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445th brings holiday cheer

By Capt. Caroline Wellman
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The 445th Airlift Wing continued its annual tradition of bringing holiday cheer to the residents and outpatients at the Dayton Veterans Medical Center Dec. 5.

Airmen from the wing have been attending the Air Force Sergeants Association Kittyhawk Chapter-sponsored luncheon for more than a decade, providing basic necessities, small gifts, and a few hours of companionship.

Prior to the holiday lunch, wing Airmen tend to speculate about who gets more out of the event – the veterans or the wing's members.

"I think it's important to expose our young people to this history," said Chief Master Sergeant J.J. Smith, 445th Maintenance Squadron, who has driven the bus to the event for the last nine years. "When we come down here, we're touching a part of society that has been neglected...(but) these are our brothers and sisters who have fought to preserve a



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Leedy, 445th Operation Support Squadron, talks with veterans at the Dayton Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Dec. 5.

way of life and we can't neglect them."

For some of the veterans, the sentiment was a little more light-hearted.

"I enjoy it when people come here (to visit). It's enjoyable to talk to you. Plus, there's free food," John Shuey joked. Mr. Shuey served in U.S. Marine Corps reconnaissance from 1948 to 1957.

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Wing hosts contingency ISO inspections

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Maintenance Group began conducting the mandatory isochronal inspections in November to keep the C-5 Galaxy out of the hangar and mission ready. The unit volunteered to conduct three contingency ISO inspections with a possibility of five.

ISO inspections are thorough examinations of the entire aircraft. During these inspections, aircraft maintainers look for and repair problems in every system, from nose to tail and wingtip to wingtip. ISO inspections on average are a 35-day process.

Dover Air Force Base, Del., was selected as the active-duty C-5 ISO site because of facilities, main-

tenance support, base support, manpower requirements and other supporting data, in 2006. Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., became the new center for in-depth maintenance on all Air Force Reserve C-5s Dec. 13, 2006. In early 2009, the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard, was designated as a C-5 ISO inspection site. The Air Force consolidated eight C-5 ISO facilities into three in order to increase aircraft availability while cutting support costs.

Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Grass, 445th Maintenance Squadron, is part of the wing's ISO team and

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Superior people produce superior results

By Col. Stephen D. Goeman
445th Airlift Wing Commander

As we kick off a new decade, let's take a moment to review all that has transpired in 2009.

Six major inspections were completed and all six were completed in a truly superb manner.

The entire wing was subject to a grueling Unit Compliance Inspection in October and our maintenance and mission support group units completed their first Logistics Compliance Assessment Program visit during the same time frame.

All three of our medical units were subject to Health Services Inspections, and they too were found to be exemplary. Our operations group units then brought the inspection season to a close with their exceptional performance during the aircrew standardization evaluation visit in November.

Think about the effort needed to produce such great results. Each individual assigned to this wing should be proud of their effort for it has been acknowledged at the highest levels of the Air Force Reserve.

Chief Rogowski and I have



been honored to visit our squadrons and recognize the best of the best with wing coins in honor of their individual and team efforts. If only I had 2,000 wing coins available to hand out, I would do so because every Airman, civilian, and Air Reserve Technician in the 445th Airlift Wing made a major contribution to our success!

What's next? It's now time to focus on our mission. We need to get you involved with your primary job. We need to get you fully engaged during your unit training assembly weekends in your career specialty. The number one issue we hear is how our Airmen are not being utilized to their full extent during UTA weekends or during other periods of duty. I am asking that our unit leadership make the effort to challenge our reservists and find the most effective way to use your individual talents. We have extraordinary people in this wing with extraordinary abilities. I need to ensure we don't waste your talents. We need every one of us working effectively as a team as we do the business of this wing.

My final words are to pass along the comments I received from Brig. Gen. Kyle, the Air Force Reserve Command inspector general during the UCI outbrief which he passed along to Lt. Gen. Stenner. "There are no worries at Wright-Patterson, they have great people and it is obvious that they just get it."

