

Staff Sgt. Mikhail Berlin

MXG launches four C-17s during ATSO training exercise

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It's not every day you see four C-17 Globemaster III aircraft launch within five minutes of each other at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. But on July 14, 2012, the local community witnessed a historical event when the 445th Airlift Wing launched the aircraft in conjunction with the 445th Maintenance Group's ATSO – ability to survive and operate – training exercise.

The training included 39 maintenance reservists from the 445th Maintenance and Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons along with three members of the 445th Maintenance Operations Flight and a handful of maintenance Airmen acting as safety observers conducted the training to prepare for the wing's upcoming operational readiness inspection.

During the training exercise, the participants were involved in mission oriented protective postures, alarm conditions and force protection actions. Individuals were tested on their response to chemical and conventional attacks that might occur in an overseas theater of operations. In addition to testing their response to these wartime scenarios, the maintainers were also evaluated on their ability to launch and recover a C-17

aircraft while in a simulated combat environment.

Capt. Randy Gantt, 445th Maintenance Group, maintenance officer, was in charge of coordinating the events occurring on the ground.

"The exercise went very well with what we had to work with—the hot temperature, the rain, and the location. But we were able to accomplish what we set out to do. There are some issues that we need to work on. We also need to firm up understanding our roles and making sure our people understand what they need to do," Gantt said.

As the Airmen ran through their various scenarios in full chem gear around their training area set up on one end of the flightline, other maintainers were prepared and launched four C-17s on the other end of the runway.

"When all four launched within minutes of each other, it was a pretty sight to see and made us feel proud and have a sense of pride in the fact that we were a part of making this happen. It's also something you never see at a small wing," Gantt said.

Gantt was stationed at the Springfield Air National



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Members of the 445th Maintenance Group participates in the ATSO (ability to survive and operate) training exercise July 14. The training was conducted in preparation for the wing's upcoming operational readiness inspection.

Living your life with a purpose

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

There is nothing quite as powerful and energizing as a focused life, one lived on purpose. Many times in my life I have struggled with the clarity of focus and the impact of finding a clear purpose for the situation or circumstances I am facing at the moment.

One of the most effective leaders, Saint Paul said, "I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. *Philippians 3:13 NLT*

Many people spend their lives trying to create a lasting legacy on earth. They want to be remembered for their achievement

and accomplishments. What many people fail to realize is that all achievements are eventually surpassed: records are broken, reputations fade, and tributes are forgotten.

In college I was on the University of Louisville swim team. A peer of mine has a primary goal to be the fastest swimmer and set the school record. He was proudly able to achieve that goal and his trophy was prominently displayed in the school's trophy cabinet along with his name appearing on the record wall in the Crawford Gymnasium. Years later, someone mailed him that trophy. They had

found it in the trash can when the swimming facility was being remodeled! That individual said, "Given enough time, all your trophies will be trashed by someone else!" He was right.

What are you doing with all your gifts, talents, opportunities, energy, relationships, and resources? Are you spending them on yourself or using them to fulfill a more eternal purpose in life?

The members of the chaplain corps are here to come beside you as you focus on what matters in life. We are here to assist with any major decision you may be wrestling with.

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Gen. Dempsey: 'We are not elected to serve'

By Gen. Martin Dempsey
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

I talk about the importance of "trust" at every opportunity. Trust is the cornerstone of our profession. It binds us with those we serve—the American people and the elected officials who represent them. This trust relationship cannot be taken for granted. We must continually earn and re-earn it every day.

One way we earn this trust is by avoiding partisan activities. I wrote about this in a recent Joint Force Quarterly article. We must understand why



our military as a profession embraces political neutrality as a core value. We show fidelity to the Constitution every day by embracing this foundational principle. We are not elected to serve; rather, we elect to serve.

Of course, we are all entitled to our private and personal opinions.

And, I know we all take our obligations as citizens seriously. No uniformed member should ever feel constrained in their well-earned right to vote.

