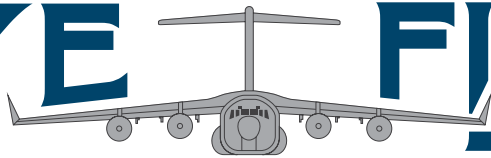


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445th C-5A Galaxy era comes to an end

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The Lockheed-Martin C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft fleet reached the end of the final chapter in its rich history with the 445th Airlift Wing when Lt. Col. Eric A. Piel, 89th Airlift Squadron pilot, commanded the wing's last C-5 flight here Sept. 28.



Staff Sgt. Robert Nelson

The C-5A Galaxy takes off for its final flight Sept. 28. The C-5 has been in operation at the 445th Airlift Wing since 2005.

"The C-5 was a good plane," said Piel. "It handled well, held everyone and everything we needed and has been through a lot of missions with us. It's great to be able to fly it one more time before we retire it."

The three-hour mission consisted of a number of "touch-and-go" landings. This is where the pilot touches the aircraft down on the runway and immediately lifts off again, routine training for the aircrew and nostalgic significance for the crew and spectators.

"It was my first aircraft to fly, other than the training aircraft," said Capt. Andrew Pierce, 89th Airlift Squadron pilot. "I am proud to partake in the final flight and be in that moment."

With a wingspan of 222.9 feet, a length of 247.1 feet and a height of 65.1 feet, the C-5 is the largest aircraft in the Air Force inventory and the third largest in the world. Its primary role is as a strategic airlifter, moving personnel and material long distances.

The 10 C-5s assigned to the 445th began arriving Oct. 3, 2005 to replace the fleet of C-141 Starlifter aircraft, and have since been

used in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Odyssey Dawn and other missions throughout the United States and the rest of the world, even making the occasional appearance at special events.

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Kalbfleisch, 89th AS flight engineer, has seen the C-5 carry people, Chinook helicopters, Mine

Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and even a submarine propeller. — See C-5, page 5



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, speaks to community leaders and the men and women of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during the C-5 farewell ceremony Oct. 14. Greg Ulmer, vice president and C-5 program manager, Lockheed Martin, also spoke during the event.

Air Force wows crowd at South African Air Show

By Capt. Demetrius Smith
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Photos by Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Staff Sgt. Craig Bowman, a vocalist with Touch 'n Go, a music ensemble of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band, performs in front of a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III during the South African Air Show, Oct. 1.

The people of South Africa opened their arms and embraced the 445th Airlift Wing and the U.S. Air Force during the Oct. 1, 2011 South African Air Show held at Waterkloof Air Force Base, Pretoria, South Africa.

U.S. African Command, in an effort to promote strong ties to South Africa, enlisted the help of the 445th AW through Air Mobility Command to participate at this year's air show that featured all of the U. S. Air Force components: Reserve, Air National Guard, and the active duty.

The wing's C-17 Globemaster III garnered much of the attention at the air show. Thousands of spectators waited patiently to tour the aircraft. The crowds were so large that some waited

more than two hours in line. Judging by the reaction of many of those who toured the plane, "it was well worth the wait!"

On board the C-17, air show attendees were treated to a demonstration by the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. AES members provided information on how the aerovac mission is accomplished. They also displayed all of the equipment used during aeromedical missions. Members answered question from those on the tour and showed how different pieces of equipment are used for patient care.

"The patrons were surprised that we can provide medical treatment on a plane for a large number of patients for long flights," said Capt. Ernest Debrah, 445th AES.

The two hour wait that many endured was so they could sit in the flight deck.

"Childhood dreams of being behind the controls of a huge bird like this are why the two hour wait was worth the price of admission to the air show," stated an air show patron.

Members of the 89th Airlift Squadron were on the flight deck to answer questions as well as on the ground at the exit taking pictures with attendees and signing autographs. Load masters from the unit explained how cargo is loaded on the plane as well as how much cargo could be carried under various scenarios.



Senior Airman Brenna Fowle, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, demonstrates how medical equipment is used on AES missions.

Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin, 445th AW Public Affairs, and Master Sgt. Mark Sanders, 445th Operations Support Squadron, found themselves serving as living props for some of the photo takers. Air show patrons sought out Air Force members to be a part of their take away from this year's event. Those who were in an Air Force uniform were bound to be in family photos.



(far left) Staff Sgt. Craig Bowman, enjoys visiting with a young attendee at the air show.

