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Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Caskey

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Lakes, 445th Security Forces Squadron, fires an M-240 machine gun while his assistant gunner, fellow squadron member Staff Sgt. Steven Wright, feeds him ammunition. Members of the 445th SFS trained at Fort Knox, Ky., June 2-5. (See photo story, page 3)

445th Airlift Wing hosts first CCAF graduation

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

The 445th Airlift Wing hosted the first Community College of the Air Force graduation for 16 graduates June 5.

Senior Master Sgt. Jane Johnson, 445th Force Support Squadron Chief of Education and Training, welcomed friends and families.

"This is a tremendous milestone in recognizing our graduates' completion of their associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force," said Sergeant Johnson. "The Community College of the Air Force from its inception reflects a rich history recognizing the Air Force's commitment towards preparing our Airmen for any challenge."

The CCAF is a federally-chartered degree-granting institution, which partners with 90 affiliated Air Force schools, 82 education service offices located worldwide, and more than 1,500 civilian academic institutions. Airmen can earn college credits by completing basic

training, technical school and professional military education courses.

"Today's professional warrior is made better through a myriad of developmental opportunities," said Master Sgt. Anthony Johns, 445th Maintenance Operations Flight first sergeant and master of ceremonies.

There are now more than 335,000 Air Force active-duty, Guard and Reserve enlisted Airmen who have been awarded an associate degree in applied science degree since the CCAF issued its first degree in 1977.

Sergeant Johnson congratulated the graduates on their academic accomplishments and pursuing excellence through professional and personal development.

"This has been a tremendous pleasure for me to participate in this ceremony as a fellow Airman as well as a graduate of the Community College of the Air Force," Sergeant Johnson said. (See list of graduates, page 7)

Guten Tag in Germany: LRS supports real-world missions

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

Being in a different country can be a new and exciting experience, full of adventure and lots of fun. For Air Force Reservists at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, traveling across the Atlantic brings opportunities to explore a new culture and mission operation.

More than 65 members of the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron spent their annual tour at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, June 11-25. The Airmen flew on one of the wing's newest assets, the C-17 Globemaster III. It took them more than 4,000 miles to their final destination where they worked and trained side-by-side with their active-duty counterparts from the 86th Airlift Wing.

"This is an opportunity to train and learn from active-duty Airmen. We feel a sense of pride in helping them and sharing information with one another about our military and civilian experiences," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Reel, 445th LRS fuels craftsman.

Due to the high operation tempo in Germany, the loggies are training as well as working to support real-world missions.

"I love the active-duty work pace and mentality of getting the job done quickly and efficiently," said Senior Airman Emily Temple, 445th LRS fuels distribution operator. "Besides being deployed, this is the busiest I have ever been."

Airman Temple says she loves the Air Force because of the technical excellence and professionalism, and she recommends reservists to visit Germany for their annual tour.

"It is imperative to take the opportunity to train with knowledgeable Airmen to gain more experience for this career field. I would love to join these active-duty Airmen doing this full-time if given the chance," Airman Temple said. "Reservists may not always have the chance to

perform certain duties during their unit training assemblies and the annual tour gives them the possibility to prime and season their training," she added.

During their time in Germany, the LRS worked overtime with the 86th LRS to help the mission workload.

"In our squadron there is a saying, 'without fuel, pilots are pedestrians.' When our Airmen see a plane in the sky, they have the satisfaction of knowing it is because of their mission that an aircraft can take off to complete the mission," Sergeant Reel said.

In addition to fueling, the 86th LRS supplies and maintains a large inventory of 11,000 gallons of liquid oxygen and 17,000 gallons of nitrogen for the aircraft.

"This is a special job that one needs to be trained and qualified for. It requires an Airman who is proficient and knowledgeable in their career field," said Staff Sgt. Robert Purnell, 86th LRS NCO in-charge of fuels cryogenics.

