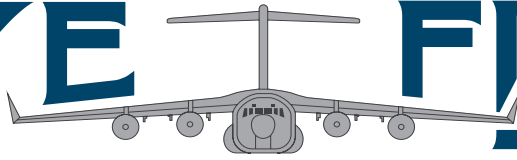


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Photos by Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Loadmasters from the 89th Airlift Squadron unload two helicopters at Malmen Air Base, Sweden, Dec. 15, 2011. The 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III transported the helicopters from Huntsville, Ala. The helicopters will be used to perform medical evacuations in theater support of Operation Enduring Freedom. A team of 11 employees from Science and Engineering Services traveled with the helicopters to assist with training.

Master Sgt. Jeff Vaughn, 89th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, observes the unloading of a helicopter to ensure there is enough clearance.

445th AW announces colonel promotions

By 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the calendar year 2011 Air Force Reserve Line and Nonline Colonel Promotion Selection Boards Dec. 12. These boards selected more than 200 Citizen Airmen for promotion.

The selection boards convened at the center Oct. 17 to determine those officers qualified to assume the next higher grade. Board members selected 263 of 2,032 officers considered.

Five reservists from the 445th

Airlift Wing were selected.

Congratulations to the following promotees: Brenda Ames, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Kenneth Council, 89th Airlift Squadron; Kenneth Herstine, 445th Force Support Squadron; Oliver Loyd, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; and Donald Wren, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Categories considered during these promotion boards are: Air Force Reserve Line, Chaplain,

Dental Corps, Line of the Air Force Judge Advocate, Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Medical Services Corps, and Biomedical Services Corps.

After Senate confirmation, officers will be promoted in increments announced by HQ USAF/REP.

A complete list of Citizen Airmen selected for promotion is available online at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/ci/fattach/get/1648969/1323700205/redirect/1>.

Reminiscing...

1. The 445th Airlift Wing began the year with a new mission when its first C-17 Globemaster III arrived Jan. 21. The 445th flew 527 C-17 and C-5 sorties in 2011.



Susan Belna

2. A C-5 Galaxy picks up construction material and dry food items bound for Haiti at the Illinois Air National Guard base in Peoria, Ill., Jan. 27. The wing moved 2,780 passengers and 4,412.67 tons of cargo in 2011.



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

3. Members of the 445th and families participated in a Yellow Ribbon event in Virginia Beach, Va., Feb. 26. The 445th Airlift Wing hosted nine Yellow Ribbon events attended by 22 reservists and 26 family members.



Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Caskey

4. The 445th Airlift Wing Teen Council held its first meeting March 5.



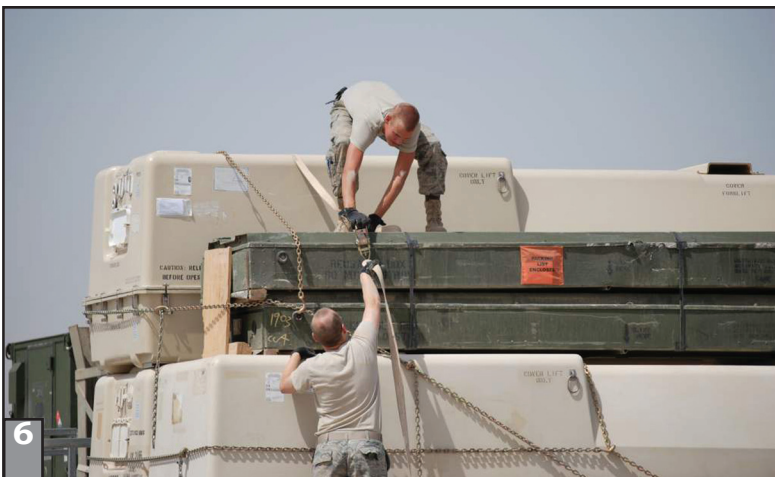
Senior Airman Matthew Cook

5. The 445th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron provided inflight medical care for more than 12,000 patients in 2011.



Ken LaRock

6. Airmen of the 87th Aerial Port Squadron deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq. The 445th deployed 125 Airmen in 2011.



Courtesy Photo

7. Scouts from Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio visited the 445th Airlift Wing May 21 to participate in Scouts Day. The wing hosted 2,500 visitors in 2011.



Staff Sgt. Robert Nelson

445 AW in 2011



1. More than 600 Airmen and community leaders attended the 445th Airlift Wing's C-17 Welcome Ceremony July 9.



2. During the summer, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron reservists participated in New Horizons, a cooperative humanitarian training exercise between the Suriname government and the U.S. Southern Command, with the goal of helping to improve the quality of life for the people of Suriname.



