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Contingency ISO inspections completed early

By Capt. Caroline Wellman
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Airmen from the 445th Maintenance Group recently completed contingency isochronal inspections on four C-5 Galaxy aircraft.

The inspections, which are required every 420 to 480 days, depending on the program, couldn't be accomplished at the Regional ISO Facilities before the aircraft would become overdue and grounded.

To prevent the loss of mission-capable aircraft, Col. Anna Schulte, the 445th MXG commander, volunteered in June 2009 to accomplish four minor ISO inspections to assist the C-5 enterprise.

Instead of accomplishing the complete ISO inspections here, the 445th MXG completed four contingency ISO inspections under two different sets of criteria.

Airmen began the inspections here in Oct. 2009, with Air Force Reserve Command's approval.



Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

Master Sgt. Steve Rhodes and Michael Pressler, both in the 445th Maintenance Squadron, refer to a technical order before signing off maintenance documentation.

The wing was expected to complete the job by Sept. 30, 2010. But the Airmen of the 445th MXG bolted on the final panel of the fourth aircraft in early April. Master Sgt. Steve Rhodes, a traditional Air Force

Reserve aero-repair craftsman who was placed on active duty to serve as the ISO dock chief, signed off on the final inspection April 15.

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VA officials cutting insurance premiums for families

Department of Veterans Affairs officials announced military members insuring their families under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, which is administered by the VA, will have reduced out-of-pocket expenses beginning July 1.

"VA hopes these reductions will allow more military personnel to obtain affordable life insur-

ance coverage for their spouses, particularly in these difficult economic times," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "Without insurance protection, life after the loss of a spouse can be not only challenging emotionally, but can place a severe financial strain on a family."

Family SGLI, or FSGLI, monthly premium rates will be reduced for

all age groups by an average of 8 percent. The new rates are based on revised estimates for the cost of the program.

This is the third time that premiums have been reduced since the FSGLI program began in November 2001.

FSGLI coverage provides life insurance protection to military personnel for their spouses and children. Children

are automatically insured for \$10,000, with no premiums charged. Spouses may be insured for up to \$100,000.

FSGLI coverage is available in increments of \$10,000. The current and revised monthly premium rates per \$10,000 of insurance, along with other information, are available at www.insurance.va.gov.

Article courtesy of Air Force News Service

Forgiveness: seek it and give it

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Kollmann
445th Airlift Wing

“Leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:24

I see it far too much, people harboring resentment or not forgiving someone. This happens in the home, workplace, with a neighbor, brother, parent or friend. The person walks through life weighed down.

I like Catherine Ponders’ quote, “When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional

link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free.”

Forgiveness is key.

Is there a relationship in your life where forgiveness needs to happen? Maybe you need to ask someone for forgiveness. Possibly you need to forgive yourself.

“Notice in the Lord’s Prayer it states “forgive our trespasses **AS** we forgive those who trespass against us.” This is almost **instantaneous!** As we seek and/or desire we should be so ever careful to FORGIVE!”

As a Chaplain, I truly enjoy stating a key fact and reminding people, “God forgives you, so you go and do likewise!” I have seen people who were hunched over with guilt, walk out of the room, lighter and free.

Today seek forgiveness from someone you hurt. Forgive the one who hurt you.

Lastly, forgive yourself. God wants this for you.

Amen.

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Duty limiting conditions may affect your career

By Col. John A. Ellis
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Air Force Reserve Command recently enacted a medical “rule” for reservists which could adversely affect you career. The new rule states that if any Airman has a duty limiting condition (including fitness testing limitations) for any specific diagnosis, for a cumulative total of 365 days in his Air Force career (including active duty), that individual must apply for a waiver from AFRC Surgeon General in order to stay in the Air Force Reserve.



The intent of this rule is to assure AFRC has an accurate count of how many reservists are not 100 percent “good to go,” and for what reasons.

This new rule went into effect at the same time that the Preventative Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness, or PIMR, (AFRC’s medical readiness tracking system) came in active use. PIMR enables AFRC to track ev-

ery reservist’s medical readiness “real time.” “Green” in PIMR means you are “good to go.” “Yellow” means you have medical readiness requirements near expiration. “Red” means you are not medically world-wide qualified.

