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**Reservists at Indy 500!**

## A Call to Action!

By Chaplain (Capt.)  
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“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8

Recently, I attended a conference where the main theme was “Love In Action.”

One of the keynote speakers mentioned how vital it is for people to be in a loving community, corporately but also individually practicing love in the care of others closest to themselves.

As a chaplain I thought of the church I serve as well as the unit I serve. The 445th Airlift Wing is an incredible corporate action-packed blessing to the area that surrounds it! When we come together, not only do we do the mission, but we volunteer at the VA, help families in need, donate toys for children and the list goes on and on.

What about your home? Are you being a blessing to all those around you on the home front? What about your individual calling and mission? Do you sacrificially love friends, relatives, co-workers, associates and most importantly God? Love is a verb. It requires action.

One of my favorite quotes is by Mother Teresa. She said, “We cannot do great things, only small things with great love.”

I promise if you individually do all the above you will be blessed and will be a blessing to others!

**Cover: Tech. Sgt. Anna Tracy, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, marches with other military members during the Indianapolis 500 Military Appreciation Day May 24. Fifteen members from the 445th Airlift Wing participated in the event that included all military services. (Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock)**

## Are YOU Ready to be a Leader?

By Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski  
445th Airlift Wing Command Chief

Are YOU Ready to be a Leader?

Have you ever considered the fact that you already are one? Whether you supervise or train someone, you are no doubt a leader to someone in your life. Whether it's a child, sibling, friend or even your parent, someone looks up to you.



So what's the deal with not being able to be recognized as a leader in the Air Force? Good question. Unless you're an airman basic, you ARE considered a leader. Think about that a minute. If you are an A1C, an airman basic looks up to you and more so as you gain rank. You ARE a leader to someone – you may just not have the title or the responsibility commensurate with what you're already doing.

So let's talk a minute about leadership and how we, as your senior leaders can help you gain more experience and knowledge Air Force leadership techniques.

As you know, the Air Force has a rank structure that tells us exactly how much responsibility is expected at each rank. As we advance, we are required to take on the roles of trainer, supervisor, evaluator and leader. We must start holding each other accountable no matter what rank is on our sleeves or lapels, because with each promotion we earn, more is expected of us. Yet, why is it that our promotions are oftentimes treated like an entitled pay raise with nothing more expected on the leadership end? In order for us to be able to function

effectively and efficiently, we must use the basic foundations on which our leadership structure was founded. Maternal and paternal approaches in the work setting are counterproductive because they don't allow our junior enlisted members to experience learned supervision and leadership.

The concept is simple and one that we learned in kindergarten. Be responsible for what you do and accountable for your actions, then tell the Airmen in your charge what are your expectations of them and vice versa – let them share with you what they expect of you as a leader. Listen carefully to them. The best leaders are those that have inspired and empowered Airmen and have given them a voice that is heard.

Most leaders possess certain characteristics, to include servitude, collaboration, vision, openness, empowerment, ethics, listening, questioning and empathy among others.

In the coming months, you'll hear about some leadership opportunities. One is a professional development seminar. This seminar will offer tracts in leadership techniques, progressive discipline, mentoring, effective writing for appraisals and decorations, interviewing skills, and force development. I hope that those interested in becoming a better leader will partake in this seminar – it's one way to help you develop your skills so you won't feel awkward when you become a rater or supervisor.

Never be afraid to lead or voice your opinion, concern or suggestion – it's the only way we will be able to grow as a unit. But most importantly, never forget you ARE a leader.

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# Lt. Gen. Stenner and reservists attend VA picnic



Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, talks with Veterans Affairs residents June 6, at the annual Dayton VA Medical Center picnic. The VA visit was part of General Stenner's first visit to the 445th Airlift Wing. The general had breakfast with Airmen, hosted a commander's call and spoke at the unit's military ball while here.



Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Webster, 445th Maintenance Squadron, assists a veteran during the annual VA picnic. Reservists from the wing support the event every year by preparing and serving food, giving haircuts, and providing company for the VA residents.



Master Sgt. Damon Lee and Senior Airman Cordell Washington, both of the 445th Services Flight, visit with a VA resident during the annual VA picnic. Reservists from the 445th Airlift wing work with Air Force Sergeants Association Kittyhawk Chapter 751 annually in support of the event.



Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Badgett, Command Chief, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., talks with Marjorie Works, a VA resident, during the annual picnic June 6, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Every June, members of the 445th participate in the annual event.

*Air Force photos/  
Senior Airman Robert Nelson*

# Base and community come together to aid reservist and his family

By Airman 1st Class Amber Russell  
445th Public Affairs

When a person's sense of security and comfort becomes altered by life's unexpected events, a timeless cliché can come to mind- the only constant in life is change, and a crisis can lead to enriched character and advancement.

Recently, Tech. Sgt. Gregg Shepherd, 445th Security Forces Squadron, was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While he was away defending our nation from hostile enemy regimes, the lives of his expectant wife, Karen, his two-year old daughter Angel, and his parents Ross and Gerelene Draper, were jeopardized by what was said to be an electrical house fire that took place May 18 around 2 a.m.

Chief Master Sergeant Peri Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing command chief, said the entire house and all of their belongings inside were mere ashes and unrecognizable remnants of possessions they once found comfort and security in. There were only enough salvageable items to fill a gym bag.

Anyone who has experienced this type of loss can relate to feelings of despair and frustration.

Sergeant Shepherd said he was nervous about the circumstances he faced on the flight back home. "Once I got off the plane and saw everyone, I knew it would be alright," he stated.

He was greeted with American flags and salutes by a crowd of military members and civilians alike. "It was overwhelming to have complete strangers say, 'sorry about your house and thank you for your service,'" he said.

Chief Rogowski said the base and surrounding community pulled together to provide donations to meet the entire family's needs and show support. Members of the Air Force

Sharon Dondlinger, SFS commander, and the entire security forces squadron along with Senior Master Sgt. Julie Haskell, services flight, have done an amazing job of taking care of our Airman and his family."

Fellow wingmen of all ranks came together, along with the community. The family has been provided lodging, clothing, household goods and furniture, and donations to help this service member and his family through

this transition.

"I can't keep up with the amount of household goods, furniture and clothing; there's too much pouring in," Chief Rogowski said.

"I never envisioned this kind of support," Major Dondlinger said. "It's absolutely amazing!"

Sergeant Shepherd and his family's support of our nation during wartime show great strength in character. The service members at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and members of the community have enhanced their

character by helping his family through this crisis.

Sergeant Shepherd is truly grateful and humbled by all of the support he and his family have received. "I never thought that my house burning down would turn out to be a blessing," he said. "I would like to thank everyone personally although that would be nearly impossible because of the enormous amount of support received," he added.

The truism, the only thing constant in life is change, can often be followed by this: crisis is incubation for enriched character and advancement.



Air Force photo/Maj. Cynthia Harris

**Tech. Sgt. Gregg Shepherd is greeted by Ohio Patriot Guard Riders as he arrives home from Iraq to the support of family, unit, base, and community members, after a tragic house fire.**

Reserve were also compelled to come together to show humanity and what it means to be a great wingman; proving that being a member of the reserves is like having a vast extended family.

"This is an amazing base and community effort. I think everyone is just blown away," Chief Rogowski said. "The cohesiveness of 'Team Wright-Patt' has been demonstrated significantly!"

In response to the base effort, she said to Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, "Master Sgt. John Koehl, SFS first sergeant, Maj.

# C-5 goes around the world in 13 days

By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Public Affairs

A 445th Airlift Wing C-5 Galaxy flew around the world, picking up and delivering cargo for two weeks in June in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Aircrew members assigned to the 89th Airlift Squadron and two crew chiefs assigned to the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron had the opportunity to add more stamps to their passports because their aircraft flew on missions that took them to Colorado, Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan, Diego Garcia, Japan, Korea, Alaska and California before returning home.