(top) A 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III was the star attraction at the South African Air Show held at Waterkloof Air Force Base in Pretoria, South Africa, Oct. 1.



(bottom) 445th Airmen pose with South African military members.

Capt. Demetrius Smith

The rock star treatment being shown to the C-17 was appropriate because along with a KC-135 Stratotanker from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., the two planes provided an amphitheater setting for Touch 'n Go, a rock and roll component of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe Band, to perform. The band covered hits from today and some classic rock favorites like "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. Touch 'n Go had the South African crowd singing, dancing, and waving their arms from side to side.

Another aircraft seen rolling down the strip during the air show was a C-130 Hercules. On board was the Air Force's Special Forces Unit, the Pararescuemen (PJs), from the 103rd Rescue Squadron, Gabreski Field West Hampton Beach, N.Y. They were also joined by a member of the 212th Rescue Squadron, Anchorage, Alaska.

The 106th Security Forces Squadron from

Gabreski Field and the 107th Security Forces Squadron from Niagara Falls, N.Y., provided security for all of the Air Force assets before, during and after the air show.

Not only did the C-17 serve as the star of the air show, it provided the transportation to and from Africa for 445th members, the PJs, security forces from Gabreski Field, the band, and members from the American Forces Network out of Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

All involved in the trip agree it's a mission they'll never forget. Lt. Col. William Gorczynski, 445th OSS and C-17 pilot, said it's one of his most memorable missions he's ever been part of.

"The South African Air Show was a great 'once in a lifetime' experience. I found out that the South Africans loved having us in their country visiting and participating in their air show. They are a very proud people and love it when you tell them what you like about their country," Gorczynski said.



Staff Sgt. Greg Sparks, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, talks to air show attendees about his role on the C-17.



Forgiveness frees us from shackles of the past

By Capt. Jonathan Kollmann
445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

We have renounced the hidden things of shame . . . 2 Corinthians 4:2

We all have been hurt by another person or have done something in the past we regret. Either we were treated badly, abused, deceived, trust was broken or we simply made very poor choices.

And while it is normal to experience grief and loss when the hurt comes, many times we live what happened to us, over and over, and do not let it go.

On September 11, I led my congregation in a time of remembrance, commemorating the ten year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation. During the service I stated, “while we should never forget, we cannot let those attacks define who we are. We cannot be shackled by fear, hate and defined by that day.”

In the days after that event our nation stood together strong and began rebuilding.

I believe today in light of those horrible events,

fear was replaced with hope. I truly believe we need to do the same with our individual lives. Whatever pain that happened to us or we did by choice, with God’s help we NEED to break out of the cycle of anger and hurt, and walk in new life!

We need to learn to let go. When someone has hurt us, with God’s help, learn to forgive.

When our choices have led us down the wrong path, turn around come back to God’s ways and walk in forgiveness

of self and others. When we do this the shackles of the past turn to dust and we are free!

My prayer is that we would be people who live like Bil Keane’s quote, “Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present.” Amen.

Just a friendly reminder: daylight savings time ends Sunday, Nov. 6.

Lead, be led, get out of the way

By Col. Akram Sadaka
445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron Commander

Lee Iacocca once said, “In business, you lead, be led or get out of the way.” He might be correct in most forms of businesses but not ours, the [United States Armed Forces].



the easiest to master from day one, obviously.

The third one remains the hardest to master amongst our most brilliant leaders.

“Getting out of the way” should not, however, imply quitting, retreating, resigning or relinquishing command. It simply means you must let those around you, who know better than you, deal with a given crisis

before it is too late.

For most, the difficulties rest in how and when leaders choose to “get out of the way”.

Often, unfortunately, they do so too soon, too late, or worst of all, never.

Regardless, leaders must “get out of the way” in a graceful manner. This includes recognizing the fact that a single leader cannot do everything alone, without ongoing or occasional reliance on qualified subordinates and support staff.

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445th CES trains for ORI

By Airman 1st Class Santana Austin
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters trained for the 2013 Operational Readiness Inspection by practicing aircraft rescue operations on a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft here, Oct. 15.

The training consisted of showing procedures, the deployment of fire extinguishing systems and egress practice, where the firefighters extract people from downed aircraft. The firefighters also analyzed the aircraft to predict what emergencies could occur in the different areas of the plane and discussed options for those contingencies.