"After working with Airman Temple, I enjoy working with reservists because I see she is highly motivated and eager to learn," Sergeant Purnell added. "I like teaching those who have no problem adapting to the active-duty work pace and I'm certain she will be ready for any upcoming inspection. I believe whatever workload or training comes along, Airman Temple can handle it," he said.

Germany has been a positive sharing experience of knowledge for the 445th LRS Airmen and their active-duty counterparts because of its specially tailored mission at Ramstein, which has different usages of equipment and environmental policies compared to the United States.

"I'm proud to be part of the military culture and being able to work with Airmen in all parts of the world," said Sergeant Reel.



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Tech. Sgt. Mark Reel, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, adjusts a valve for fuel flow to underground hydrants.

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Airman 1st Class Brittanie Buzard and Staff Sgt. Nicholas Schlehuber, 445th Security Forces Squadron, shimmy across a rope to help their team navigate a patient litter to the other side without contacting the ground. SFS members trained June 2-5, at Fort Knox, Ky.



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Senior Airman Dawn Gettys points in the direction her team needs to proceed during a land navigation exercise June 4, at Fort Knox, Ky.



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Tech. Sgt. James Kirklin and security forces team members navigate an obstacle at the Dunagan Teamwork Development Course June 3, at Fort Knox, Ky. The objective of this obstacle, "Double Culvert," is to get all personnel from one side to the other without contacting the ground using a limited number of resources.

Airmen from the 445th Security Forces Squadron work as a team to accomplish the end result at the Dunagan Teamwork Development Course June 3, at Fort Knox, Ky.



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Tech. Sgt. Jude Snell fires a practice grenade from an M-4 rifle equipped with a M-203 grenade launcher at a distant target during heavy arms training June 4, at Fort Knox, Ky.

Life of a reservist: Scouts learn about AF careers

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

The 445th Airlift Wing hosted a Scouts Day event May 21 for more than 250 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Scouts from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky came to the base for Scouts Day to learn about the Air Force and for the opportunity to get upclose and personal with a C-5 Galaxy.

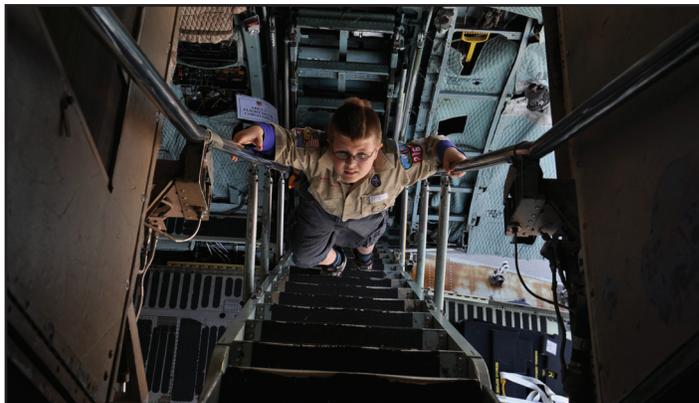
The Scouts were bused onto the flightline for a number of activities featuring tours of a C-5, and “hands-on” demonstrations from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 88th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron and the 445th Security Forces Squadron.

One of the adults accompanying the Scouts was Lt. Col. Rachel Sherwood, a nurse with the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. The colonel was with her son Jack, part of Cub Scout Pack 390, based in Cincinnati.

“With this tour, my son can see where I go to work on drill weekends when I’m away from home,” the colonel said. “He already knows I help sick people, but right now I’m here as a mom.”

The Scouts sat on the flight deck and handled the controls of the C-5 and asked questions of Lt. Col. Michael Bending, 89th Airlift Squadron commander and C-5 pilot. Every Scout got the chance to sit in the pilot’s and co-pilot’s seat.

The group also visited the troop compartment and toured the exterior of the plane. Master Sgt. Don Boudinet, a flight engineer with the 89th, served as the tour guide in the troop compartment.



A young Scout from Pack 263 climbs the ladder of a C-5 Galaxy leading to the flight deck during Scouts Day.

