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Senior Airman Brad Scheidt, 445th Security Forces Squadron, and his wife Danicia, spend a few moments together before Airman Scheidt leaves for his six month deployment to Southwest Asia. The 445 SFS deployed 18 members in December and 13 more in January. (Air Force photo/Maj. Cynthia Harris)

## Security Forces Squadron deploys

By Maj. Cynthia Harris  
445th Public Affairs

Eighteen members of the 445th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron left Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for Southwest Asia Dec. 20, and 13 more departed Jan 23. The reservists will be deployed for six months in support of ongoing security operations.

While deployed, security forces members will perform duties including mobile patrol, quick reaction teams, tower guards, convoy and entry control point security (physical searches, credential checks and escort coordination), said Master Sgt. Walter Bennett, SFS security manager.

Although the first group left just days before Christmas, they were enthusiastic and eager to deploy.

"I've been waiting a while for this," said Senior Airman William Bowden. "I'm glad I finally get the opportunity to deploy and make a difference."

Airmen Bowden will deploy as a M240 machine gunner. He will serve as a member of the mobile quick reaction force and respond to any alarms on the Tactical Automated System or suspicious activity. He may also be called upon to provide escort on and off base for convoy security.

As Tech. Sgt. Khristopher Powell packed his mobility bag, he said, "I feel proud to serve and do my

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## Commentary

# Farewell from the Command Chief

By Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser  
445th Airlift Wing Command Chief

For those who have not heard, I am moving on to another position within the wing. I have been fortunate and blessed with the opportunity to be your command chief for the past three years. It is truly an honor and also humbling to serve with such an outstanding group of people.

In these three years I have learned a lot about we, and me. "We



can accomplish great things if we don't care who gets the credit." This is true in every sense, as nothing in life or this wing is supposed to be about ME.

When we as a people focus properly, we accomplish great things. This is evidenced by the long list of outstanding accomplishments of this wing and its members. All of us doing our best help raise each other up to succeed in our lives within the reserves and our own personal lives at home and work. We help each other juggle at least three glass balls in our lives; family, jobs, and reserve jobs. I know many of you and mostly my family has helped me juggle the balls and supported me in this position. This is critical to each individual's success while serving during this time of war. Drop a ball and things get a little messy.

There are more demands on the reserve forces today than at any time in the history of America; this

will not change for some time in our future.

So, continue to be the best at what you do. Our positions in the Air Force require that we be the best. This is what this great nation we call America needs from us. Please continue to focus on your professional military education requirements and complete it as soon as you are eligible. Take it in residence if you can. The benefits are immeasurable and you will be ready for promotion when the opportunity arises.

Colonel Goeman will be selecting a new command chief for the wing in the next month. I have every confidence it will be the best selection.

Thank you for the great support you have given me and I am sure I'll see you around the wing.

Final thought; "All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope." --Sir Winston Churchill

## A life without hope is no life at all

Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Brown  
445th Airlift Wing

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Though my list is less ambitious than in years past, I have never let go of the fact that I can continue to achieve, grow, and prosper a little more in the upcoming year than in the previous year. The hope that tomorrow will be better than today is a belief that is crucial to our mental and emotional well-being no matter what the past may have brought. The turning of the page to a new calendar year seems to carry a promise of hope and better times. The changes and events of the past year occurred at a level rarely surpassed in recent years. Our nation has a new president, and the economy is mired in a severe slump. The 445th has a new commander, many squadrons have seen a change of leadership, and many have been shipped overseas in harm's way to protect the freedom of this great nation. This list does not begin to mention the tremendous changes

which occurred in the lives of individuals in our unit.

Perhaps no one reading this was enduring more hardship than Jeremiah, a prophet in the Old Testament who lived around 700 B.C. He had just seen his country and city destroyed by an enemy army, the remnant of his countrymen falsely accused him of being a traitor, and he had lost most of his personal belongings. To top it off he was kidnapped and brought to Egypt against his will. Yet Jeremiah maintained that God held a future and a hope for himself and those around him. He wrote the following words from the Lord: "I alone know the plans I

have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for." - Jeremiah 29:11. These words of Jeremiah represent the Biblical approach to the future. They should serve as encouragement for all of us. A life lacking hope may be said to be no life at all. As a Christian and a chaplain I hold to the words written by Jeremiah as a premise to approach the days, weeks, months, and years to come. I encourage you to hold fast to these words and never give in to the perils of pessimism.

May God bless you and these United States of America.