The uniform, however, brings its own obligations. All those who actively wear the uniform should be familiar with the regulations that guide political activity. The lines between the professional, personal—and virtual—are blurring. Now more than ever, we have to be exceptionally thoughtful about what we say and

how we say it.

In my judgment, we must continue to be thoughtful about how our actions and opinions reflect on the profession beyond active service. Former and retired service members, especially Generals and Admirals, are connected to military service for life. When the title or uniform is used for partisan purposes, it can erode the trust relationship. We must all be conscious of this, or we risk adversely affecting the very profession to which we dedicated most of our adult lives.



445th Services competes for culinary award

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

A bevy of white aproned 445th Services Sustainment Flight members were scurrying between two buildings, their portable kitchen and a serving tent preparing lunch for 60 Airmen at the base's warfighter training center July 14.

The occasion for Services was not just to fulfill the appetites of 445th Airmen but also to showcase their skills in front of three judges evaluating them for the Hennessy Award, a highly respected culinary award annually presented to an Air Force Reserve wing that has been deemed the best foodservice program in the Air Force Reserve.

It was not your normal field chow under the hot sun at the warfighter training center. Elaborate desserts, creative sides and three main dishes, German sliders, Italian sliders and buffalo chicken sliders, made the menu.

"The recipes, the taste, they were absolutely restaurant quality," said Col. Scott Sayre, commander, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Master Sgt. Tim Back, 445th Communications Element, information systems chief said he was pleasantly surprised. "I got haute cuisine when I totally expected to see heat-to-the-proper-temperature aluminum foil pans."

According to Peter Mihajlov, a judge representing the National Restaurant Association, there are 150 questions or data points covered during the evaluation process. Mr. Mihajlov, a restaurant owner/operator in Minneapolis, Minnesota, traveled to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with two Air Force Reserve judges.

"There has been a relationship going on 56 years now between the Air Force and the National Restaurant Association," Mihajlov said.

The judging started with the single pallet expeditionary kitchen or SPEK.

"We evaluate them on how they unpack the pallet, set up the kitchen, make the kitchen operational (cook the food), then clean up and re-palletize all their gear," said Tech. Sgt. Shakela McNeill, a judge from Dobbins, Air Reserve Base, Ga.

Services had 14 different menus to choose from and deviated somewhat with their food choices.

"Normally, you would follow a menu, but here they went outside a little," Sergeant McNeill said with a smile. She said they mixed different menus and used additional equipment. "They pulled it off," McNeill stated.

And those words may be a good omen for winning the Hennessy Award.

There are 39 Reserve wings eligible and four are selected for the final competition," said fellow judge Senior Master Sgt. Brian Denny, from Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The judges evaluated the 445th first. They will visit the remaining three wings in the next 90 days, one per month. The Hennessy Award will be announced in January of 2013 and an awards ceremony will be held in May 2013 in Chicago.

This is the first time the 445th has been in the competition, and on their first try, they made the final four.

On Sunday, July 15, the judges held an out brief and discussed the previous day's activity. Senior Airman Stephan Hall was honored as the top performer. He will go to Chicago next May for special recognition.

The judges provided feedback to the squadron on their strengths and weaknesses as they see them.

"No question, you have skills," Denny said as he addressed the squadron Sunday morning. "You showed up with pride." McNeill said she loved the level of teamwork the squadron expressed.

Maj. Elizabeth Daniels, Services officer-in-charge, was not surprised at how well the unit did.

"Not only did I see hard work and lots of sweat, I saw smiles. I am so proud of these Airmen," the major said.

The major said that she saw almost every member of the flight pitch in during the clean up and pack up stage. She noted that at the end of the evaluation process it went from a 10-Airman team to a 35-Airman entourage.

The 445th Services Airmen would have been evaluated in a military-run dining facility, had one been available. Air Force Reserve-wide dining facilities operated by the military have become so scarce the Hennessy competition for Reserve wings is now 100 percent field conditions.



