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C-17 arrives at 445th for training



Senior Airman Robert Pilch

A C-17 Globemaster III sits on the flightline at Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

By Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing began C-17 training Jan. 20 on an aircraft on loan from Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

In an effort to prepare aircrews and maintenance personnel for its upcoming C-17 mission, a 445th Airlift aircrew will fly a C-17

Globemaster III from Joint Base Charleston to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The aircraft is scheduled to be reassigned to the 445th at a date to be determined.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to train our Airmen on aircraft here locally. This will allow

us to provide more training without sending them TDY to other bases," said Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

Currently, 10 pilots and six load masters, equating to three aircrews, have completed C-17 training at Altus Air Force Base, Okla. In addition, 32 maintainers were trained on the new air frame at Joint Base Charleston.

The C-17 from Charleston is scheduled to be a maintenance trainer. A maintenance field training team from Air Education and Training Command will be on hand to train 445th maintenance personnel on this airplane.

"Being able to have an airplane on the ramp for our maintainers to train on will ensure our maintenance crews are prepared to maintain our C-17s when they arrive. It's imperative that they're familiar and comfortable with the aircraft," Colonel Goeman added.

An additional aircraft is anticipated to arrive in February to provide aircrews with a training platform.

Annual awards banquet honors those who serve

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More than 300 men and women from the 445th Airlift Wing and their families enjoyed a night of music, celebration and recognition during the 445 AW Annual Awards Banquet Jan. 8 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

The theme for this year's event was "A night of celebration: Honoring those who serve." The theme was chosen as a way of recognizing the extraordinary service the wing's Airmen, civilians, and their families give to the Air Force.

Attendees enjoyed listening to remarks from the evening's guest speaker, Brig. Gen. Keith D. Kries, former 445 AW vice wing commander, currently serv-

ing as the mobilization assistant to the 8th Air Force commander and Joint Functional Component Command commander for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command. Another bonus attendees enjoyed was the Air Force Band of Flight's Systems Go, who performed during dinner.

Nominees from ten categories were recognized at this year's award banquet: Airman, Non-Commissioned Officer, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, Company Grade Officer, First Sergeant, Honor Guard Member, Spouse, Youth, Civilian, and Chief. For the first time, a chief and civilian of the year were honored. For the list of winners, see page 3.

Remember, families are part of the team

By Lt. Col. Richard Webster
445th Operations Support Squadron

The 445th has served in every contingency since the first gulf war to today's missions of carrying bombs, beans and bullets for all AOR [area of responsibility] operations. This is not too different from what the original members of the 445th faced while flying bombing missions during World War II, being asked to do more with less.



In our attempt to stay current and at the tip of the spear, we sometimes neglect key players on

our team. These key players are our family members.

2011 will once again have us operating in MAX effort operations and will challenge us in the family category.

When we deploy or leave home station, we form a new nucleus for the time that we are away. We socialize with those who live and work in the same conditions we do, but our families on the other hand, live isolated and only get the information that the news deems as worthy (not always accurate).

While we are away, spouses and kids get sick, hurt or some just need an extra hand getting the day-to-day job done.

We have all heard the term wingman and we need to be wingmen for our fellow squadrons. It is hard for most squadrons to handle full wingmen duties when more than half of the squadron deploys, so I ask that you volunteer to be a wingman for a member of another squadron.

Most of the time all that it takes is a phone call to check on the family to make sure that all is well. You could stop by and shovel the driveway or cut the grass to alleviate some of the day-to-day stress that families face during deployments.

As the proverbial saying goes—if you were deployed, what would you want for your family?

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Unity vital in all areas of life

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

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance (endure with) to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Saint Paul's Letter to the Church in Ephesus 4:1-3

When I read January's Buckeye Flyer and saw the wonderful pictures of a review of 2010, I got chills! I thought, "I am so proud and thankful to serve our nation in this incredible unit called the 445th Airlift Wing!"

Even better, looking back at the year, it was a blessing to be in an award winning unit!