If you have a specific duty limiting condition for a total of 365 days, the AMDS is required to place you on a “non-participating” (P-4) profile. It is then your responsibility to bring in all relevant medical information from your treating physicians to the AMDS.

The AMDS will submit that information to AFRC, along with other necessary paperwork, and request a waiver for you to stay in the Air Force Reserve. The faster you submit all your relevant medical information to the AMDS, the faster you can get back to duty.

Bottom line: Always keep the AMDS notified of any change in your medical condition. Bring all relevant paperwork into the AMDS from your treating physicians, even if you are seen at the 88th Medical Center, as soon as you can.

Questions? Contact an AMDS physician in Bldg. 4012 every unit training assembly Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

445th Airlift Wing announces Spouse, Youth of Year

For the first time, the 445th Airlift Wing recognized a spouse and a youth of the year during its annual award banquet May 1, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Mrs. Lenore Myers, wife of Master Sgt. Greg Myers of the 445th Security Forces Squadron, was selected as Spouse of the Year for 2009, while Thomas Ozio, son of Chief Master Sgt. Shirley Ozio of the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was chosen as the wing's 2009 Youth of the Year.

In 2009, Myers acted as the liaison between 445th SFS senior staff, deployed members and their families. During that time, she helped several spouses with personal issues, to include one spouse going through surgery who needed help with transportation and babysitting. She also shared her personal experiences with spouses and significant others who were new to the



Courtesy photos

Air Force lifestyle and deployments.

Myers contributed her time and energy to multiple fundraising efforts on- and off-base, in addition to being active with her local church and the Girls Scouts of America.

Ozio, a senior at Centerville High School, made a significant grade point average improvement while actively involved in multiple school and community projects. He also

became an Eagle Scout, continuing in the Boy Scouts of America to earn bronze and gold Palm awards. He participated in fundraising events for local charities and hosted a weekly radio program.

Ozio is also a regular volunteer at the Dayton Children's Hospital, where he teaches patients how to make paper airplanes and once managed the "fly the farthest" contest.

445 LRS reservist takes command of Kirkuk's 506 ELRS

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron officer currently deployed with the 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron took command of the unit during a change of command ceremony at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, April 21.

Lt. Col. Joseph Savage took command of the 506 ELRS from Lt. Col. Charles Young. Col. Leonard Dick, 506th Air Expeditionary Group commander was the presiding officer for the ceremony.

Assigned as the commander of the 506th ELRS under the 506th AEG, Colonel Savage's unit is responsible for continuous ELRS operations. Due to the drawdown of the Air Force footprint and mission handover to the Army, he will be the last 506 ELRS commander at Kirkuk.

Colonel Savage oversees a staff of more than 90 active duty and

reserve personnel, covering eight flights.

"Our primary mission is to provide daily mission support to the AEG which includes; small terminal operations (including aerial port operations, air terminal operations center, and passenger terminal); re-deployment control center; material management; traffic management; vehicle maintenance and operations; just to name a few," Colonel Savage said.

The reservist said his unit also manages several key logistics tasks of the Responsible Drawdown of Forces; ensuring proper accountability of equipment, weapons, vehicles, and personnel.

"As the AEG turns over its mission to the Army, we are responsible for the proper turnover of assets when required and redeploy of assets to other bases within the AOR to support their missions," Colonel

Savage said.

Colonel Savage said his unit is ready and prepared for the turn over.

"The men and women of the 506 ELRS are the best. They will be faced with the awesome challenge of doing their daily mission while assisting the rest of the group in drawdown actions, and also completing the ELRS's own drawdown all at the same time," Colonel Savage said.

The colonel admits that his new role as commander has been a great learning experience so far.

"I'm continually amazed by the professionalism of the Air Force personnel and their positive attitude. They are extremely dedicated to the mission and take great pride in doing things right. I thank their families and especially my family for their sacrifice, love, and support," Colonel Savage said.

Aerial port squadron keeps things moving

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When the 445th Airlift Wing needs passengers and cargo transported, it looks to the 87th Aerial Port Squadron to keep things moving.

“The bottom line is that you have to have good people, otherwise your planning and execution ends up being that much more difficult,” said Major Jason Ortiz, squadron commander, during a recent annual tour trip to Hawaii. “We’ve been very fortunate to have such a great group of people with great attitudes and work ethic.”