Photos by Master Sgt. Charlie Miller

(right) 445th Services Sustainment Flight Airmen serve lunch at the warfighter training center. (left) Tech. Sgt. Alexandra Holmes, services journeyman, prepares lunch during the Hennessy Award competition July 14.



Wing announces third quarter award winners

Senior Airman Jerel Wright, 87th Aerial Port Squadron air trans-



portation apprentice, is the 445th Airlift Wing's Airman of the Quarter. Wright orchestrated the movement of 56,000 passengers and 166,000 tons of cargo while deployed at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. He reduced aircraft ground time by 66 percent, minimizing aircraft and personnel exposure to motor attacks. Wright devoted 20 off-duty hours to the Air Force Theater Hospital by expediting transport of wounded warriors. As a certified trainer, he instructs personnel in upgrade training, increasing unit deployment capabilities. During his off-duty time, Wright is a mentor at Leestown Middle School, teaching at risk youths education awareness through the "Race for Education" program. He has completed a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in psychology.

Tech. Sgt. De'Juan Gaskins, 445th Operations Support Squadron air-



crew flight equipment specialist, is the 445th Airlift Wing's NCO of the Quarter. Gaskins implemented 15 new shop and equipment standards for the C-17 conversion. He provided advanced training to aircrew personnel on the new lightweight inflatable decontamination system program. The sergeant also implemented a quality assurance schedule, ensuring timely inspection of life saving equipment. During his off-duty time, Gaskins volunteered as an event coordinator for 1,500 participants of the MS walk at Kettering Middle School. He also volunteers as a coach to elementary children in sports. The sergeant completed his Community College of the Air Force degree in aircrew flight equipment and a bachelor's degree from Park University in human resource management.

Senior Master Sgt. Luke Schroeder, 445th Maintenance Squadron



aircraft structures repair section chief, is the 445th Airlift Wing's Senior NCO of the Quarter. Schroeder managed the design and manufacture of more than 250 tools and test fixtures saving the wing \$250,000. He oversaw a \$750,000 C-17 Advanced Composite Repair Facility construction project. Schroeder coordinated with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center engineers to facilitate 60 ton aircraft jack repairs saving the wing \$100,000. The sergeant also facilitated an Air Force workshop in suicide awareness. Schroeder provided his off-duty time to junior martial arts anti-bullying instruction. He also serves as a coach for the Ross Middle School Wrestling team. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business and aviation management at Columbia Southern University.

Capt. Terrell Eikner, 445th Maintenance Squadron operations officer,



is the 445th Airlift Wing's Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. Eikner authored a solution to the current maintenance electronic technical order systems for a less expensive, user-friendly and easily updatable system, potentially saving the Air Force more than \$100 million. His leadership was key to a 10 percent increase in C-17 mission capable rate from April to May 2012. He acquired \$5,000 in gas mask voice emitters for operational readiness inspection/operational readiness exercise (ORI/ORE) use at zero cost to the wing. Eikner assisted the Airman's Council in delivering 180 comfort kits to the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center during its recent picnic. The captain received a master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aero University.

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Guard Base when the F-16 Fighting Falcons were assigned there. He said it was a common sight to see multiple launches of the jets. But for a small heavy aircraft wing, it's very uncommon.

"When you have a base like Joint Base Charleston that supports more than 50 C-17s, you may see multiple launches and it's not a big deal to them. They are prepared for it and have the manpower to support."

After the launch, one of the four aircraft was recovered with maintainers wearing full chem gear. Gantt reiterated the importance of the recovery in full chem gear as it allowed his Airmen to practice and hone their skills to do

their job in a scenario unlike they normally work under.

As the group's facility and shelter manager, Master Sgt. Jason Gumm, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron lead propulsion technician, ensured the safety and well-being of all the Airmen placed in his area of responsibility.

"The ATSO training was an eye-opener to the fact that continual training is a necessity. I believe that on-going training is crucial for preparation of the ATSO portion in the upcoming ORI," Gumm said. "And from what I witnessed, the attitudes of the men and women in the 445th were excellent, no matter what the requirement for them."