The crew originally set out on one mission. The crew's aircraft commander, Capt. Frank Saul, knew of cargo planes flying out of California that were taking on missions flying further and further west; basically, taking them around the world. He saw this as the perfect opportunity to extend their trip to take on another mission to do just that. Plus, at the same time, it would save another unit from being tasked if they could take on this second mission.

"I called someone I knew at the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and asked him if they had anything going further west bound; going all the way around the world. He looked into it and got back to me, and said they had a mission that they could use our support on. They contacted our current ops, and we got the approval through maintenance, operations, and scheduling to accept the mission. The crew was excited and willing to stay with the trip for a few more days," Captain Saul said.

The first leg of the around the world mission had the crew delivering Army supplies from Colorado to

Afghanistan. On their way to Afghanistan, the crew stayed the night in Iraq in makeshift sleeping quarters built out of old shipping containers that were retrofitted into trailers.

The second leg of the trip included an overnight stay in Diego Garcia for crew rest before picking up cargo at two different locations in Japan. The captain said most of the cargo they picked up included household goods that needed to be shipped back to the United States.

"Basically, the cargo we picked up in Japan was composed of anything that had to be moved from the Pacific back to the States. We picked up roughly 40,000 pounds of cargo at each location, filling up most of the plane, and flew it to the United States," Captain Saul said.

The crew stopped in Alaska for crew rest before dropping off the cargo in California. After dropping off their last load, it was time for the aircrew to make one more trip and that was to fly home to Wright-Patt.

"This was an amazing experience. We traveled in two hemispheres, flew near the 38th parallel, and passed through several time zones. It was a lot of work but very rewarding in the end," Tech. Sgt. Joshua Roland, flight engineer, said. "We experienced a lot of different cultures in one trip and sampled different cuisines—eating Japanese food one day followed by German the next day," Sergeant Roland added.

Both Captain Saul and Sergeant Roland concurred that everyone on the flight did a great job and that the C-5 performed exceptionally well for such a long flight.

"I love my job and this was a great trip. Our unit went above and beyond by volunteering to pick up the second mission," Captain Saul said.

## Wing announces quarterly award winners



**Senior Airman Kristen Smith** is the 445th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter. Airman Smith is assigned to the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

She was a "Distinguished Graduate" from Logistics Technical School. Airman Smith palletized more than \$75,000 of medical equipment for deployment of multiple AES crews. She's currently enrolled at Ohio State University, working on a bachelor's degree in zoology.



**Staff Sgt. Kira Zyski** is the 445th Airlift Wing Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter. Sergeant Zyski is assigned to the 445th Logistics Readiness

Squadron. Her unit praises her as an excellent mentor. She was awarded the 4th Air Force Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award, out of 14 units, which recognizes outstanding individuals who are identified as future leaders within the Air Mobility Command community.



**Senior Master Sgt. Charles Duke** is the 445th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter. Sergeant Duke is assigned to the 445 AES. He was

selected as a superior performer by the Health Services Inspection Team. Sergeant Duke was hand picked to assist McGuire AFB and other units in preparation of their upcoming HSIs. He is currently pursuing an education degree in training and development at Northcentral University.



## Deployed reservists selected as monthly award winners

By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Public Affairs



**Tech. Sgt. Steven Durham**

Two reservists currently deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, have been chosen as the 506 Air Expeditionary Group Non-Commissioned Officer and Airman of the Month respectively. Tech. Sgt. Steven Durham, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, was selected as the NCO of the Month. Senior Airman Joseph Easterling, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces

Squadron, was selected as the Airman of the Month. Both reservists are assigned to the 445th Security Forces Squadron.