The aerial port mission is a vital part of the Air Force mission. Both active duty and Reserve squadrons operate and provide logistical support throughout the world, including processing personnel and cargo, rigging aircraft for airdrop, packing parachutes, loading equipment, preparing air cargo and load plans, loading and securing aircraft, and more.

Airmen within these squadrons often refer to themselves as “aerial porters”, “porters” or “port dawgs.”

The 87th Aerial Port Squadron provides service for the C-5 Galaxy mission. However, it’s their support around the world that puts their name on the map.



Ken LaRock

Senior Airman Michael Leek, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, builds a pallet to train for future deployments.

While squadron Airmen come to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for the majority of their weekend training, the squadron does participate in exercises and annual tour duty around the world. The squadron’s trained in places such as Ramstein Air Base, Germany and Hickam Air Base, Hawaii, and have also participated in joint-exercises with other military services.

Airmen also support a variety of deployment missions, as well. During a recent deployment to Iraq, the Airmen helped move 62,500 tons of equipment and personnel.

Working with other units around the world allows for Wright-Patterson Airmen to gain experience they wouldn’t otherwise.

“Part of what makes the trip to Hawaii unique on the freight side is the opportunity to work with cargo that requires special handling,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jack Lake, 87th APS. “Stuff that is rarely seen at Wright-Patt like hazardous cargo, ammunition, human remains, outside cargo, blood and items that require refrigeration.”

Capt. Rodney McNany, 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs contributed to the story

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The accomplishment is impressive considering the 445th MXG had to stand up a qualified ISO program, which the group did in less than three months.

“(Getting this done) is pretty good for a unit that’s not equipped or manned to accomplish ISOs,” said Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser, 445th MXG superintendent.

To stand up a qualified ISO program, the Airmen involved in the ISO inspections had to develop a consolidated tool kit to track the tools they used, put together a stock of commonly-required hardware, set up a training program and accomplish the training, write and implement a tracking program, and develop a project management-type flow chart, Sergeant Rhodes said.

After standing up the ISO

program here and completing legacy contingency ISO inspections on two aircraft, 445th Airlift Wing maintainers faced another hurdle: converting the work package to new Maintenance Steering Group, or MSG-3, inspection criteria.

“In the last few years, the Air Force has adopted a different inspection concept,” Sergeant Rhodes said. “The original concept which we used until earlier this year was legacy inspection criteria. They changed the inspection concept to something more in line with the commercial airline model, which they call the MSG-3 inspection criteria or concept.”

The conversion from the legacy inspection criteria to the MSG-3 inspection criteria required the ISO team to develop new job standards

and a new tracking program.

In addition to standing up an inspection program and converting it half-way through the process, the 445th MXG overcame the loss of use of a hangar after the fire suppression system in the facility activated.

Under the watchful eye of Air Mobility Command – Colonel Schulte provided daily progress reports to the command – the 445th Maintenance Group overcame every potential obstacle in completing the contingency ISO inspections.

As a result, one of the wing’s own C-5 Galaxy aircraft; two from Memphis Air National Guard Base, Tenn.; and one from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, are mission-capable.

Yarn-Yarn Sisters crochet for a cause

By Capt. Caroline Wellman
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A few months ago, three women assigned to the 445th Maintenance Group discovered they all crocheted. A fourth woman, who knew nothing of the craft, wanted to learn. Somewhat spontaneously, the four of them decided to join forces to produce handmade items for local non-profit organizations.

The Yarn-Yarn Sisterhood was born.

Since December 2009, Tech. Sgt. Cassandra Bartlett, assistant to the 445th Maintenance Group commander; Staff Sgt. Chris Gatza, 445th Maintenance Group training manager; Tech. Sgt. Caroline Pagan, knowledge operations manager in the 445th Maintenance Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Lisa Quinn, 445th Maintenance Group training manager, have been meeting on a semi-regular, monthly basis to compare progress and artfulness of crochet projects.

They all admit there's only so much a person can make for herself to use, so they decided early on to donate their projects to others. Since then, they've been busy making scarves, hats, blankets and shawls for various causes, including the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"We picked the VA (hospital)," Sergeant Bartlett, who is new to crocheting and learning how to make new knots by watching YouTube tutorials, said, "because when we first started talking about doing this, the winter collection the wing does for the VA was going on. We thought it'd be good to make scarves and other items for them."

Each Airman is also involved in efforts to benefit non-profit organizations of their choice.