WORRIED WARRIOR?!

By Tech. Sergeants Jeffery Spires & Kerrie Yeager
445th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Have you been hearing the acronym ORI floating around a lot lately? Are you tasked as an ORI primary/alternate deployer? Do you know what is expected of you?

Over the next few months we hope to inform and answer some of your concerns about an ORI and the ORI process...let's begin!

So the down and dirty of an ORI is how we as a wing perform our jobs. The official definition of an ORI (operational readiness inspection) according to Air Force Instruction 90-201, Inspector General Activities, is an inspection conducted to evaluate and measure the ability of a unit to perform in wartime, during a contingency or a force sustainment mission.



Every wing undergoes an ORI approximately every five years. It takes more than a year for the ORI planners to prepare a wing for the inspection.

“But I’ve heard the acronym ORE too. ORE...ORI, so what’s the difference?” An operational readiness exercise is basically a practice test for the ORI. The ORE is an opportunity to find our areas of weakness to better prepare us for the ORI, the final exam.

Those deemed as primaries and alternates for the inspection will complete many training requirements to include; CBT’s (computer-based training), CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives), SABC (self-aid and buddy care), and selective arming. All these warfighter training requirements will be complete prior to our first flyaway to a CRTC (combat readiness training center) for the ORE. Following the ORE we will have a hotwash to determine the wings strengths and weaknesses to prepare for the ORI test. Several hundred wing members are tasked to perform as primaries and alternates; yet, it will take the participation of the entire wing to succeed in the Operational Readiness Inspection.

In future articles, we will get into the day in the life of an ORI deployer and address other key issues. Continue to look for us in future articles of the *Buckeye Flyer*.

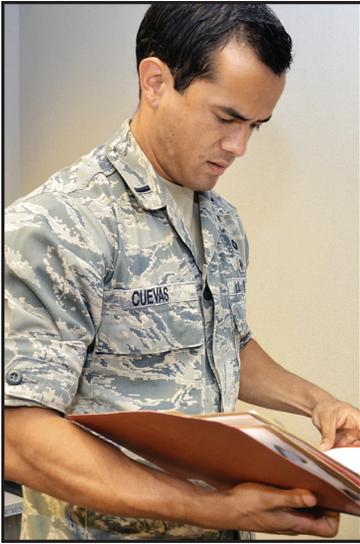
ORI Acronyms & Terms

- ATSO** (*Ability to Survive and Operate*)
-your ability to do your job during a wartime/chemical environment
- CRTC** (*Combat Readiness Training Center*)
- FACMAN** (*Facility Manager*)
- Hotwash**-after action discussion of performance following an exercise training session or major event
- IG** (*Inspector General*)
-Air Force level inspectors
- PAR Teams** (*Post attack reconnaissance*)
-perform pre-sweeps post sweeps of work area for contaminants and UXOs
- METLS** (*Mission Essential Task List*)
-performance of your job you are going to be graded upon
- ORE** (*Operational Readiness Exercise*)
-Pretest for the ORI
- ORI** (*Operational Readiness Inspection*)
-an inspection conducted to evaluate and measure the ability of a units performance
- SIMS/LIMS** (*Simulations and limitations*)
-a document allowing you to sim/lim equipment, personnel, or tasks
- SPINS** (*ORI Reporting and Special Instructions*)
-a list of general expectations and inspection Rules of Engagement (ROE)
- UDM** (*Unit Deployment Manager*)
-a person gets you and your cargo to a deployed location and back
- UTC** (*Unit Type Code*)
-a 5 character alpha-numeric code that identifies a given capability of each job

Cut this out and attach it to your
Airman’s Manual for quick reference



SPOTLIGHT



Rank/Name
1st Lt. Shawn Cuevas

Unit
445th Aerospace
Medicine Squadron

Duty Title
Medical Readiness
Officer

Hometown
San Antonio, Texas

Civilian Job
Medical student at
the Ohio University
Heritage College of
Osteopathic Medicine

Education
Bachelor's degree in
economics, United
States Air Force

Academy

Hobbies

Staying fit, boxing, stand-up comedy

Career Goal

Continue serving to the best of my ability as a medical readiness officer until I graduate. At that point, I would like to transition into being a flight surgeon.