Thanks to all of you for showcasing your programs and being recognized for the superior Airmen you are. Let us return to the business of our wing and build on the many successes of our past and continue to get even better.

A New Year's resolution to feed your spirit

By Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew C. Simpson
445th Airlift Wing

At this time each year, millions of people in our country will make New Year's resolutions. The most common resolution people make is either to eat less or to eat more healthy food, in short – to take better care of one's physical need.

Our physical need is one of the total wellness needs; in addition to our emotional, social and spiritual needs. We must attend to all these needs to have balance in our lives – to be totally well.

Most often, we attend to feeding our physical, emotional and social needs, but we neglect our spiritual need. Perhaps, because our "spirituality" is the most abstract and invisible of all our needs, we are not intentional about meeting that need. Unlike feeling physical hunger when we miss even a single meal, we most often do not feel our spiritual hunger,

even when we neglect nourishing our spirits for long durations. However, just as our bodies need the proper nourishment to survive and thrive, so do our spirits.

Isaiah 57:15 presents the Holy God as one who wants to satisfy our spiritual hunger, regardless of our position or condition,

For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

"I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite (NIV)."

Your chapel team members, as visible reminders of the Holy God, stand ready not just to be a reminder of your spiritual needs, but primarily to meet those spiritual needs. As your newest chaplain, I look forward to serving and meeting your spiritual needs this New Year!

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First sergeant of the year

Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Rodriguez, 445th Maintenance Group first sergeant, has been selected as the wing's first sergeant of the year.

Sergeant Rodriguez has been with the wing for 11 years; 3.5 of those years in maintenance. She was selected as the wing logistics compliance assessment program superior performer for her unit's family care program – 13 of 13 plans exceeded the requirements with zero discrepancies. Her relentless and tenacious efforts resolved a deployed Airman's travel reimbursement issue; avoiding delinquency. Sergeant Rodriguez recently co-chaired the maintenance group's holiday fare with more than 400 adults and 130 children in attendance. She is active in the base community; to include being a lifetime member of the Air Force Sergeants Association and a member of the Air Force Association.

Sergeant Rodriguez's package will now go up to the 4th Air Force for their board.



Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Rodriguez

Firefighters train during UTA

By Senior Airman Robert Nelson
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The members of the 445th Fire Protection Service gathered at the firefighting training site November 22. More than a dozen firefighters met under the training eyes of Master Sgt. Ken Finch, assistant chief of training, and Master Sgt. Harley Sheppard, assistant chief of operations, who have a total of more than 40 years of fire service experience.

While the focus of training in the morning was directed towards ventilation of structures and a review of the tools of the trade, the latter half of the day was spent training on the deployment of ladders and structure rescue operations.

According to Sergeant Finch, the training was directed towards the newer members of the unit as well as others with some experience.

It was also prevalent during the training that this unit used their time wisely. There were full-time and part-time civil service firefighters sharing techniques and experience. This not only bonds them as a single unit, but also serves as a think tank. Civilian fire departments that employ these reservists also benefit from the training. The firefighters show each other what exactly works when climbing the ladder and what does not.

Observing the firefighters during training, one could not help but notice the devotion to their wingman. Safety is paramount. Not one firefighter was without proper gear, gloves, and helmet. They watched over each other as a father would over his child.

Recently six members returned from a deployment to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. They were actively involved in the training to help fellow Airmen who do not have the "real world" experience that they gained while deployed. The team spent the weekend training for a future annual tour.

When the 445th Airmen activate for deployments, they will serve as the lead team in combatting any incident involving the C-5. This illustrates the quality of training our firefighters and others in fire protection receive, stated Sergeant Finch.

(See firefighter training photos on back cover.)