As you can see ...within UNITY is the word unit. It is easy to forget serving in a unit that sometimes we are a piece of the whole, but without that piece, the whole would not be complete.

When Saint Paul wrote his letter to the church in Ephesus, that particular church was being attacked by opponents who tried to divide the church through false teaching. Basically the

opponent was trying to destroy the unity of that church which would have obliterated its existence. He implored them to be "diligent in preserving" the UNITY of their faith.

If you look at the roots of the word UNITY it comes from Latin unitatem meaning "oneness, sameness, agreement," from unus "one." Unity is defined as the state of being undivided or unbroken completeness or totality with nothing wanting. Unity can denote a combining of all the parts, elements and individuals into an effective whole. Wow, what an awesome definition!

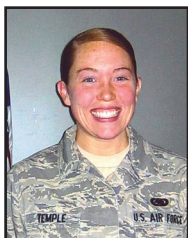
Think about it for a few minutes... what if we took the root meaning of this word and worked diligently to preserve unity in our sections, marriages, civilian occupations, friendships and family systems? What if we worked diligently to preserve unity with God? I believe we would experience love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness faithfulness and self-control. My prayer is there would be unbroken completeness in every area of your life.

Remember your Chaplain staff is here to serve you and your family. Blessings!



Annual award winners announced

Airman



Senior Airman Emily Temple is a fuels technician in the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Among her many accomplishments, she is noted

for issuing 10,000 gallons of fuel to 58 helicopters in support of the largest combat search and rescue mission since Vietnam; resulting in the successful rescue of 67 warriors. Airman Temple is a volunteer for Airmen Against Drunk Driving and the USO, where she organized and tracked phone, computer and gaming usage for more than 30,000 members serving in Iraq. She was awarded the 4th AF Fuels Airman of the Year and is currently pursuing a master's degree in secondary education and a dual certification in fitness instruction and personal training.

CGO



Capt. Robert Wengerter is the vehicle maintenance flight commander in the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron. While deployed

to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, he led 75 Airmen and managed 50 aircraft and \$20 million in assets while providing airlift for 94,000 passengers and 71 tons of cargo on 7,000 missions. Captain Wengerter planned the 445th Mission Support Group's annual training deployment to RAF Mildenhall. While deployed, he received the International Security Assistance Force's Headquarters Commander Kandahar Air Field Hero Award and was the 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron CGO of the month. The captain also spearheaded a toy drive for Afghan children injured by NATO combat operations, which aided in recovery and improved relations.

NCO



Tech. Sgt. Linda Pantoja is the wing career assistance advisor assigned to the 445th Force Support Squadron. She accomplished more than 100 reenlist-

ments and 87 extensions, contributing to the wing's 92% retention rate. She streamlined the bonus management process enabling finance management to provide timely bonus pay to 127 wing members. In addition, she supported Toys for Tots donations, the annual VA picnic, and the base's Airmen's attic. Sergeant Pantoja completed her CCAF and bachelor's degrees in emergency and disaster management with an emphasis on Homeland Security. She's currently working on a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in management.

First Sergeant



Master Sgt. John Koehl is the first sergeant for the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron. He was the wing's base operating support full-

time first sergeant two years in a row, providing support to more than 700 mobilized Airmen and their families as well as home-station support. He planned the security forces senior leader symposium, benchmarked as an Air Force Reserve Command pilot program. Sergeant Koehl is an AFRC NCO Leadership Development Course facilitator. He was a key planner for the annual awards banquet, total force professional development seminar and enlisted combat dining in. He coordinated the wing's involvement in Toys for Tots, Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas adopt-a-family. Sergeant Koehl earned CCAF degrees in criminal justice and human resource management.