What do you like about working at the 445th?

The people make the mission. My civilian requirements can be stringent at times. It would not be possible for me to be a drilling reservist without the support of my leadership and I sincerely thank them for all of their support. I also appreciate the diversity of the

staff. Personnel come from all sorts of civilian jobs and bring that expertise with them. Working with this diverse group helps me grow as a leader and contributes to the success of the mission.

Why did you join the Air Force?

My father is a retired master sergeant and my older brother is an active duty technical sergeant. My first job was mopping floors at the Lackland AFB food court. The Air Force has surrounded me my entire life. During high school, I learned about the Air Force Academy and the opportunities it presented. I've been enjoying the ride ever since.

News Briefs

Newcomers

Lt Col Craig Wisler, AMDS
Maj Raymond Lewis, 87 APS
Maj Thomas Menza, AW
Maj Kathy Miller, AES
Capt Tara Jones, MSG
1Lt Shauna Piotrowski, AES
1Lt Shanika Roberts, AES
2Lt Amirah Davis, AES
MSgt Nicholas Adams, AES
TSgt Daniel Boehler, SFS
TSgt Sena Johnson, FSS
TSgt Shawntay Larkin, FSS
SSgt La Sal Austin, ASTS
SSgt Ronnie Brown, MXS
SSgt Christopher Calloway, CES
SSgt Thomas Kocin, 87 APS
SSgt Justin Landrum, SFS
SSgt Theodore Marsh, 87 APS
SSgt Anthony Najor, MXS
SSgt Robert Schnelle, 89 AS
SSgt David Vaughn, CES
SrA Christopher Resio, LRS
SrA Michael Ribbink, ASTS
A1C Michael Brown, ASTS
A1C William Campbell, 87 APS
A1C Meghan Cooksey, ASTS
A1C Kamika Davis, CES
A1C Tyler Mohr, AW
A1C Shawn Parks, SFS
A1C Steven Power, OG

A1C Laura Soper, OG
Amn Jamise Brooks, MXS
Amn Ryan Simon, CES
AB Nicholas Floss, AMDS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Kenneth Dzoba, 89 AS
Lt Col Thomas Gervais, 89 AS
Lt Col Judith Pearce, AES
Lt Col Ted Schiller, 89 AS
Maj Christopher Blomberg, AES
Maj Sharon Dondlinger, SFS
Maj Sharon Ellis, AES
SMSgt Donald Ganton Jr., AMXS
SMSgt William Jobson, CES
SMSgt Barry Storer, 87 APS
MSgt Brian Algeo, SFS
MSgt Donald Ellars, 87APS
MSgt Leegurtha Lucas, FSS
MSgt Robert Rowe, 87 APS
MSgt James Smith, AES
MSgt Lawrence Stulz, AW
TSgt Annette Jones, OSS
TSgt Lawrence Record, MXS
TSgt David Weintraut, CES

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj James Kern, AES

SMSgt Helen Redwinesmith, 87 APS
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TSgt Carl Hayden, 89 AS
TSgt Michelle Henry, 87 APS
TSgt Michael Maurer, 87 APS
TSgt Gigi McElwain, AES
TSgt Jonathan Reiter, 87 APS
TSgt Scottie Roberts, 87 APS
TSgt Randy Smith, LRS
TSgt William Smith, 87 APS
TSgt Christopher Yacullo, AES
SSgt Sean Kennedy, MXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt Matthew Hallam, 87 APS
SrA Timothy Monroe, 87 APS
SrA Athena Yacoumakis, ASTS

Air Medal

Capt Michael Rubeling, 89 AS

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Jennifer Godsey, CES
Quincy Hampton, ASTS
Ieshea Lattimore, FSS