“Some of them wanted to go down the egress slide and I had to tell them no, you’ll have to go to Kings Island for that,” the sergeant said. “They asked about in-flight movies. I told them we don’t have movies and the only way to have an in-flight movie on a C-5 is to view one on the laptop or DVD player you have brought with you.”

Members of the 445th AES had the Scouts strapping one another acting as “patients” onto litters, lifting the litters and then carrying them a short distance to experience moving injured or ill Airmen. AES members explained the commands used for lifting and carrying an injured Airman and what type of material is used to construct a litter.

Two members of the 445th SFS and two members of the 88th SFS had the Scouts wearing Kevlar helmets, body armor and carrying mock M-4 rifles and M-9 pistols. The SFS members had two Humvees and two small barricades set up to simulate a defensive fighting position.

The Scouts, “armed” and in battle gear, practiced move-and-cover tactics going from one vehicle and barricade to another. They also explored the interiors of both Humvees.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Shannon, 445th AES, worked with the Scouts and Air Force Reserve medical equipment. A mannequin was on display with patient monitoring devices attached used to transport injured or ill Airmen.

“The Scouts asked great questions like what was the length of training to have a job like mine in the Air Force Reserve medical field and if I was an EMT,” Sergeant Shannon said.

The Scouts not only left with posters, pens and keychains, they also received a rewarding experience -- seeing what it is like to be an Airman for a day.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Shannon, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, lets a group of Scouts practice securing a patient on a litter during the 445th Airlift Wing’s Scouts Day May 21.

Wright Wing hosts Employer Appreciation Day

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

Nearly 50 employers of 445th Airlift Wing reservists participated in Employer Appreciation Day June 4.

Col. Steven Johnson, 445th Airlift Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski, 445th AW command chief, kicked the day off by welcoming and thanking the employers with the wing mission briefing, and breakfast sponsored by the Ohio Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Woody Stroud, an ESGR representative, also spoke to the employers.

"We are grateful our reservists have family, friends and employers who fully support them," said Colonel Johnson. "Our Airmen couldn't accomplish their mission without the support of understanding employers."

The day's activities began with demonstrations and briefings from 445th Maintenance Squadron Fabrication

Shop, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron Medical Education and Training, 445th Operations Support Squadron, and 88th Security Forces Squadron.

During the tour, Terry Martin, President of Northern Tower Company, shared that this event gave him a new and positive perspective about his employee, Tech. Sgt. LaNay Barley, 445th Maintenance Squadron.

"I feel LaNay's reserve duty is a two-way street. Although she needs to take time away from us, I get a better employee in return because of her training and discipline on the base," said Mr. Martin. "I am very impressed by this whole experience in seeing how dedicated LaNay's other job is to perfection. I am

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445th members picnic with VA residents

By Master Sgt. Charlie Miller
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Take two dozen 445th Airlift Wing members, the Kittyhawk Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Air Force Association and about 500 hotdogs and hamburgers and one has the makings of a good time.

Annually, on the first Saturday of June, the three groups have the distinct honor of holding a picnic for the residents of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio.

"It's always great to see the volunteerism and partnership with AFSA our wing members display with this event," said 445th AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski. "These veterans have paved the way for us and the best gift we can offer them is our time and gratitude."

Harold Snyder, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, has lived at the VA center since 1964.

"Myself and the other residents like having the Air Force come here.



Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

Senior Airman Laura Wagner, 445th Airlift Wing orderly room, visits with a veteran during the Dayton VA picnic.

Usually, weekends are pretty quiet, not too many activities, but when the Air Force shows up, it's good."

Mr. Snyder, who was drafted during World War II, served in the Philippines working in the personnel career field.

"Just about any activity you have, we are game for it," Mr. Snyder said.

Stanley Mills, who served in

the Army during the Vietnam Conflict, echoed Snyder's words.

"This is great, having you all here. And look at all this food! I don't want to just stay in my room, I like to get out and move," Mr. Mills said.

For Airman 1st Class Matt Jennings, 445th AW headquarters, it was a worthwhile first trip to the VA medical center picnic.