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# Security Forces Squadron deploys

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part. I'm humbled by this and just want to make a difference." Sergeant Powell has been deployed four times since Sept 11, 2001.

Family members also voiced their support of the deployment.

Michelle Grice, wife of Master Sgt. John Grice, and a former Air Force member and Army brat stated, "I totally support his deployment. I understand the entire deployment process. He'll be fine because he knows his job. He'll be alright."

The Grices are expecting a new baby while Sergeant Grice is deployed. Mrs. Grice says she'll be a little sad that he won't be there for the birth, but she has an awesome support system in place.

Sergeant Grice will serve as a sector flight sergeant during the deployment. He will direct supervision of all mobile patrols, quick reaction teams, tower guards, and entry control points in his sector on his 14 hour shift, explained Master Sgt. Bennett.

Another security forces member, Senior Airman Bradley Scheidt, has been in the Air Force for three years. This is his first deployment. He was joined at the send-off by his wife Danicia, mother Lisa, father Tim and grandfather Tom. Airman Scheidt's father and grandfather both served in the Air Force.

"I'm glad he gets the opportunity to serve his country. I'm very proud of him and will miss him," said wife Danicia. He's doing what he's always wanted to do, added his mother.

Numerous family members were on hand for the send-off. The families were joined by Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser, command chief.

"I'm extremely proud of our men and women, and their families. Each day they make sacrifices in service to our country. Thanks for volunteering and your willingness to serve. Be reassured that the 445th will take care of your families while you're deployed," said Colonel Goeman.



**Top: Master Sgt. John Grice, 445th Security Forces Squadron, watches his sons, Ryeley and Devin, play video games before leaving for his six month deployment to Southwest Asia.**

**Bottom: Tech. Sgt. Michael Carley, 445 SFS, interacts with son Brice before departing for deployment. Daughter Gabriel and wife Daffiney look on. The Security Forces Squadron deployed 18 members in December and 13 more in January. (Air Force photos/Maj. Cynthia Harris)**

# Blood drive scheduled for fellow wing member

445th Public Affairs

Members of the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron will sponsor a blood and bone marrow drive Saturday, Feb 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion, 526 Legion Lane in Fairborn, Ohio.

The drive is being held in honor of Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, a 445th AES member recently diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) sub type 2. Because of her current medical condition and multiple blood transfusions, she needs units of blood and a bone marrow transplant.

Those interested in donating blood are asked to make an appointment by going to <http://www.donortime.com>; click on "Find a Sponsor" and use sponsor code 986. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 12:50 p.m.

No appointment is needed for those who'd like to be a bone marrow donor.

Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest is married to Marcus, and they have four children, Brandon, 16; Katie, 14; Paige, 14; and Zack, 5.

For more information about the blood and bone marrow drive for Master Sgt. Golden-Vest, contact Maj. Kimm Sandusky at 257-5777. For up-to-date information on Sandi's daily journey, go to <http://sandinvest.blogspot.com/>.



Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest



## C-5 takes a bath

Ricky Flamer of Starlight Corporation washes the landing gear of a 445th Airlift Wing C-5 aircraft. The C-5 takes a bath at Dover Air Force Base, Del. every, 180 days and every inch of the plane is washed. The wash process takes one full day and includes lubricating the flight controls, landing gear, and the cargo doors. (Air Force photo/Senior Airman Andria Allmond)

# C-5 armed and ready for battle

By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Public Affairs

A four-person team from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., began installing armor on five 445th Airlift Wing C-5 aircraft Jan. 26. The team, composed of two crew chiefs and two electronic environmental specialists, will spend the next three-five weeks installing the armor with each aircraft taking an average of 3-5 days for the installation process.

The 445 AW received five kits, each containing the armor pieces that will be fit together and installed in the flight deck area. One C-5 has already gone through the process. Four more kits will be sent in the near future to meet the goal of having all 10 aircraft outfitted with armor.

"The process is like putting together a big jigsaw puzzle. Several pieces are fit together to form the armor," said Master Sgt. Timothy Davis, Sortie Support Flight Chief, 445th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron.

Sergeant Fujimoto added that the pieces are connected with what they call "Superman Velcro."

"This is the strongest Velcro I have ever had to deal with. It's time consuming but the team we have working the installation is very proficient with this process," he said.

Sergeant Fujimoto said the weight of the armor is approximately 2,100 pounds. Of that, 1,500 pounds has to be carried into the flight deck, 150 pounds to the left and right of the jump doors and the rest to the liquid oxygen compartment. He

added that the team will get quite a work out during the installation process.

