots for unit reservists, individual mobilization augmentees and Active Guard Reserve fulltime reservists.

In the past, AFRC did not send all of its officer

candidates to OTS because of a lack of class seats available. Eighty of the candidates went to OTS, and 75 attended training at AMS.

One major difference between OTS and the Academy of Military Science is the duration of the training. OTS is 12 weeks; AMS is six.

During the first six weeks of OTS, officer trainees are "underclassmen." They go to classes, and focus on physical training, drill and ceremonies, and standardization. During the final six weeks of training, the "upperclassmen" develop as leaders and mentors for a new group of underclassmen. They attend field training exercises, projects and small arms training, while building team skills by overcoming challenges in a simulated deployment environment.

Many of the officer candidates who attended AMS were prior enlisted. The only prior-enlisted people who were eligible to attend OTS were the ones applying for a rated position.

General Bradley said sending all line officer candidates to OTS will standardized their training and enhance force development of newly commissioned officer. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

News Briefs

Thanksgiving Baskets



All First Sergeants will be collecting names for the Thanksgiving basket program. If you know someone in need of a basket, contact your first sergeant by Nov. 4, 2007. The baskets will be built at the commissary Nov. 17, 2007. For more information contact your first sergeant.

VA Christmas Party



The annual Dayton Veterans Nursing Home Christmas Party is scheduled

Dec. 8, 2007. For the party Master Sgt. Henry Harlow will be collecting donations for the veterans needs. These items range from socks to toothbrushes. For a complete list or for more information contact Sergeant Harlow at 257-3784.



Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Oct. 3, 2007. The mission of the CFC is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal work place on behalf of charitable organizations. For more information or if you would like to give, please contact Senior Master Sgt. Julie Haskell at 257-7688.



Airmen from the 586th, 886th and 887th Security Forces Squadrons, including Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Spradlin, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, (standing third from left) display the sports equipment which members of the wing collected and sent to them for their enjoyment while deployed down range. (Courtesy photo)

Sports gear jump starts morale

By Mary Allen
445th Public Affairs

The 445th Public Affairs received an e-mail from Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Spradlin, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, while deployed down range for a need of sports equipment for the troops.

The 445th Public Affairs office requested help by publishing their need in the Buckeye Flyer in July.

Because of the generosity of the wing members we were able to collect enough sports equipment to fill up six boxes. We collected baseballs, bats, footballs, basket-

balls, dart board, and frisbees. Then we shipped them Oct. 2, 2007.

The Public Affairs office received an e-mail from him recently and this is what Sergeant Spradlin said, "On behalf of the Airmen of the 586th, 886th and 887th Security Forces Squadron please accept our heartfelt thanks for the sports equipment you gathered and sent to us. The weather is starting to cool off here nicely and we are forming leagues in various events. Outdoor Recreation is a KBR contract and not very well supplied, so the stuff you sent is awesome. Thanks again."

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