"It was very rewarding being there with the veterans, hearing their stories and learning about their experiences. It's always nice to help out our veterans."

Members of the 445th helped serve food to the veterans outside while AFSA members delivered lunches to those who could not come outside. This year, the weather was perfect with the picnic being held outside by the gazebo near Pennsylvania Ave. A good time was had by more than 200 veterans and visiting military members.



SPOTLIGHT



Rank/Name	Unit
Senior Airman Leah Rhodes	87th Aerial Port Squadron

Duty Title

Passenger air transportation apprentice

Hometown

Auburn, Ohio

Civilian Job

Pre-school teacher

Education

Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from the Ohio State University.

Career Goal

I would like to continue working with children, possibly with an organization working to better the educational system.

Hobbies

Cooking, being outdoors, spending time with family and friends

What do you like about working at the 445th?

I enjoy getting to know all of these great people from different backgrounds. Everyone has been welcoming and supportive since my first day with the 87th APS.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force to challenge myself and be a part of something bigger.

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also very impressed with the fact that they are able to manufacture their own parts for an aircraft.”

When a reservist deploys, it may be difficult to keep their civilian jobs due to the length of time they are unavailable. But for Tech. Sgt. Cleve Samuel, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, he’s grateful to know that his boss allows him time off to support the Air Force mission.

While on deployment to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, the sergeant heard about Employer Appreciation Day and felt it was important to invite his employer.

“I made it a priority to invite Dennis Poovey, CVS Pharmacy district manager, because I knew this would be a great opportunity to show him a little of what we do during unit training assembly weekends and deployments,” said Sergeant Samuel. “I wanted to thank Dennis by inviting him to a tour of the base for Employer Appreciation Day as a way to show him my gratitude for his support.”

Although he has deployed three times, his employer is cooperative and receptive with putting his work schedule on hold as he dedicates his service overseas.

“Cleve is the first military member I’ve had work for me. When he lets us know he is deploying there are no questions asked - I let him know we will have a position waiting for him when he gets back,” said Mr. Poovey.

Senior Airman Ryan Thomas, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, demonstrates how to suture a patient’s arm while Senior Airman Joshua Slusser, 445th Maintenance Squadron, and his employer, John Shockey of Shockey Tours, Inc., observe during Employer Appreciation Day.



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin



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Promotions

Airman

Jennifer Lenz, 87 APS
Daniel Levingston, LRS
Jermaine Wade, FSS

Airman First Class

Elizabeth Almashy, MXS
Martin Crawford, CES
Alyssa Daley, AMXS
Brittany Lutz, AMXS

Senior Airman

Victoria Farmer, AMDS
Robert Means II, AMXS
Adam Olsen, ASTS
Jonathan Prather, AMXS
Taylor Shaw, 87 APS
Cordero Smith, AMXS

Staff Sergeant

Sabrena Bedwell, AMDS
Adam Tobias, AMXS

Technical Sergeant

Heather Davis, AES
Todd Evans, CES
Joel Ford, AES
Rachel Hardin, AES
Jennifer Mohler, AMDS

Newcomers

TSgt Kara Lamm, MOF
SSgt David Newby, OG
SrA Jerred Alexander, 87 APS
SrA Robby Carlisle, CES
SrA Eli McPheron, OG
SrA Jeffery Walker, 89 AS
A1C Christopher Andrews, ASTS
A1C Andrew Schulte, MXS
A1C Taylor Shaw, 87 APS
Amn Andrew Rutkus, AMXS
AB Daniel Brenneman, LRS
AB Alexandra Hutchinson, ASTS
AB Jennifer Lenz, 87 APS
AB Amy Snavely, AMDS
AB Andrew Wade, LRS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Steven Temple, 89 AS
Maj Rachael Daulton, 89 AS
Maj Jason Ortiz, 87 APS
Maj Janet Sweeney, OG