SNCO



Master Sgt. Stephanie Strickland is an in-flight examiner assigned to the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. She is the additional duty first

sergeant for her squadron. Sergeant Strickland was recruited by 4th AF to organize both the 2010 Raincross Conference and the 4th AF Command Chief Master Sergeant Developmental Teams training seminar. She was recently recognized as the Ohio MILVETS Servicemember of the Year. She is a member of the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, the VFW, AFA and serves as the Wing liaison for AFSA Chapter 751. Sergeant Strickland completed her CCAF degree in health sciences and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Honor Guard



Senior Airman Michael Young, is assigned to the 87th Aerial Port Squadron. He performed 173 ceremonies, traveled 37,503 miles and committed 1,126

hours in performing honor guard duties. He is a flight leader and is responsible for weapons and ammunition inventory and assists as an honor guard trainer. As a member of the honor guard he is responsible for paying tribute to military personnel in a six state, 210,000 square mile area of responsibility. On 19 separate occasions, he performed multiple details in one day to alleviate a manpower crisis. He selflessly volunteers at a local children's hospital. During the Christmas season, he visited with and donated toys to the young patients that could not be home with their families for Christmas.

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Chief



Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Rearick is the chief of operations for the 445th Civil

Engineer Squadron. Chief Rearick worked an EPR process improvement initiative and oversaw the squadron's overdue EPR report go from 70 overdue reports to zero within a 3-month timeframe. He purchased more than \$10,000 in cotton uniforms to provide safer operations to Airmen working with high voltage electrical circuits. Chief Rearick is the vice president of the wing's Chief's Group and a member of the base's Chief's Group, and Air Force Sergeants Association. He works with Daybreak, Inc., an outreach service for homeless youth, and volunteers with Goodwill Easter Seals. Chief Rearick has two CCAF degrees and a bachelor's degree.

Civilian



Ms. Sheila Kruse is assigned to the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron. She processed

more than 2,200 clothing requests, totaling \$524,000 for Air Mobility Command deployers. She established the wing bulk clothing issue, saving more than \$45,000 this year. Ms. Kruse designed and implemented the post-deployment reception for 60 returning members to be expeditious allowing them minimum check-in time so they could quickly get home to their families. She collected items for holiday boxes to send to deployers and for the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Ms. Kruse is pursuing a degree in logistics and supply management at Sinclair Community College. She also completed her bachelor's degree in political science.

Spouse



Mrs. Sally Mouser is the wife of Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser, 445th

Maintenance Group. She led a collection of donations for semi-annual visits to the Dayton Veterans Affairs Hospital five years in a row and is an active volunteer for the Wright-Patt Fisher House. Mrs. Mouser provides support to the Sew Much Comfort organization providing adaptive clothing to wounded warriors. She's active in the We Care Arts program for special needs children and is an active AFSA Chapter 751 Women's Auxiliary Member. Mrs. Mouser also volunteers with the Salvation Army, the Living Word Church, and supports wing members and their families by delivering Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas packages.

Youth



Miss Celestia Starnier is the daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Starnier,

Jr., 445th Civil Engineer Squadron. She is a honor roll student with a 4.0 grade point average, and a member of both 4-H and Future Farmers of America. She is her class treasurer and is a certified life guard. Miss Starnier was one of 16 teens chosen for the first Air Force Reserve Command Teen Leadership Council. She is working on establishing a 445th Airlift Wing teen leadership council. Miss Starnier volunteers in assisting with surgeries and caring for animals at a local animal clinic. She is on the right track to be Valedictorian of her class of 2013 and aspires to be a veterinarian.

Operations support first sergeant heads to California

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

She's not going to miss Ohio's freezing cold winters.

But Master Sgt. Karen Stanley-Wolfe will definitely miss the men and women she's served with as the 445th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant. She's taking on an Active Guard Reserve assignment at March Air Reserve Base in California, beginning in mid-February.

She's been a part of this wing since 2003 after leaving active duty in 2000.

"I really enjoy the people

here," said the Cleveland, Ohio native. "As I got promoted, I was given the opportunity to mentor and help others advance. And that's what I'm going to remember most about my time here."