Capt. Caroline Wellman

Caroline Pagan, an air reserve technician and knowledge operations manager in the 445th Maintenance Squadron, crochets a scarf during a break.

Sergeants Gatza and Quinn have donated items for a charity fundraiser in Berea, Ky., that benefits the family members of hospitalized children. A scarf by Sergeant Gatza raised \$48 and a blanket she made raised \$60, Sergeant Quinn said.

Sergeant Pagan has donated items to a school in downtown Dayton, while Sergeant Gatza has donated items through a local charity to low income families in the Fairborn School District. Both school districts distribute the hats and scarves to children who lack appropriate winter attire.

The group is discussing expanding their donation efforts to include Operation Stork, which is run by the base's Airman and family readiness flight. The program provides handmade baby blankets, rattles and bibs created by volunteers to all babies born in the base hospital and babies born to 445th Airmen, said Senior Master Sgt. Jane Johnson, chief of education and training in the 445th Mission Support Flight, who admits to having a yarn fetish.



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

**87 APS,
445 MXS
change
commands**



Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

Col. Mary Henderhan, 445th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. John Marang, incoming 87th Aerial Port Squadron commander, as Senior Master Sgt. Michael Brimmer looks on during the May 16 change of command ceremony. Col. Anna Schulte, 445th Maintenance Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Suzanne Johnson, incoming 445th Maintenance Squadron commander, during the May 2 ceremony.



Laura Darden



Stacy Vaughn

Capt. Matt Judd (above), 89th Airlift Squadron pilot, escorts Grant Wilson, star of the television show, “Ghost Hunters,” on the 445th Airlift Wing flightline. Captain Judd and his brother, Staff Sgt. Chris Judd (right), 89th AS loadmaster, are assigned to the same unit but cannot fly on the same mission.

89th AS brothers share passion for flying

*By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Two brothers assigned to the 89th Airlift Squadron share not only a blood connection but a passion for flying. Capt. Matt Judd, pilot, and Staff Sergeant Chris Judd, loadmaster, are both happy to be assigned to the same unit.

“Having my brother here in the unit was weird at first but now it feels natural. I feel if I were to move on to a civilian job that he would come with me,” Captain Judd said. He added that it’s a lot easier to say, ‘hi’ face-to-face than it is to have to call each other long distance.

As the younger brother, Sergeant Judd said he’ll look to Matt for advice at times. “It’s cool having a brother in the same squadron. He’s been around longer than I have so he knows the ins and outs of being in the military,” Sergeant Judd said.

Captain Judd said when he first joined the Air Force Reserves, he didn’t understand the roles of each crewmember until his brother showed an interest in joining and

“But now I see how important his job as a loadmaster is to the military and also to our squadron.”

- Capt. Matt Judd

So the first couple years I worked here I was more or less telling my brother, ‘Hey, move along. Try and get your pilot’s license. Try to do this, try to do that.’ But now I see how important his job as a loadmaster is to the military and also to our squadron, I wouldn’t ask him to do anything differently,” Captain Judd said.

The brothers are happy to be part of the same unit but do not see each other that often while at work due because siblings are not allowed to fly on the same missions.

“We’re allowed to work in the same unit but we’re not allowed to fly together. Some of the examples

filling an enlisted aircrew position.

“At first I didn’t get a good look at what the other aircrew members (flight engineer and loadmaster) do.

we were given on why we can’t fly together includes; the five Sullivan brothers who were killed when their ship sank in 1942, and the movie, “Saving Private Ryan.” That movie seemed to be the turning point for changing the rules so that siblings could not to be able to be together on ships and airplanes,” Captain Judd said.

Sergeant Judd said that they both double check with scheduling to make sure they are not put on the same mission, which can easily be overlooked.

“It has happened before when we check the schedule so one of us has to opt out and find a replacement,” Sergeant Judd said.

Although they don’t get to fly on the same missions, they try and get together every now and then when they are both not out on a mission.

“We enjoy doing things together outside of the unit. Every once in a while we’ll get together at our dad’s house just socialize basically,” Captain Judd said.