Once installed, the armor will act like a bullet-proof vest to the aircraft and help protect the crew and equipment on the flight deck.

"Having the armor installed on our aircraft is a big safety factor," said Sergeant Davis. "It protects the flight crew from small arms fire from the ground." The armor will also reduce the threat of damage to vital, internal parts of the aircraft.

Lt. Col. Mike Baker, 445th Operations Support Squadron, Chief of Current Operations, said one of the main impacts the armor will have is that it

will allow the aircraft to fly into critical areas of the Area of Responsibility (AOR) that were once restricted unless certain waivers were granted for aircraft that did not have armor installed.

"When aircrew members board the aircraft and see the armor, they immediately sense the enhanced aircraft capability. They know that even if their original mission did not require armor, the aircraft

modification will allow them to accept certain itinerary changes requested during mission execution," said Lt. Col. Baker.

Sergeant Davis said once the armor is installed, it's meant to remain installed unless the aircraft is sent away for maintenance. When this happens, the armor is removed and stored during the duration. If normal maintenance is needed on the aircraft, any necessary pieces of the armor will be removed then re-installed upon completion of the maintenance requirement.



**Master Sgt. Rick Fujimoto, a crew chief with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, installs battle armor to the pilot's seat of a C-5 Galaxy. Sergeant Fujimoto is the armor installation team leader overseeing 445th Airlift Wing's C-5 armor installation process. (Courtesy photo)**

# First Sergeant of the Year

**Senior Master Sgt. James Felton, Jr.**, is the 445th Airlift Wing's First Sergeant of the Year. Sergeant Felton is the First Sergeant of the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, where he has provided sound advice to the entire enlisted and officer force. He increased his squadron's college completion rate by 20% and increased the unit's overall fitness level by 24%. Sergeant Felton is an active member in the First Sergeant and Top Three Councils where he participates in fund raising drives for the Air Force Sergeants Association, Combined Federal Campaign, Toys for Tots, Fisher House, and the Make a Wish Foundation. Sergeant Felton has also served as a board member for Habitat for Humanity.



**Senior Master Sgt. Felton, Jr.**

# Teen Summits

Funding is available for two Air Force Reserve/ Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits being held this year. The summits are open to 15-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

Applicants are required to complete an application to include essay questions and Code of Conduct. Application and criteria are located at the following website: [www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit](http://www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit).

Below is more detailed information about each summit:

**July 13-17, 2009 - Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonega, GA (site of the 2008 Summit)**

Summit will focus on developing an awareness of programs and services available to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard dependents.

**July 27-31, 2009 - Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Jekyll Island, GA**

Summit will build upon information gained at the first Summit so attendees should come with a basic understanding of programs and services available to them as dependents of AFR/ANG.

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## Deployed Unit: 445th Civil Engineer Squadron

The civil engineer squadron recently sent a newsletter to update the wing on duties and progress while deployed to Southwest Asia. These photos are from their newsletter.

Top left: Staff Sgt. Dave McLaughlin and Senior Airman Joseph Poorman

Top right: Staff Sgt. Rob Gorfi

Bottom left: Senior Master Sgt. Don Hawk

Bottom right: Staff Sgt. Ken Baker

*Next month's featured unit will be the 445th Security Forces Squadron*



## Awards

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

### Meritorious Service Medal

Capt George Hilyard, 445 AES  
SMSgt Michael Dugan, 445 AMXS  
MSgt Janet Spellerberg, 445 MSF

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Lt Col Roger Seiber, 445 OSS  
Capt Leland Shea, 445 AMXS

## Newcomers

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

Lt Col Matthew Peters, 445 AMDS  
Maj John Adams, 445 ASTS  
Maj Andrew Martin, 445 AMDS  
Maj George Palmer, 445 AMXS  
Maj Janet Sweeney, 445 OSS  
Capt Sharon Ellis, 445 AES  
TSgt Charles Bretz, 89 AS  
TSgt Timothy Coleman, 445 MXS  
TSgt Chance Long, 445 MXS  
TSgt Gregory Ridgeway, 445 MXS  
SSgt Cassandra Bartlett, 445 MG  
SSgt Steven Gwinner, 445 AMXS  
SSgt Cassidy Helregel, 445 OSS  
SSgt Patrick Kirby, 87 APS  
SSgt Cesar Leal, 445 AMDS  
SSgt Melisa Lopez, 445 CES  
SSgt Michael Oldfield, 445 AMDS  
SSgt Elmer Querubin, 445 AMDS  
SSgt Mark Reel, 445 CES  
SSgt James Sparks, 87 APS  
SSgt Jeremy Weisenberger, 87 APS  
SSgt Jeffrey York, 87 APS  
SrA Ramon Ahrman, 445 MXS  
SrA Tyrel Babb, 445 MXS  
SrA Jamie Biermann, 445 MSF  
SrA Scott Burkhart, 445 LRS  
SrA Michael Jakes, Jr., 445 OSS  
SrA Aminata Kelley, 445 MSF  
SrA David Richards, 87 APS  
SrA Brandon Robinson, 445 MXS