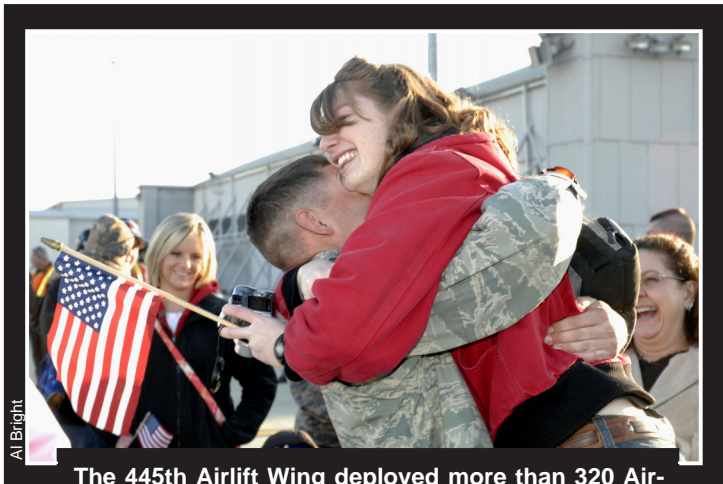


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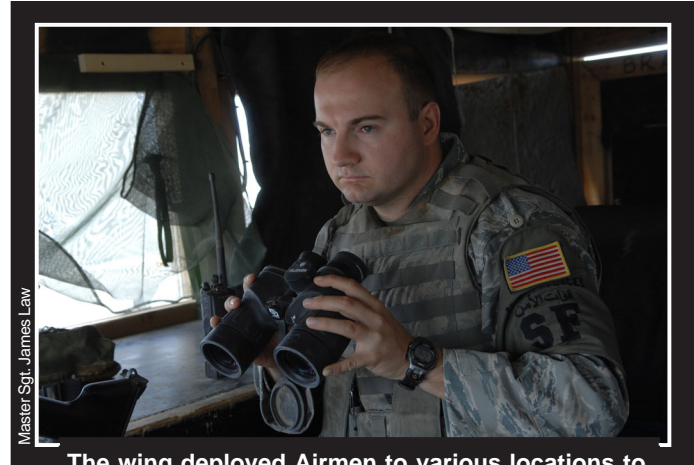
Brig. Gen. Keith Kries, U.S. Forces Korea, Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing command chief, serve Christmas dinner to reservists at Pitsenbarger Dining Hall.

A look back at...



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The 445th Airlift Wing deployed more than 320 Airmen in 2009 to support ongoing operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas around the globe. Photo: Staff Sgt. James Epley, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, is greeted by family and friends March 15, after returning from a deployment in Afghanistan.



Master Sgt. James Law

The wing deployed Airmen to various locations to include Kandahar, Al Udeid, Balad, Kirkuk, Guam and Bagram throughout 2009. Photo: Tech. Sgt. William Akers, 445th Security Forces, assigned to 506 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, checks his vector while posted in a guard tower.



Maj. Jose Cardenas

The 89th Airlift Squadron supported the war effort by transporting more than 10,792 tons of cargo and 4,738 passengers in 2009. Photo: Master Sgt. Jon Winters, 89th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, prepares the C-5 Galaxy for take-off.



Laura Darden

Wing Airmen participated in community events to include six C-5 flyovers, four air shows, Employers Day, Congressional visits and civic leader tours. More than 2,000 guests toured the C-5 and wing organizations. Photo: The base honor guard prepares to post the colors at the Great American Ball Park, home of the Cincinnati Reds, during Military Appreciation Day Aug. 29. Left to right: Airman 1st Class Rachel Mueller, Master Sgt. Mark Lyle, Senior Airman Gerhard Schumacher and Staff Sgt. Cathy Ulmer.

2009!



Al Bright

Members of the wing hosted a military ball June 6. Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander, was the guest speaker for the event. Annual award winners were recognized during the ball. Photo: Col Stephen Goeman, 445 AW commander, walks through sabers during the military ball.



Lt. Col. Jim Couzins

Our Airmen conducted annual tour training in different locations to include Hawaii, England and Alaska. Photo: Wing members head out by boat to practice what they learned in water survival class at Key West Naval Air Station, Fla., in February.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

The 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron had another busy year providing medical care to our wounded warriors by transporting more than 12,000 patients. Photo: Lt. Col. Christopher Matlack, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, prepares flight gear before a training flight Dec. 16.



Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock

The maintenance group worked hard all year to keep the C-5s flying. The wing flew more than 640 sorties for a total of 3,038 flying hours. Photo: Master Sgt. Josef Taylor, 445th Maintenance Squadron, uses a hydraulic aircraft tubing repair machine.

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said this is not a permanent situation for the wing, just a temporary fix.

“The contingency ISOs we are doing is not as in depth as a regionalized ISO, such as those conducted at Westover and Dover. These are abbreviated ISOs so we can do it with less people. Westover and Dover are set up to take on the more major inspections than we can because they have the manpower and the right kind of equipment. For example, we don’t have the maintenance stands like the ISO set up they have so access up to the tail with the equipment has been a limiting factor,” Sergeant Grass said.

Sergeant Grass said that even though they are not conducting the more in-depth inspections, it’s still a big project that relieves some pressure put on Dover and Westover.

“Westover and Dover stood up; now Martinsburg is standing up as a regionalized ISO. All the other C-5 bases are supposed to send their airplanes to them. However, with the change to the new MXG-3 Inspection schedule, Wright-Patt volunteered to facilitate the transition by doing some of the ISOs for fiscal year 2010. Col. (Anna) Schulte (445th Maintenance Group commander) stepped up to have us do three of these contingency ISOs, with the possibility of five, to sup-

port the C-5 MSG-3 transition and the C-5 Enterprise,” Sergeant Grass said.

The first C-5 the wing conducted an ISO inspection on belonged to the wing. Two C-5s coming from the 164th Airlift Wing,

create a new ISO work center. It’s basically a hodge-podge of people from different shops; aerospace repair shop; communication/navigation; hydraulics; crew chiefs; etc.,” Sergeant Grass said.

Master Sgt. Steve Rhodes, 445th Maintenance Squadron, aerospace repair shop, said they basically had to build the program from the ground up; in a manner in about a month and a half.

“We had to completely rewrite the ISO package that Dover had sent us in order to conform with our local quality assurance. We even had to establish a tool room,” he said.

Sergeant Rhodes added that the experience has been rewarding to the traditional reservists working the ISOs. “As a traditional reservist, a majority of the time, we don’t get the chance to actually work on

the aircraft as much as we want to. A lot of times you come in and you end up doing a lot of ancillary training. Being part of the ISO team has been not only a challenge but it’s also been a great benefit for training where we’ve actually got people more involved and getting a lot of hands on experience,” Sergeant Rhodes said.

“We have a fantastic crew everybody has a fantastic attitude. They’ve got that drive to get things done and I think because of that, we’re a little ahead of schedule,” Sergeant Rhodes said.



Staff Sgt. Ken LaRock

445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen repair a C-5 Galaxy engine.

Tennessee Air National Guard, Memphis, Tenn., are next. The final two have not been confirmed yet but are possibilities.

“While conducting our first ISO inspection, we found some things that needed to be repaired as we were going along. That’s part of what this is all about—finding these things before something happens to the airplane,” Sergeant Grass said.

Sergeant Grass said unlike Dover and Westover, nobody was designated to be part of the ISO team; it was all volunteers. “We didn’t

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion also put on events at the medical center, which he’s attended, he said, but it was the first time he’d attended an Air Force event there.

But for one Airmen, it was the best of both sentiments.

“It’s about the veterans, about giving back to them,” said Staff Sgt. Natalie Storms, 87th Aerial Port Squadron. “Plus, I’m a people person, so I get to meet inter-

esting people and talk to people for a couple hours.”

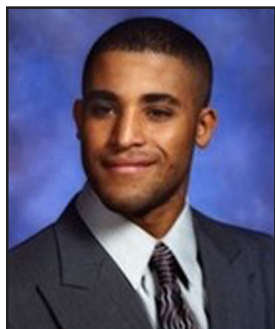
More than 100 Airmen attended the gathering, and the wing donated enough items to fill a 15-passenger van. Dayton’s Gem City Band and members of the Air Force Association provided music.