“What we’re doing is going over the safety of the aircraft and conducting practice rescue operations,” said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Young, 445th CES deputy fire chief. “These C-17s are new to the unit and we need to be ready for anything that could go wrong during an emergency.”

To further enhance operational



Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

Master Sgt. Kenneth Finch, an instructor with the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, explains an exterior electrical outlet on the fuselage of a C-17 to a group of 445th firefighters.

readiness, firefighters were trained on duty stations other than their primary one to ensure success should an emergency occur. The troops were taught proper procedure both inside and outside the classroom. Then they donned their firefighting equipment and applied the skills they learned to a realistic scenario.

During an exercise such as this, the trainers want to simulate a real aircraft fire as realistically as possible to gauge how the trainees

will respond without damaging the aircraft.

“When we have all our gear on, including our masks and bottles of compressed air, we’re almost like turtles with shells on our backs,” said Master Sgt. Barry Nichols, 445th CES assistant chief of operations. “The gear makes it very hard to move in tight spaces. We don’t want to damage the aircraft, so we’re not wearing it today.”

According to Nichols, the bottles of compressed air that are used by the 445th firefighters are larger than what most municipalities use

since the unit here also responds to hazardous materials fires. Another piece of equipment in the CES’s arsenal is the water tanker, used for when the team doesn’t have access to fire hydrants. The tanker enables the crew to conduct operations in a wider variety of environments.

“Each and every one of us needs to be able to use and maintain all these pieces of equipment,” said Nichols. “Anything that can go wrong more than likely will, which is why we train the way we do.”

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“It’s a bitter sweet feeling because it’s a very capable airplane,” said Kalbfleisch.

Some of the wing’s C-5s have been assigned to other units, and some are being retired from duty. The 445th is now home to a fleet of Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, a high-wing, 4-engine, T-tailed military-transport aircraft capable of carrying large equipment, supplies and troops directly to small airfields in harsh

terrain anywhere in the world day or night.

“This transition to a new aircraft leaves the 445th Airlift Wing well-postured to meet the nation’s needs for airlift in the upcoming years,” said Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

One pilot had written on the dry-erase board next to the schedule of the C-5’s final flight, ‘The beginning of a new era.’

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Staff Sgt.
Joel Somers

Unit

445th
Communications Flight

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Wing Information Assurance Officer

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Civilian Job

445th Airlift Wing Network Administrator (Air Reserve Technician)

Education

Bachelor of Science, Management of Information Systems

Career Goal

Chief Information Officer

Hobbies

Aviation art and military history

What do you like about working at the 445th?

Information technology in the 445th is a very complex environment. Every day is a challenge and an opportunity to learn something new.

Why did you join the Air Force?

When I was 12, my family took a vacation from our home in northern Indiana to Florida. We stopped at this city called Dayton along the way and spent the day touring the Air Force Museum with these enormous hangars. I was amazed at the dozens of aircraft (at the

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time) that I had only seen in books or magazines. I was so moved by the experience that I decided I wanted to join the Air Force and be stationed

at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which became a reality in 1994. I don't remember where we spent the rest of our vacation in Florida!

From left to right, Senior Airmen Laura Wagner and Joshua Walker, both from the 445th Airlift Wing orderly room, Master Sgt. Anthony Johns, 445th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant, and Senior Airman Chelsie Pechiney, 445th Airlift Wing orderly room, assemble donated items for homeless veterans. The 445th Airman's Council and Spouses Council gathered and assembled donated items that totaled 100 bags. The items were distributed Oct. 21 during the VA Stand Down at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.



Stacy Vaughn

News Briefs

Newcomers

Lt Col Lawrence Allen, AES
 Capt John Stamm, AW
 1Lt Spencer Hamner, ASTS
 2Lt Matthew Lynagh, MXS
 TSgt Richard Kroeger, CES
 TSgt Jessica Pruitt, FSS
 SSgt Jason Bates, LRS
 SSgt Raymond Deweese, CES
 SSgt Nicholas Garman, 87 APS
 SSgt Joshua Hurley, SFS
 SSgt Nicole Moore, ASTS
 SrA Daniel Brockman, 87 APS
 SrA Brendan Burbrink, SFS
 SrA Jeffery Burden, AMDS
 SrA Robert Dallessandris, AES
 SrA Harold Debolt, FSS
 SrA Amarildo Hoxha, AMDS
 SrA Daniel Johnson, FSS
 SrA Anthony Marrazzi, AMDS
 SrA Michael O'Callaghan, SFS
 SrA Paul Roub, CES
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 A1C Joseph Divish, 87 APS
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 A1C Tiffany Gifford, LRS
 A1C Robert Hessler, 87 APS
 A1C Maura Phillips, 87 APS
 A1C Vicente Uriostegui, 87 APS
 A1C Dylan Zedaker, 87 APS
 Amn Donald Bell, MXS
 Amn Jabrea Chapman, SFS
 Amn Ryan Klingaman, 87 APS
 Amn Cordero Stephens, FSS
 AB David Gayer, CES
 AB William Griffiths, CES
 AB Karrington Norris, FSS
 AB Hayley Streng, CES
 AB Tiffany Works, FSS