News Briefs

Newcomers

2Lt Bradley Taylor, AES
 TSgt Lanay Barley, MXS
 SSgt Audrey Bendel, AES
 SSgt Courtney Dischar, CES
 SSgt John Harr, AMXS
 SSgt Justin Lucas, AMXS
 SSgt Clarence Washington, OSS
 SrA Julian Cook, LRS
 SrA India-Jena's Lyle, AW
 A1C Joseph Farrell, AMXS
 A1C Kerri Little, ASTS
 A1C Joel Olsen, CES
 A1C Kevin Shaffer, 87 APS
 A1C Paul Singleton, SFS
 A1C David Tatro, CES
 Amn Steven Klepeisz, MXS
 Amn Joshua Walker, AW
 AB Michael Abney, ASTS
 AB Wade Bunn, SVS FLT
 AB Adam Olsen, ASTS
 AB Kyle Pierce, CES
 AB Joshua Wade, LRS
 AB Gerald Woodard, SVS FLT

Promotions

Airman

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 Howard Dickten, ASTS
 Robert Esomar, AMXS
 Matthew Monk, CES
 Kyle Pierce, CES
 Jonathan Pranthor, MXS
 Charles Smith, ASTS

Airman First Class

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 Elyse Detling, ASTS
 Anthony Farkas, LRS
 Kerry Gastaldo, CES
 Steven Klepeisz, MXS
 Antonio Lee, LRS
 Sarah McAlister, MOF
 Travis McClain, CES
 Andrew Mullen, CES
 Armande Richardson II, ASTS
 Ameer Thomas, LRS
 Jeremy Whitlow, SFS

Senior Airman

Daniel Bevilacqua, MXS

Harvey Eubanks, 87 APS
 Dennis Handwerker, AMXS
 Keri Little, ASTS
 Gabriel Page, LRS
 Natalie Schwartz, MSF
 Kyle Settles, MXS
 Seth Watts, 87 APS
 Sean Weber, CES

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 Brianne Fowle, AES
 Zachary Johnson, SFS
 Bradley Scheidt, SFS
 Daniel Smith, MXS

Technical Sergeant

Cassandra Casul, ASTS
 Alexander Holmes, SVF
 Matthew Spuhler, AMXS
 Teresa Walborn, 87 APS

Master Sergeant

Charles Dyer, MXS

Senior Master Sergeant

Craig Barnett, AMXS
 Craig Hunt, AMXS

Chief Master Sergeant

Mark Donahue, MXS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Michael Clark, MXG
 Lt Col Kenneth Herstine, MSF
 Lt Col Clifton Poling, AMDS
 Lt Col Karla Voy, AES
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 Maj Jeanne Lafountain, AES
 Maj Kimberlee Sandusky, AES
 Maj Lisa Shear, AMDS
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 MSgt Thomas Geoghegan, AES
 MSgt John Koehl, SFS
 MSgt Melanie Laliberty, ASTS
 MSgt Damon Lee, SVF
 MSgt Thomas Sites, AES

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt Amanda Crooker, AMXS
 TSgt William Lugo, 89 AS
 TSgt Raymond Smith, MXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Victoria Errett, MSF
 MSgt Douglas Myers, 87 APS
 SSgt Ryan Maloney, LRS
 SSgt Jason Niederwerder, AMXS
 SrA Christopher Booth, SFS
 SrA Robert Brock, SFS
 SrA Stacie Crawford, SFS

Air Medal

MSgt Brian Dawes, 89 AS

Aerial Achievement Medal

Lt Col Christopher Matlack, AES

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

MSgt Thomas Geoghegan, AES

Commander's call

The next 445th Airlift Wing Commander's Calls are scheduled for June 6 and 13 at the base theater at 7:30 a.m.

Golf scramble

The 445th Golf Scramble will be held June 18 at the Sugar Isle Golf Course in New Carlisle, Ohio. Shotgun start is 9 a.m. The cost of the event is \$220 per team and includes food and drink. To sign up or for more information, please call Senior Master Sgt. Tim Emberton at 257-2625 or Master Sgt. Darrell Houston at 257-0389.

Wing picnic

The 445th Airlift Wing picnic will be held September 12. Picnic is for reserve members and their families. More information to follow as it becomes available.



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Scouts Day

Senior Airman Brian Horn, 445th Security Forces Squadron, gives Boy Scouts Taylor Grove (left) and Marc Ayala an “operation briefing,” during Scouts Day. The 445th Airlift Wing hosted nearly 400 Boy and Girl Scouts for an all-day event May 15.

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