SrA Justin Staten, 445 MXS  
A1C Christina Adkins, 445 MXS  
A1C Luke Gourley, 445 CES  
A1C Ieshea Lattimore, 445 MSF  
A1C Ryan Mullaney, 445 MXS  
A1C Josephine Santiagoramos, 445 ASTS  
A1C Sean Steele, 445 AMXS  
Amn Chris Bruther, 87 APS  
Amn Donald Carelock, 445 CES  
AB Ebony Bass, 445 MOF  
AB Daniel Cowin, 445 AMXS  
AB Toran Farrow, 445 SFS  
AB Eric Greiner, 445 SFS  
AB Rita O'Connor, 445 SFS  
AB Brittany Ward, 445 SVS FLT

Afton Wright, 445 AES  
Christopher Yacullo, 445 AES



### Master Sergeant

Charles Anderson, 445 MXG  
Richard Ellison, 445 CES  
Glenda Marck, 445 AMDS  
Kristen Parsons, 445 AMDS



### Senior Master Sergeant

Donald Hawk, 445 CES



### Captain

Michael Champine, 89 AS

## Promotions

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



### Airman

Brandon Miller, 445 SFS  
Rita O'Connor, 445 SFS



### Airman First Class

Adam Clay, 445 MXS  
Kevin Horn, 445 SFS  
Seth Inman, 445 SFS  
Cara Storer, 445 ASTS



### Senior Airman

Brian Horn, 445 SFS  
Devin Larsen, 445 MXS  
Ieshea Lattimore, 445 MSF  
Jeremy Schwartz, 445 ASTS



### Staff Sergeant

Paul Humphries, 445 CES  
Matthew Krauss, 445 CF  
Tony Pasley, 445 AES  
Curtis Schuman, 445 SFS



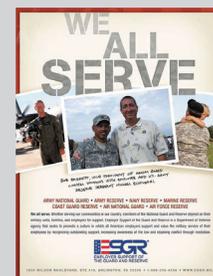
### Technical Sergeant

William Burns, 87 APS  
Steven Ponichtera, 87 APS  
Siam Siripavaket, 445 SFS  
Jon Webber, 87 APS

## Employer Appreciation Day

Here is your chance to show your civilian employer the important work you do as an Air Force Reservist!

Ask your supervisor and/or employer to join us May 2, 2009 to gain awareness of the 445th Airlift Wing mission. Just fill out a 2009 Employer Appreciation Day form located on the Air Force Portal on the 445th Airlift Wing page under "Events," and on the wing intranet under the public affairs section. The form will also come to you by email. Please submit the forms to the 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office in building 4010, Room 171, or email to [445AW.PA@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:445AW.PA@wpafb.af.mil). All nominations must be submitted no later than April 5, 2009.





Master Sgt. Roland Stinnette, 445th Maintenance Operations Flight, recently finished a mural in the 445th Maintenance Group building 4012. Sergeant Stinnette was asked by Col. Anna Schulte, 445th Maintenance Group commander, to design the mural. The mural represents a collage of the 445th since its inception at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1994. In addition to being a reservist, Sergeant Stinnette is an illustrator for the 88th Air Base Wing Services division. (Air Force photos/Maj. Cynthia Harris)

## News Briefs

### Commander's Call

Commander's Call will be held April 5 and April 19 at the base theater at 7:30 a.m.

### Deployment News

If you or your spouse is deploying, please be sure to let your children's teachers know! Teachers and other school staff can be more helpful with our military families when they know about big changes in the family. Deployments and TDYs are big changes, and military children can really benefit from the extra support from their school.

### Hometown News Release

Have you been promoted, changed jobs, or received an award? Let your family and friends know about all the happenings in your Air Force Reserve career through the Hometown News Release Program. The link is on the wing intranet page under Public Affairs and the Air Force Portal. You can attach photos too!



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