Promotions

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 Jabrea Chapman, SFS
 Brianna Cunningham, SFS
 Robert Ford, FSS

Stephan Hall, FSS
 Ryan Klingaman, 87 APS
 Eric Mitchell, ASTS

Airman First Class

Tiffany Gifford, LRS
 Joshua Robidoux, AMXS

Senior Airman

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 Royce Ogden, 87 APS
 Jonathan Reshkus, ASTS
 Justin Severs, LRS
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 Paul Singleton, SFS
 Nick Tammarine, AMXS

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Ashley Delacruz, AW
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Theron Betsey, FSS
 Jeremy First, MXS
 Robert Green, MXS
 Paul Humphries III, CES
 Sean McCaslin, SFS
 Holly Siripavaket, AMDS

Master Sergeant

Steven Durham, SFS

Senior Master Sergeant

Bryan Cepluch, SFS
 Timothy Davis, OG
 Denise Roberts, 89 AS

Chief Master Sergeant

Brian Fowle, AES

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

SMSgt Paul Adducchio, MXS
 SMSgt Wayne Pearce, MXS
 SMSgt Lisa Rodriguez, MSG
 MSgt Brian Harris, LRS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt Jason Vance, 87 APS
 SMSgt Jamie Smith, MXS
 MSgt Joshua Wade, OSS
 TSgt Jeremy Edenfield, MXS
 TSgt Michael Parshall, AMXS

SSgt Clayton Creamer, AMXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt John Wagenbach III, MXS
 TSgt Michael Baker, AMXS
 TSgt Christopher Falloon, AMXS
 TSgt Jeffrey Goldie, AMXS
 TSgt Bradley Rossignol, AMXS
 SSgt Aaron Conkle, AMXS
 SSgt Joseph Rinkes, MXS
 SSgt Daniel Smith, MXS

Toys for Tots

The 445th AW and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program for Christmas is now underway. Bring your new and unwrapped gifts to drop off containers located throughout the 445th Airlift Wing. Monetary contributions and toys are accepted through Dec. 9. Please contact Master Sgt. Anthony Johns at 257-7098 if you'd like to assist.

CFC

The 2011 Miami Valley Combined Federal Campaign runs through Nov. 16. This year's goal for the 445th is \$15,000. The theme this year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary is, "To make a real difference, do more than you give. Invest!" This year you can pledge electronically. Visit www.miamivalleycfc.org and select "Pledge Online." Print out a copy and give it to your key worker. Please contact Master Sgt. Linda Thrasher at 257-5092 or Tech. Sgt. Joan Weldon at 656-1502 for more information.



PDS

The 445th Total Force Professional Development Seminar has been postponed to July 16 and 17. More information to follow.

Annual VA Christmas Party

The annual Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Christmas party is Dec 3. Needed items include: new or gently used clean clothes for men and women; extra large t-shirts; new underclothes; socks; decaffeinated coffee; powdered creamer; sugar; sweetener; spray deodorant; shampoo; new or used DVDs; hand lotions; flip flops or shower shoes; baseball caps (military and patriotic); toothbrushes and toothpaste; combs and hairbrushes; and paperback novels. Please contact Master Sgt. Anthony Johns at 257-7098 for more information.



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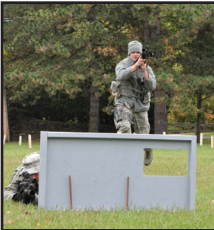


Making a pit stop

Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

A 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III sits on the ramp during a fuel stop at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in preparation for its return home after participating in the 2011 Waterkloof Air Show held at Waterkloof Air Force Base in Pretoria, South Africa, Oct. 1.

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