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Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

More than 600 people attended the 445th Airlift Wing's C-17 Welcome Ceremony July 9.

Wing welcomes C-17 Globemaster III

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More than 600 Airmen and community leaders attended the 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Welcome Ceremony July 9 in Hangar 4016 as the wing welcomed its newest asset with a ceremony full of military tradition, camaraderie and encouraging words for continued airlift success.

Featured speakers included David Hobson, former U.S. Representative for Ohio's 7th District; Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., Chief of Air Force Reserve and commander, Air Force Reserve

Command, and retired Brig. Gen. Howard Ingersoll, who represented the Boeing Company.

Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, spoke of the training involved in such a transition as everyone from maintainers to pilots had to learn about the new airframe.

"This is a great aircraft," he said. "Don't let the size fool you. It may be smaller than the C-5 (Galaxy), but its capabilities far exceed it."

The C-17 can take off and land on runways as short as 3,500 feet

and only 90 feet wide. Even on such narrow runways, the C-17 can turn around using a three-point star turn and its backing capability.

"Get ready to be busy, Goeman said. We're going to be places where we haven't been."

During his remarks, General Stenner said because the C-17 was smaller than the C-5, it can take cargo in where only convoys could go before. Taking convoys off the road lessens exposure to improvised

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Wright wing teams up for Airmen’s council

Senior Airman Shen-Chia Chu
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from various units attended the 445th Airlift Wing’s first Airmen’s council meeting July 9.

The Airmen received a special visit from the Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command, Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Badgett, who offered words of advice and perseverance.

“This is the most important council for any wing because what you build will become your future,” said Badgett. “Show your hardwork, enthusiasm, and patriotism, and don’t become complacent. Teamwork will go a long way as you build this council from the ground up.”

The Airmen’s council will act as a liaison between the lowest Airmen and highest levels of command.

Senior Airmen Joshua Walker and Laura Wagner, 445th AW Orderly Room, hopes this will provide Airmen

with the chance to voice their concerns.

“I believe this council will be able to help enhance our Wingman concept and bring a sense of unity within our military community,” said Walker. “I’m excited to see what the future holds, all the things we will be able to accomplish.”

Walker said it is important to be able to help solve any issues the Airmen may have. The council will allow the Airmen to network and provide volunteer opportunities in surrounding communities as well as create a better place for Airmen to feel welcome and to connect with one another.

To promote change, representation is needed from all units across the wing. For more information, e-mail Joshua.Walker@wpafb.af.mil.

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Think before you speak

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Leist
445th Airlift Wing

Saying things that are taken out of context or that we don’t really mean can cause a great deal of strife.

Speech can be used to bless or curse, and our words are never neutral. They do mean things.

Our words can be used for a spiritual purpose, and the words we speak always impact our hearers in one way or another.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, a great American philosopher and poet, once wrote that “Speech is power, speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.”

We use speech to raise hopes and dreams, to challenge and encourage, to change lives, to build and plant, to turn a spirit of darkness into light.

James 1: 19 states “My dear brother, take note of this: Everyone

should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” This is great advice, but how do we put it into practice in our everyday lives.

Initially, we must be good stewards of sacred communication.

Our chaplain corps, for example, is blessed with chaplains who possess multiple and diverse skill sets for ministry. Some are gifted sermon presenters, some exceptional and powerful counselors, and some excellent trainers and teachers. Speech and words are key to who we are.

The Scriptures teach us that from the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Recognizing that our speech can be a spiritual barometer of what is transpiring in our hearts is a key ingredient to fostering healthy

relationships.

Many years ago, I learned to THINK before speaking. Breaking each one of the letters down can bring us to the expression of what we are saying: T-Thoughtful, H-Helpful, I-Important, N-Necessary and K-Kind.

Learning the process of thinking before we speak and listening closely to fully absorb the message, can produce tremendous benefits, and has been proven to reduce strife and stressors.

The chaplains at the 445th are here to help you process the thoughts, actions or words that encompass your life. We will be glad to discuss situations with you and assist you with any decision you are facing.



Third quarter winners announced

Airman



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Prather, an avionics apprentice assigned to the 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is the wing's Airman of

the quarter, third quarter. Prather assisted in more than 20 launch and recovery C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III missions during his seasonal training program. He contributed to 32 missions, moving 1,429 tons of cargo and 252 passengers. He is currently enrolled at the University of Cincinnati pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. His community service includes participating in food drives with his church. He also organized a cell phone collection for the "Cell phones for soldiers" program.