The 445th Airlift Wing Chief’s Group is planning to return to the medical center in February and a larger contingent from the wing is planning to return for the medical center’s summer picnic.



News Briefs

In Memory



Staff Sgt. Derek Gibson, 445th Maintenance Operations Flight, passed away recently. Our thoughts

and prayers go out to his family.

Inclement Weather

For the latest severe weather-related workforce reporting delays or base closings tune to Miami Valley area radio and television stations. You may also call 937-656-SNOW (7669) or go to the the Wright-Patterson Web site at www.wpafb.af.mil. If you still have reporting questions, contact your supervisor.

Chapel Hours

Chapel services have changed. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the wing chapel, building 4010. Please contact the chaplain's office at 257-0589, if you have questions.

Employer Support Freedom Award

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is accepting nominations of civilian employers for the Freedom Award now - Jan. 18. This award allows service members to nominate civilian employers who have provided exceptional support. This award program helps promote strong relationships with civilian employers. To nominate an employer, go to www.FreedomAward.mil.

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

SMSgt Katherine Barnes, MSF
SMSgt Stephen Cottrell, SFS
SMSgt Tracy Phelps, MSG
MSgt Jerry Bunch, CES
MSgt Sandi Golden-Vest, AES
MSgt Aaron Long, MXS
MSgt Dale Shellenberger, CES
TSgt William Donaldson, CES
TSgt Ernest Haygood, MSF
TSgt Anne McNevin, 89 AS

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt James Highland, MSF
TSgt Robert Norsworthy Jr., MSF
SSgt Derek Gibson, MOF
SSgt Felicia Sexton, MSF

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Steve Rhodes, MXS
MSgt Robert Smith, MSF
MSgt Patricia Wortham, MSF
TSgt Joan Weldon, MSF
SSgt Douglas Bryant, MSF
SSgt Donald Griffin, MSF
SSgt Adam Naber, MXS
SSgt Zacharias Thorpe, CES

Air Medal

TSgt Adam Spellman, AES

Promotions

Airman

Jennifer Boggs, CES
Cody Cole, MXS
Anthony Farkas, LRS
Kerry Gastaldo, CES
Brittany Helton, AES
Travis McClain, CES
Anna Roberts, 89 AS
Ameer Thomas, LRS

Airman First Class

Alexander McCaskill, AMXS
Carl McComb, AMXS
Charae Parks, AES

Senior Airman

Benjamin Battista, 87 APS
Andrew East, 87 APS
Forrest Pilkenton, AMXS

Technical Sergeant

Melissa Beer, AES
John Weber, AMXS

Chief Master Sergeant

Jacqueline Larrison, 87 APS

Newcomers

TSgt Jefferey Dixon, MXS
SSgt Jonathan Robinson, CES
SSgt Douglas Young, AW
SrA Amanda Elder, AW
SrA Daniel Ramey, MXS
A1C Lisa Groce, 89 AS
A1C Jacob McCubbin, CES
Amn Stephanie Gray, ASTS
Amn Ryan Swain, 87 APS
AB Cody Cole, MXS
AB Thomas Duffey, CES
AB Jessica Prestwich, ASTS

Superior Performers

Four individuals were recognized as superior performers during the recent Unit Compliance Inspection for outstanding performance. **Master Sgt. Avery Turner**, 445th Airlift Wing and **Staff Sgt. Rhoda Salinas**, 445th Mission Support Squadron received outstanding performance recognition for courtesy, dress and personal appearance. **Maj. Marie Smith** and **Tech. Sgt. Debra Hatter**, both from the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, received team recognition as part of the emergency management team.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



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Photos by Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

Where's the fire?

Left: Staff Sgt. Zacharias Thorpe, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, climbs a ladder to ventilate a roof. Right: Staff Sgt. Zachariah Hastings, Senior Airman William Willis, and Staff Sgt. Zacharias Thorpe, all of the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, learn roof ventilation techniques during a recent unit training assembly.

On the Web



445th Airlift Wing Command Post and the 'Wizard of Oz'



Maintenance group volunteers build bags for veterans



University hospital staff observes AES training program

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