Sergeant Stanley-Wolfe, who was recently a nominee for the 445th Airlift Wing's First Sergeant of the Year award, credits the mentorship she received while assigned to the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

"That was my first home in the wing, and I grew so much under the

mentorship of Major Daiga Koenig, Chief Master Sgt. William Millar, and Master Sgt. Mark O'Connell," she said. "They were my true inspiration to expect more out of my Air Force career and I wouldn't have the ambition to excel had they not been the true leaders that I aspire to be."

Mentoring will play a big role in her new position. She will be the first sergeant for about 200 recruiters responsible for the entire West

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Leadership development course important to career

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Education and Training office offers a course for non-commissioned officers who want to get a step up to further their careers. The NCO Leadership Development Course is that stepping stone, providing crucial and life-long benefits.

Developed in 1989, the NCOLDC was created when Air Force Reserve Command leaders recognized a need to provide meaningful, challenging leadership training to future supervisors and other mid-level enlisted personnel. The 10-day course incorporates leadership, management and communications skills for both traditional reservists and air reserve technicians between the ranks of senior airman and technical sergeant. Limited to 25 in a class, students are taught how to become effective communicators and leaders.

"We can only take 25 students per course. Because of the size limit, we try to have every seat filled to maximize participation. This size of a class allows more hands on training and attention," Mr. Frank Hicks, 445th Education and Training office formal school program manager, said.

Students can expect six days of college instruction and a four-day military workshop. Phase one of the course incorporates leadership, management and military heritage. Phase two includes communication, effective listening, counseling and stress management. Students earn two college credit hours upon completion of the NCOLDC.

Master Sgt. Linda Thrasher, 445th Force Support Squadron, was a November 2010 graduate. She said she got a lot out of the class and recommends the course for any junior NCO.

"It was well worth the time and effort. The course is a great network opportunity to meet other NCOs in the wing and know we can help each other out with any future issues we can face together," Sergeant Thrasher said.

Sign-up is voluntary, but highly recommended for mid-level enlisted reservists. "This course is a great networking resource. Future master sergeants meet and connect with each other ... a big benefit so they know who they can turn to for guidance and discussions on any future issues they may face," Senior Master Sgt. Jane Johnson, 445th Education and Training office chief, said.

Another student from the November class, Staff Sgt. Shayne Thompson, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said the class made a positive impact on him. The NCO Leadership Development Course was a great opportunity to learn necessary leadership skills as well as have a little fun meeting new NCOs from other units in the wing," he said.

Future student Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hawkins, 445th

Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, is looking forward to attending the July 2011 NCOLDC course.

"I hope to learn how to handle any and all issues that might pop up over my years as an NCO and also how to improve working alongside other NCOs. I see many things right now that I would like to fix and make better for my other NCOs and Airmen and I hope this course will give me the tools to do so," Sergeant Hawkins said.

Positive feedback after every course has been received. "Most of the comments we receive at the end of the course are very positive. They say that they really enjoyed the course and that it was well worth their time," Mr. Hicks said.

Reservists interested in the next class, which begins April 4, should contact Mr. Hicks at (937) 257-5092 or their unit training manager.

New changes to Post 911 Bill

Recent legislative changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill will enhance education opportunities and make the program easier to use. These changes are effective Aug 1, 2011.

- Establishes a national cap of \$17,500 annually for tuition and fees at a private or foreign school, graduate study and out-of-state students.
- Pays vocation training, apprenticeships, and on-the-job-training; includes tuition costs and living stipend.
- Credits Guardsmen for some time served on Title 32 and Title 32, sec 502f funding. Specifics will be announced soon.
- Allows students and spouses on active duty to receive the stipend for books and supplies.
- Pro-rates housing allowance to exclude payments when students are not taking courses.
- Permits reimbursement for more than one license and certification test.
- Reimburses fees for national admission tests, such as the SAT, ACT, GMAT, GRE and LSAT.
- Allows eligible members participating in the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits to choose between the VA's housing allowance and the VR&E's subsistence allowance.