NCO



Tech. Sgt. David Mashburn, a vehicle equipment maintenance craftsman assigned to the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the wing's NCO of the

quarter. Mashburn organized and supervised the rebuilding of 11 global aircraft deicers, saving the unit more than 100 man hours. He managed the scanning and routing of 6,000 area of responsibility ballots as the Bahrain voting assistant officer resulting in 100 percent ballot accountability. Mashburn is pursuing an associate degree in business management from Kaplan University. He also managed a local food collection program and assisted with his unit's annual bowling party.

SNCO



Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Spencer, the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of material management, is the wing's senior NCO

of the Quarter. Spencer directed the reorganization of a 2,000 square foot warehouse space, improving efficiency of storage for the wing's mobility assets. She maintains her annual certified public accountant and certified management accountant certifications, and has completed 45 hours of training in accounting, auditing, taxation, and ethics. In her off-duty time, Spencer helped deliver Air Force Sergeant Association food baskets to needy families. She is a regular blood donor and coordinates unit activities.

89th Airlift Squadron trains on dirt strip

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing had the opportunity for the first time to employ the semi-prepared runway operations capabilities of one of its C-17 Globemaster III aircraft May 25.

The C-17 participated in Global Medic 2011, redeploying troops and cargo from the Schoonover Landing Zone in Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., to March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The Schoonover LZ offered the crew the opportunity to train on a dirt landing strip.

"This Global Medic support mission to the Schoonover LZ presented a unique opportunity to



Lt. Col. Richard Klarich

A C-17 Globemaster III is loaded in support of exercise Global Medic 2011 at Schoonover Field, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

employ the austere field capabilities of the C-17 in a joint war exercise scenario. From the

planning to the assault landings, taxiing, aircraft loading and take-offs, the SPRO experience afforded

via this mission was invaluable," said Lt. Col. Mike Baker, 89th Airlift Squadron, pilot.

Baker said Schoonover operations differ in many ways from those used at conventional airports. In addition to the extensive long and short-range planning factors associated with the runway's dirt composition, assault landings are required due to the runway's relatively short length.

"We have to fly a steeper than normal approach, followed by a minimal flare to ensure

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that the aircraft will touchdown within a 500 foot zone and then stop in the remaining runway available. Also after landing, caution is required to ensure that deep ruts are not created during taxi operations,” Baker said.

The crew had to take several factors into consideration before departing for Schoonover’s semi-prepared runway. One was the California bearing ration, which measures an unpaved runway’s strength and is expressed as a percentage of the weight bearing capacity of crushed rock.

Another area of focus was the rolling friction factor, which is a real-time assessment made by an on-site combat control team to determine a runway’s acceleration degradation vulnerability due to soil type, loose soil, and whether the runway is currently wet or dry. Baker said these factors play a critical role in determining whether the runway available will be sufficient not only for landing but also for the subsequent takeoff.

For the loadmasters, there was no real adjustment in their job than what they usually do.

“This was a pretty basic mission for us, loading and unloading cargo. However, it was cool too because landing on a dirt strip instead of concrete is something we don’t do every day,” Tech. Sgt. Craig Essert, loadmaster, said. “You could really feel the power this aircraft has.”

“We had an intense planning session to calculate the right amount of fuel, cargo weight, etc., to take off and land on the dirt strip. But it was an amazing training experience for us and I hope we can do something like this again in the near future,” said Maj. Brett Manger, 89th AS pilot.

Lt. Col. Rich Klarich, 445th Operations Group and the mission’s aircraft commander, summed it up well.

“Very few aircraft could take two full-sized fire trucks weighing more than 60,000 pounds half-way across the country after departing from a dirt strip seemingly more suitable for a Cessna 172.”

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explosive devices.

“It not only gets supplies to where they need to be, it saves lives. This is a beautiful match – the 445th Airlift Wing with the experience, history, and capability that you bring to the United States Air Force Reserve, the United States Air Force and to the Department of Defense –

because we don’t carry stuff for us, you carry stuff for the warfighters and for our sister services,” Stenner said.

In addition to presenting C-17 models to Hobson, Stenner and Goeman, Ingersoll presented a tail flash to Master Sgt. Douglas Werner, the first dedicated crew chief for aircraft 044, the first C-17 to arrive at the wing earlier this year.

The sergeant gave positive remarks about the aircraft.

“This aircraft is easier to maintain and more reliable,” Werner said. “I’m glad to be part of this historical event for the wing.”

After the ceremony, the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron gave attendees touring the aircraft a snapshot of their capabilities and how they are configured inside the aircraft.