Maj Michael Vollmer, LRS
Maj Richard Wartenberg, OSS
SMSgt Stephen Cassada, AW
SMSgt James Felton Jr., AMXS
SMSgt Brian Fowle, AES
SMSgt Douglas Rihm, LRS
MSgt Cindy Hall, AW
MSgt Brian Hodge, 89 AS
MSgt Darrell Houston, MOF
MSgt Anthony Johns, MOF
MSgt Robin Landon, AMXS
MSgt Alicia Lavender, MOF
MSgt Michael Yeager, MXS
TSgt Eugene Coons, LRS
TSgt David Slavens, AW

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt John Cummings, AMXS
MSgt Stephanie Strickland, AES
TSgt Paul Denton, SFS
TSgt Steven Durham, SFS
TSgt Jackie Jones Jr., 87 APS
TSgt Leslie Lovegrove, 87 APS
TSgt Anthony Shepherd, AMXS
TSgt Samuel Tanner, MXS
SSgt Rachelle Hibbs, AMDS
SSgt Ronald Sydnor, MXS
SSgt Franklin Williams, AW
SSgt Eric Zimmerman, AMXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Ronald McCarren, MXS
TSgt Scott Reed, MXS

Airmen council

Airmen (E-1 through E-4) are invited to join the 445th Airlift Wing's Airmen Council. The goal of the council is to get Airmen involved with the future of our wing and

our local community. Informational meetings will be held Saturday, July 9 and Saturday, July 23 at 2 p.m. in the 445th Airlift Wing headquarters building 4010 auditorium (Green Room).

The following elected positions: president, vice president, treasurer and secretary need to be filled.

For more information, please contact Senior Airman Joshua Walker at joshua.walker@wpafb.af.mil or Laura Wagner at laura.wagner@wpafb.af.mil.

Softball

The Air Force Sergeants Association Fourth Annual Active-duty versus Reserve Softball Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 at Dodger Field (softball fields closest to dorms in Kittyhawk Center). The pre-game is 6 to 7 p.m., and the championship game begins at 7 p.m. Free hot dogs, popcorn and beverages will be provided. The weather cancellation will be posted on the AFSA web site: www.afsa751.org. Come out and support the Reserve team!

C-17 welcome

The 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Welcome Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 9 in hangar 4016.

Due to limited parking, transportation will be provided. Buses will depart building 4010 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the final bus will depart at 9:15 a.m. Buses will depart building 101 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the final bus will depart at 9 a.m.

445th Airlift Wing attendees are asked to be in place no later than 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call the public affairs office at 257-5784.

In Memory



Staff Sgt. Ronald Sydnor, 445th Maintenance Squadron, passed away May 24. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

CCAF graduates

MSgt Charran Booker, *Allied Health Sciences*
SSgt Benjamin Bratka, *Social Services*
TSgt Cassandra Casul, *Pharmacy Technology*
SMSgt Thelma Chubb, *Allied Health Sciences & Diagnostic Imaging Technology*
TSgt Ivan Delossantos, *Maintenance Production Management*
SSgt Vincent Gibson, *Aircrew Safety Systems Technology*
TSgt Carl Hayden, *Aviation Operations & Allied Health Sciences*
TSgt Irvan Higgins, *Environmental Systems Technology*
MSgt Judy Hunt, *Human Resource Management*
TSgt Ashby Jakober, *Allied Health Sciences*
SSgt Mallory Johnson, *Allied Health Sciences*
SSgt Maggie Kocher, *Allied Health Sciences*
MSgt Alicia Lavender, *Human Resource Management*
SSgt Melisa Lopez, *Maintenance Production Management*
MSgt Stephanie Strickland, *Allied Health Sciences*
MSgt Christopher Williams, *Human Resource Management*



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Ready to roll

Staff Sgt. Curtis Jones, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle equipment maintenance journeyman, works on a mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle during the unit's annual tour to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, June 11-25.

On the Web



**Wing receives
Community
Builders award**



**Wing donates
relief items to
tornado victims
in Joplin**



**Girl Scout
cookies donat-
ed to deployed
Airmen**

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