Ryan Lucas, LRS
Matthew McDonald, AW
Eli McPheron, OG
Emily Temple, LRS
Brittany Weekly, FSS

Technical Sergeant

Bryan Anderson, AMDS
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Paul Mohny, ASTS
Shannon Osborne, AES
James Sparks, 87 APS
Derick Stephens, ASTS
Penny Wagner, MOS
Jordan West, 87 APS
Ashley Williams, ASTS

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Michael Goody, 87 APS
Rose Gregory, LRS
Sean Smith, AES

Senior Master Sergeant

Ryan Pratt, LRS



445 AW participates in RAF Air Tattoo

By Maj. Jose Cardenas
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Aircrews from the 89th Airlift Squadron, members of 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and support personnel embarked across the pond to participate in the 41st Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford, Gloucestershire, England where they showcased the C-17 Globemaster III and AES missions, July 7.

The Air Tattoo is one of the world's largest air shows encompassing military aviators and aircraft from across the globe demonstrating their capabilities in an unrivalled spectacle and aviator camaraderie past, present and future.

"We are proud to be here. We absolutely love having the chance to represent Air Force Reserve Command. As the newest C-17 unit, we are tremendously excited to show off our newest aircraft. This gives us the opportunity to show the rest of the world what Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is doing," said Lt. Col. Steve Schnell, 445 AW Operations Group chief of current operations.

With more than 130,000 in attendance and 300 aircraft taking part, this event is truly a collaborative effort. The Royal International Air Tattoo is staged annually and supported by an army of volunteers working to get 54 countries together and the multitude of visitors to the event to make it a success.

"We've got about 2,500 volunteers. You (United States) lend us the airfield, we man the control tower and fuel trucks. This event is what aircraft enthusiasts love, and it thrills the crowd. We are so honored the United States Air Force sends the B-52, C-5, C-17, KC-135, F-15 and all manner of airplanes to support this event," said Tim Prince, Chief Executive for the RAF Charitable Trust, Royal International Air Tattoo.

Members of the 445 AES not only participated in the Air Tattoo by answering questions and conducting demonstrations for the crowds, they also used the flight time to train for their medical flight require-



Maj. Jose Cardenas

A 445th Airlift Wing C-17 participated in the Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, England July 7.

ments (their core tasks to be conducted semi-annually in order to deploy).

For flight nurse Capt. Lisa Mugg of the 445 AES, the event was one she'll never forget.

"The air show has been unbelievable. There were a lot of people asking a lot of questions about what we do as AE on the aircraft – bringing back wounded or sick troops. All ages were very interested, and everyone was friendly and very hospitable. They were really interested in our aircraft, our mission and in us. It was such a wonderful opportunity to participate in this event."

Visitors to The Royal International Air Tattoo experienced more than two miles of static aircraft, interactive activities and ground exhibitions with an opportunity to see aircraft from around the globe. This event also provided the opportunity for air crew members to meet, share stories and enjoy the camaraderie.

"It's an opportunity for hundreds of different aircraft from dozens of countries to come out and show the community on a large scale what some of the capabilities are and more importantly, bring together good international relations," added Schnell.

The excitement of The Royal International Air Tattoo allowed aviation enthusiasts of all ages, from all over the world to be thrilled and inspired by experiencing the aircraft and the air crews at their finest.

"Over the years the spirit of the aviators who have come has been quite exceptional – crew members from other countries telling stories, having a good time. We're very much the United Nations of the Air – like minded aviators coming together being friends and loving aviation and that's what we're all about. It's a big show and it's wonderful – it's aviation!" Tim Prince, Chief Executive Royal International Air Tattoo stated.



Staff Sgt. Amanda Duncan

Master Sgt. Carie Brown, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, explains the medical equipment to a young spectator during the RAF Air Tattoo July 7.





Off they go!

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Four 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft launch from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as part of the maintenance group ATSO (ability to survive and operate) exercise July 14.

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Distinguished
Graduate award**



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