For more information, go to www.gibill.va.gov or contact the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.



Teen leadership summit applications being accepted

Teenage family members of 445th Airlift Wing Airmen are encouraged to apply for one of three Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Teen leadership summits taking place this summer.

The summits are open to 14 to 18-year-old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve members. Applications include essay questions.

Celestia Starner, the recent 445th Airlift Wing Youth of the Year award recipient, attended the Colorado adventure summit last summer. She did rock-climbing, hiking, horse-back riding and attended leadership classes.

“You get to learn a lot there,” said the high school sophomore. “You are taught to push yourself. I did rock-climbing, which is something I never thought I’d do, but I did it.”

She encourages other teen family members to apply to attend a summit.

“It’s a really good experience,” she said.

The following is a list of the three summits:

Classic Teen Leadership Summit takes place at the Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega, Georgia, June 19 to 24. During this week long adventure, teens will participate in high adventure activities such as high ropes, zip line canopy tour, white-water rafting, hiking, fishing, archery, survival classes, and more! Priority will be given to first time attendees.

Capitol Teen Leadership Summit takes place in Washington D.C., from July 24 to 29. Teens will travel to Washington, DC for week long activities focusing on citizenship, character building, and high adventure. This summit is for returning applicants only.

The Adventure Teen Leadership Summit takes place at Cheley Colorado Camps in Estes Park, Colorado from August 9 to 14. During this Summit, teens will participate in daily adventure activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, horse colt training, arts & crafts, woodworking, technical climbing, and archery. Priority will be given to first time attendees.

For detailed information on individual camps, please see the complete story on the 445th web page. If you have any questions, please call 478-327-2090.

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Coast and Pacific Air Forces installations.

“I’m really looking forward to the travel opportunities,” said Sergeant Stanley-Wolfe. “I will be visiting our recruiters on the Pacific islands and in Alaska, as well as along the coast.”

She said the move is an oppor-

tunity for her to expand her leadership skills and assume more responsibility on a full-time basis.

“It’ll be as if I’m returning to active duty,” she said of the tour, which can last up to four years. “I’ll be engaging with the Airmen on a more routine basis versus just seeing them once a month.”

And it helps that there will be warm winters in California, too.

“As one of my Airman and I walked to the annual awards banquet recently, both of us were mumbling about the bitter cold,” she said. “I know for sure that’s something I’m not going to miss at all.”

SPOTLIGHT



Rank/Name

Tech. Sgt. Chris Fallon

Unit

445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty Title

Dedicated Crew Chief

Hometown

Springfield, Ohio

Civilian Job

Air Reserve Technician (Crew Chief C-5 Galaxy)

Education

3 years at Urbana University pursuing a degree in education with a concentration in history

Career Goal

Flightline pro super or Ohio State head football coach, but I would take offensive coordinator.

Hobbies

Sports and turning wrenches around the house

What do you like about working at the 445th?

The people I work with and the places I have been. I truly can say we have some of the best mechanics anywhere. It has been a great experience to learn and continue to learn from the best.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I wanted to go different places and see different things. The Air Force was my opportunity to do that.



News Briefs

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Barry Crane, LRS
 SMSgt Stephen Cassada, AW
 SMSgt Stephen Cottrell, SFS
 SMSgt Richard Lehman, AMXS
 SMSgt Sheryl Olmstead, AMDS
 MSgt Anthony Carnevale, CF
 MSgt Charles Cring, MXS
 MSgt Brian Dawes, 89 AS
 MSgt Rodgers O'Neill, LRS
 MSgt Harley Sheppard II, CES
 MSgt Stephanie Strickland, AES
 MSgt Tracy Woyat, 87 APS
 TSgt Marvin Fowler Jr., 87 APS
 TSgt William Ryan, LRS
 TSgt Andre Sims, SFS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj Joan Salido, AMDS
 MSgt Gerald Johnson Jr., AES
 TSgt Daniel Fitzgerald, 87 APS