"I couldn't be happier with the performance of Sergeant Durham and Airman Easterling. These two troops have definitely set themselves apart from the rest of the troops, and I can always count on them to get the job done,"

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Imsdahl, 506 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, NCO in charge, said.

Both reservists will be returning from their deployment later this summer.



**Senior Airman Joseph Easterling**



Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock

## Civil engineer squadron welcomes commander

Col. Mary Henderhan, 445th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Christopher Cunningham, incoming civil engineer squadron commander, during the June 13 change of command ceremony. Colonel Cunningham was the CES operations officer prior to his new position.

## Wing reservist wins Air Force-level award

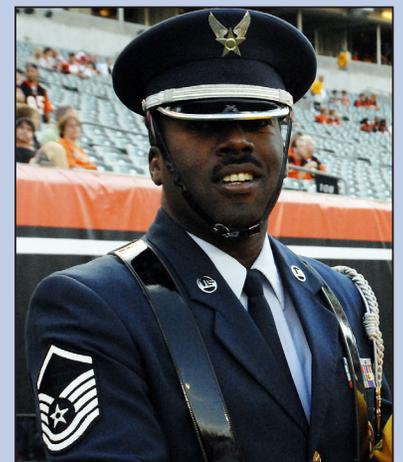
By Stacy Vaughn  
445th Public Affairs

A reservist assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing was selected as the 2008 Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Base Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year June 2.

Master Sgt. Mark Lyle, 445th Mission Support Group and Superintendent of the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base active duty honor guard, was selected as the Air Force winner and has won the Air Force Reserve Command Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year four consecutive years.

Sergeant Lyle's accomplishments for the award period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008, include the coordination of 2,086 funerals and support of 291 Color Guard events within a six-state, 210,000 square mile area. He was also personally committed to program excellence and performed more than 63 honor guard details, including high visible protocol events. Over the time period, the 88th Air Base Wing Services Division received more than 800 letters congratulating honor guard performances.

The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Annual Honor Guard Awards program recognizes professional performances by Air Force enlisted personnel working military funeral honors and ceremonies while assigned to the USAF Honor Guard or base honor guard programs.



Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock

Sergeant Lyle will be recognized along with the winner of the Base Honor Guard Member of the Year on Aug. 19 by the CMSAF at the Air Force Sergeants Association Air Force Honors Banquet held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

## News Briefs

### Active Duty vs. Reserve Softball Challenge

Active-duty personnel take on 445th Airlift Wing reserve personnel July 11 at Dodger Field (Area C, Kittyhawk). The exhibition game is from 6 to 7 p.m. and the official game begins at 7 p.m. Come out and support the reserve team!

### Dayton Air Show

The Vectren Dayton Air Show is July 18-19. The gate opens at 9 a.m. and the show begins at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at a discounted rate of \$17.00 for adults. Tickets purchased online or at the gate are \$19.00. The C-5 Galaxy will be on display at the air show and the 445th Airlift Wing will perform a C-5 flyover on Saturday and Sunday.

### Air Force Marathon

The 13th annual Air Force Marathon is scheduled for September 19. For registration and more information about marathon events, runners should go to [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).

### 101 Critical Days of Summer

The 101 Critical Days of Summer program runs between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Remember to make safety a habit and always wear a seatbelt. For more information about summer safety, visit the 445th Airlift Wing's Safety Office in building 4010 or visit the Air Force Safety Center's portal page.

## Awards

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

#### Bronze Star

Lt Col Donald Wren, LRS

#### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Valorie Jarreau, OG  
Maj Paul Grimes, AW  
Maj Cynthia Harris, AW  
CMSgt Aaron Mouser, MXG

#### Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt Jonathon Kollmann, AW  
TSgt Russell Leganik, MXG  
TSgt Diane Williams, ASTS  
SSgt Benjamin Bratka, AW  
SSgt Dawn Pine, ASTS

#### Air Force Achievement Medal

Maj Kenneth Brown, AW  
Maj Janene Luff, ASTS  
TSgt Brian Algeo, SFS  
TSgt Jeffrey Assini, ASTS  
TSgt Randy Smith, LRS  
SSgt Matthew Krauss, LRS