The C-5 was not configured to support the AES mission. But with the C-17, if there’s a disaster, the wing can now use one of its own airplanes, said Col. Linda Stokes-Crowe, AES commander.

“The C-17 can hold 36 litter patients and or in a disaster, 60

litters secured to the aircraft’s floor,” Tech. Sgt. Thomas Shannon, 445th AES, said.

The C-17 is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the force. It is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can also perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions.

(Amy Rollins contributed to this story)



Photos by Bill Richard

Retired Brig. Gen. Howard Ingersoll, the Boeing Company, presents Master Sgt. Douglas Werner a tail flash during the C-17 Welcome Ceremony July 9.



Joan Dautel, Mayor of Fairborn, is greeted by Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr. while touring the C-17 Globemaster III following the C-17 Welcome Ceremony.

87th APS takes over Joint Base Andrews port ops

By Master Sgt. Charlie Miller
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 87th Aerial Port Squadron deployed 37 Airmen to Joint Base Andrews, Md., June 6 to 17, to take over port operations.

While in Maryland, the reservists were responsible for running the air terminal operations center, cargo processing, ramp, fleet, passenger services, passport processing and administrative duties.

"It's really total force training," said Lt. Col. Dale Reed, 89th APS commander. "We are building a relationship with the 87th. They were here last year and found out that our mission here at Andrews is unique to any other aerial port in the Air Force."

The special air missions section is the highest profile section in the passenger terminal. With Andrews' close proximity to Washington D.C., U.S. and world leaders fly in and out of this base on a daily basis, and it is SAM PAX who greets arriving aircraft and sends off departing ones. A two- or three-Airmen team in dress blues approaches each aircraft and renders salutes to the dignitaries.

"It's not uncommon to see the President, the First Lady, the Vice President or Secretary Clinton," said Senior Master Sgt. Helen Redwine-Smith, 87th APS who served as superintendent of passenger services for the annual tour.

While the passenger terminal is the main focus of operations for the APS at Andrews, it's not the usual passenger processing mission. More than 100 passengers arrive and depart daily, but the SAM PAX garners the spotlight.

"This is the first time we have had reservists work with SAM PAX," Reed said. "The mission is very high visibility."

Lt. Col. John Marang, 87th APS



Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

Second from left, Senior Airman Tony Eubanks, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, salutes Air Force One as it departs Joint Base Andrews, Md., during his recent annual tour.

commander echoed Reed. "With this mission, there is no room for errors, no time for do-overs."

Last year, the 87th augmented the active duty. This year it's the other way around, with just a few members of the 89th in place.

"There have been no issues, no training gaps," Reed said. He also said many of his Airmen were taking required classes, enjoying time with their families or took leave.

For a few of the 87th members, this was their very first annual tour since joining the military. Senior Airman Tony Eubanks, was assigned to SAM PAX the day President Obama departed Andrews on Air Force One. While the Secret Service does not let SAM PAX stand at the steps of the presidential plane, Airman Eubanks did get within 100 feet of Air Force One and Mr. Obama, and rendered a salute to the departing commander-in-chief.

"A once in a lifetime experience," Airman Eubanks said with a huge smile. "An opportunity I may never

have again."

Senior Airman Leah Rhodes was also enjoying her first annual tour at Andrews working with the SAM PAX.

"At tech school, we had a practice passenger gate for processing customers and their baggage but I've never really done the job before," Rhodes said. "What a great experience this has been."

Senior Airman Melanie Pritzkau, 89th APS, was part of a skeleton crew of active-duty Airmen from the 89th. She said the work done by the 87th was appreciated.

"We pretty much let them run the port by themselves. The 87th Airmen were very motivated, very helpful and their work was much, much appreciated," Pritzkau said.

According to the Airman, it's been a very busy early summer for the 89th. This is the most popular time of the year for Airmen to take leave and spend time with their family so having the 87th here gives the active duty the chance to enjoy a well deserved vacation.



SPOTLIGHT



Courtesy Photo

Master Sgt. Walter Bennett briefs Brig. Gen. Jimmy McMillan, Director of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. during his recent deployment to Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

Rank/Name

Master Sgt. Walter Bennett

Unit

445th Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title

445th SFS/Senior Active Guard Reserve member

Hometown

Orient, Ohio

Civilian Job

Active Duty USAF Reservist/AGR

Education

Bachelor of Science in history/political science, Community College of the Air Force associate degree in criminal justice.

Career Goal

Continue to improve on my job performance, train

the next generation of Airmen, and retire someday knowing that I have given 100% with every area opportunity given.

Hobbies

Working out, reading, going to church

What do you like about working at the 445th?