TSgt Debbie Flake, AMDS
 TSgt David Kalb, 87 APS
 TSgt Shannon Marcum, MOF
 TSgt Angela Robertson, ASTS
 TSgt Benjamin Toops, 87 APS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Edward Engel Jr., OSS
 TSgt Kimberly Trawick, AES
 SrA Andrew Amodio, MXS

Promotions

Airman

Matthew Hemingway, 87 APS
 Jordan Wells, CES

Airman First Class

Christopher Andrews, ASTS
 Trenton Bruner, ASTS
 Eric Cohen, MXS
 Alexandra Hutchinson, ASTS
 Joshua Minefee, ASTS

Senior Airman

Elyse Detling, ASTS
 Veronica Jeffery, ASTS
 Steven Klepeisz, MXS
 Sarah McAlister, LRS

John McIlwain, ASTS
 Andrew Mullen, CES
 Joshua Walker, AW

Staff Sergeant

Zachary Fontaine, AES
 Charity Imfeld, AMDS
 Dennis Kimble, LRS
 Trent Tonkovich, CES
 Kortnee Widup, OSS

Technical Sergeant

Samarra Balls, MOF
 Michael Flaata, AES
 Donald Griffin, 87 APS
 James Hastings, CF
 Luzviminda Moats, AMXS
 Jimmy Montalvo Jr., ASTS
 Michael Scinto, OSS

Master Sergeant

Eugene Coons, SFS
 Maurice Upshaw Jr., OSS

Senior Master Sergeant

David Hayes, MXS
 Mahrae Meek, OSS

Newcomers

Capt Randolph Gantt, MXG
 Capt Patrick McBride, 87 APS
 Capt Amelia Morgan, AMDS
 Capt Melissa Suntheimer,

ASTS
 TSgt Kevin Dobson, OSS
 TSgt Gregory Hansford, CES
 SSgt Jarod Barker, AMDS
 SSgt Christopher Chadwick, ASTS
 SSgt Matthew Edds, SFS
 SSgt Joshua Hoop, FSS
 SrA Jeffrey Fischer, 87 APS
 SrA Brandon Kidd, 87 APS
 SrA Patrick Nekorane, 87 APS
 SrA Matthew Overacker, 87 APS
 A1C Brittanie Buzard, SFS
 A1C Victoria Farmer, AMDS
 A1C Daniel Lasalle, AMDS
 A1C Chris Malone, SFS
 A1C John McIlwain, ASTS
 A1C Robert Means, AMXS
 Amn Jacob Beck, ASTS
 Amn Kenisha Colvin, CES
 Amn Bray Nelson, ASTS
 Amn Derrek Webb, CES
 AB Elizabeth Almashy, MXS
 AB Lorenzo Best, MXS
 AB Cale Garman, CES
 AB Ginnette Tavzel, AES

Early retirement pay not suspended

The FY08 National Defense Authorization Act permitted ready reserve members of the reserve components, effective 28 Jan 2008, to draw retired pay below the age of 60 by 3 months for every aggregate 90 days of active duty in a fiscal year (FY). The 3-month increments cannot reduce the age for retired pay below the age of 50. Again, these provisions of the law have not been suspended.

The FY11 National Defense Authorization Act (signed into law 7 Jan 2011) has removed the fiscal year accounting challenge which previously reduced credit for our Airmen. The intent is that all qualifying time will count without regard to crossing a fiscal year.

ARPC counselors at the Total Force Service Center are available at 800-525-0102 to answer questions regarding your eligibility.





Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Servicing the C-5

Tech. Sgt. Charles Everett, 445th Maintenance Squadron, monitors the liquid nitrogen (LN2) servicing panel Jan. 13 for correct airplane pressures, ensuring the proper quantity of LN2 is filled.

On the Web



**Dayton Gems
tour C-5 Galaxy**



**ASTS
Airmen return
from deployment**



**Awards
banquet
photo show**

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