## Promotions

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



#### Airman First Class

Kyle Altman, SFS  
Michael Blackthorn, LRS  
Toran Farrow, SFS



#### Senior Airman

Adam Clay, MXS  
Kyle Cramer, 87 APS  
Dawn Gettys, SFS  
Aaron Gough, MXS  
Lidai Ma, MOF



#### Staff Sergeant

Sierra Cabungcal, AMDS  
Dusty Grimes, CES  
Kristen Hubbard, MXS  
David Jones, 87 APS  
Jessika Meyer, AMDS  
Kevin Strickland, AMDS



#### Technical Sergeant

Joshua Caulley, MXS  
Troy Johe, SFS  
Christy McDowell, ASTS



#### Master Sergeant

Daniel Bentancur, MSG  
James Hartsell, 87 APS



#### Senior Master Sergeant

David Ellis, LRS  
Michael Kalbfleisch, 89 AS  
Jamie Smith, MXS



#### First Lieutenant

Christopher Smith, AES



#### Major

Jeremy Flannery, AW  
Brian Guthrie, SVF  
Daiga Koenig, AMDS  
Danielle Pfeister, OG



#### Lieutenant Colonel

Gregory Baxley, AW  
William Dickens, AW

## Newcomers

*Welcome to the following reservists recently assigned to the 445 AW.*

Maj Paul Cannon, AW  
Maj Michael Vollmer, LRS  
Capt Anthony Colberg, AMXS  
Capt Andrew Howard, AES  
MSgt Jeffrey Grigg, CES  
SSgt Sarah Kavanaugh, 87 APS  
SSgt Michael Keibler, ASTS  
SSgt Anthony Minor, SFS  
SSgt Sammuell Pulver, MXS  
SSgt Michael Schneider, CF  
SrA Christy Cadle, AMXS  
SrA Joshua Craig, 87 APS  
SrA John Devore, AMXS  
SrA Dennis Kimble, LRS  
SrA Michael Lemon, AMXS  
SrA Robert Nickel, AMXS  
SrA Wanda Schnee, AMDS  
SrA Joel Wilson, ASTS  
A1C Rudy Corpus, AMXS  
A1C Jeremy Johnson, MXS  
A1C Jacqueline Lamothe, AMDS  
A1C Lidai Ma, MOF  
Amn Andrew Riley, 87 APS  
AB Akwasi Agyemang, ASTS  
AB Carl McComb, AMXS



# On the Web

Check out the 445th Airlift Wing Web site for the following photos and stories .  
[www.445aw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil)



445th hosts military ball



Reservists participate in annual spring motorcycle event



Wing remembers first Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force



Deployed reservist part of fence build up



OSU coach meets deployed reservists



Air Force photo/Maj. Cynthia Harris

Congressman Michael Turner, the Ohio 3rd District Representative to the United States Congress, discusses issues that affect the 445th Airlift Wing and Air Force Reserve Command during a visit June 4, with Col. Stephen D. Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Peri L. Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing command chief.

## Wing leaders on Capitol Hill

### 445th Public Affairs

Col. Stephen D. Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Peri L. Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing command chief, were in Washington, D. C., June 1-4, as part of the Air Force Reserve Headquarters Commanders Congressional Orientation Course. The course included a legislative update, the omnibus process, and information on current and future issues affecting the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve. The course gave commanders a better understanding of Air Force Reserve

challenges that come up during the annual legislative cycle.

In addition to the course, wing leadership participated in their annual Commander Congressional visits. The visits allow wing leaders to meet with congressmen representing their areas to discuss issues and concerns facing their units. Colonel Goeman met with Congressman Steve Austria, who represents the 7th Congressional District of Ohio; Congressman Michael Turner, the Ohio 3rd District Representative to the United States Congress; and Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown.

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