Amazing, smart, motivated, patriotic people who set the bar for the rest of the Air Force Reserve

Why did you join the Air Force?

To serve my country, fight for democracy, shoot guns, and follow the example of my eight uncles who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

APS performs AT at Joint Base Charleston, S.C.



Photos by Tech Sgt. Jeremy Caskey

Senior Airman Benjamin Singleton, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, affixes a pallet ID to cargo at Joint Base Charleston, S.C., during his annual tour July 14. The unit performed the annual tour July 9 to 23.



Senior Airmen Marcus Loel and Michael Osborne, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, check the cargo manifest for a C-17 Globemaster III while on annual tour at Joint Base Charleston, S.C., July 12.

News Briefs

Promotions

Airman

Cole Milligan, 87 APS
Karissa Spiller, CES
Ashley Towning, CES

Airman First Class

Dexter Alleyne, AMXS
Brandon Burdette, CES
Jordan Wells, CES

Senior Airman

Lorenzo Best Jr., MXS
Michael Blackthorn, LRS
Wade Bunn, FSS
Jonathan Capelle, CES
Kenneth Clements, AMDS
Matthew Daniel, AMXS
Patricia Dunbar, LRS
Robert Golubich, CES
Kenneth Oliver, MXS
Andrew Schulte, MXS
Ginnette Tavsell, AES
Gerald Woodard II, FSS

Staff Sergeant

Erika Algeo, AES
Jennifer Edington, AES

Technical Sergeant

Terrence Allen, LRS
Heidi Keller, SFS
Michael Pressler, MXS

Senior Master Sergeant

Patricia Wortham, FSS

Newcomers

Capt Glen Berta, OG
TSgt Allen Hall, OG
TSgt Greg Kugali, ASTS
SSgt Mathew McAllister, AMDS
SSgt James Pugh, LRS
SSgt Steven Sandmann, LRS
SSgt Michael Summers, ASTS
SrA Andrew Hall, MXS
SrA Laila Ramsey, ASTS
SrA Nicholas Westerkamp, SFS

A1C Jonathan Capelle, CES
A1C Matthew Jarvis, FSS
Amn Julio Mariscal, ASTS
Amn Eric Wadlington, 87 APS
AB Daniel Levingston, LRS
AB Lamont Thomas, SFS
AB Ashley Towning, CES

Awards

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Jose Cardenas, AW

Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt Jacqueline Larrison, 87 APS
SMSgt Charles Duke, AES
SMSgt Jack Lake III, 87 APS
SMSgt William Phipps, AMXS
MSgt Clarine Blakely, 87 APS
MSgt Phillip Finnegan, 87 APS
MSgt Kristi Kirker, 87 APS
MSgt Kemberlee Scott, CES
MSgt Eric Weidner, LRS
MSgt Karl Weitzel, MOF

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt Matthew Gundrum, MXS
MSgt Anthony Pinkovsky, AMXS
MSgt Angela Potchik, MXG
MSgt Paul Wright, 87 APS
TSgt Deborah Claridy, 89 AS
TSgt Brian Cronin, 87 APS

TSgt Matthew Keechle, 87 APS
TSgt Rhiannon Toops, 87 APS
SSgt Theron Betsey, FSS

Air Force Achievement Medal

SSgt Joshua Burkhardt, LRS
SrA Brittany Ward, FSS
SrA Michael Young, 87 APS

Minot relief

In response to the recent flooding at Minot AFB, the 445th Airlift Wing Airmen's Council is collecting funds to aide our fellow Airmen. Donations will help them

rebuild their homes and their lives.

Donations may be dropped off at building 4010, room 178. For more information, email SrA Joshua Walker at joshua.walker@wpafb.af.mil or SrA Laura Wagner at laura.wagner@wpafb.af.mil.

Spouse council

The kick off meeting for the 445th Airlift Wing spouse council will be held Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the commander's conference room, building 4010. All spouses are encouraged to attend and find out how to become more involved in the wing.

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Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**
11am – 3pm
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LOTS OF FUN

GAMES & CONTESTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY!



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

History in the making

Marty Wyall, Women Airforce Service Pilot, shares a moment with retired Col. Charles McGee, Tuskegee Airman, during the Women of Wings Conference July 15. Five WASP and three Tuskegee Airmen joined more than 50 teenagers for the two-day event that included a WASP and Tuskegee Airmen panel and a tour of the C-17 Globemaster III .

On the Web



Wing commander visits Capitol Hill



C-17 welcome events photo show



CES builds medical clinic in Suriname

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