3. Gen. Raymond E. Johns, Jr., commander, Air Mobility Command, visited the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing Aug. 6.



4. More than 200 Airmen observed the 9/11 tragedy in a remembrance ceremony Sept. 11.



5. A C-5 farewell ceremony was held Oct. 14 to mark the end of the C-5 era that began here in Oct. 2005.



6. Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing ended the year by attending the annual VA Christmas party Dec. 3, providing lunch, gifts and companionship to local Dayton VA Medical Center residents.

Looking back at 2011, looking forward to 2012

By Col. Stephen D. Goeman
445th Airlift Wing Commander

Once again we turn the page and begin the journey as we start another challenging year for all the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing. All of you should be proud of the many accomplishments of the past year. The organizational and individual awards earned in 2011 make a positive statement that this is indeed the premier wing in all of Air Force Reserve Command.



The initial phase of our transition to the C-17 Globemaster III is well ahead of schedule and the drawdown of the C-5 Galaxy mission should be completed this month. Our major focus is on mission accomplishment as we continue the ongoing preparation for a Wing Operational Readiness Inspection that we expect to occur in early 2013.

We have had a significant changeover in personnel in many of our organizations. Please welcome these new Airmen into our fold and show them the fantastic way we conduct business in our Wing. We're very fortunate to have Col. Brett Newman in place as our new maintenance group commander and Lt. Col. Dale Bateman as our mission support group commander. Both of these officers are energized and will do all it takes to continue the fine legacy established by their predecessors.

Col. Michael Major arrives in January to assume the vice wing commander role. He comes to us from Scott Air Force Base and brings a wealth of mobility/airlift experience to our wing. Col. Alan Gilbar has returned to the 445th AW and serves as a special assistant to the wing commander. We will leverage his expertise in the medical arena to ensure that all medical readiness issues are resolved and that the medical needs of our Airmen are well taken care of.

Recruiting and retention rates in the 445th Airlift Wing are off the charts. Soon to be Chief Master Sgt. Brian Boyd and his staff of recruiters have been recognized as the best of the best in the AFRC Recruiting Service. All of our Airmen have contributed in these two areas. I cannot thank you enough for all you do for our Air Force Reserve.

It is my hope that each of you had a great holiday season to reconnect with friends and family and that you will be energized to meet the challenges of 2012.

Please make the effort to communicate with those 445th Airmen who have recently returned from deployment or are still out there doing the nation's business. The sacrifices made by these individuals are many, and we owe them all of our gratitude and thanks.

Keep it up, stay motivated, and continue to keep this organization moving forward!

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Life is full of changes

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

Be still, and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

As 2012 begins, we can look back at the many changes that have occurred within our wing. New faces are an ever present life force perpetuating and fostering growth and change; from a new aircraft (C-17) to new group commanders and an expanding world mission.

Now more than ever I realize that we are much more than the duties and missions we accomplish. We are a common people sharing a common life journey.

For more than half of my life, I served the Air Force in one capacity or another: trainee, individual mobilization augmentee, traditional reservist and active duty member. Prior to my oath of office in 1985, I was an Air Force dependent. I lived in many areas of the world following my father and family from one military assignment to another. Life was always full of change. About every three or four years there was a new school, a new set

of friends, a new church, or a new best friend.

Changes regularly come for each of us. Spiritual serenity can be cultivated in spite of the quaking mountains or the agitated seas. The spiritual calm does not come from a lack of troubles, but from a steady, deep reflection on the ways God has intervened in history on behalf of his people.

Although your world may be crumbling around you, don't lose heart or faith in the one who made you. Be still not because of self made confidence or because you are the most self composed person on the planet. Be still because of what you know about God. Know it not only intellectually, but practically, spiritually and emotionally.

The irony in being still encourages us to reflect on what God can do in the face of what we are unable to do. The 445th Chaplain Corps is here to assist you through life changes by helping you tap into the still calmness in the midst of change.





Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Staff Sgt. Brianne Fowle,
445th Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron,
visits veterans at the Dayton
VA Medical Center Dec. 3.

445th Airmen enjoy Christmas party with veterans

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

Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing joined patients, friends and family at the Dayton VA Medical Center for their annual Christmas party Dec. 3.

Volunteers from the 445th AW, the Air Force Sergeants Association Kittyhawk Chapter, the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio and the Air Force Association organized this year's celebration.

"This is a great event we do every year. It's a way to give back to those who gave so much to us. I really enjoy seeing the smiles on everyone's faces," said Master Sgt. Anthony Johns, 445th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant.

More than 200 people were in attendance this year, including Santa Claus, who gave gifts to all

of the patients and thanked each of them for their years of service.

"The patients love seeing Santa Claus," said Chuck Worm, Chapter Operations at AFSA. "He's especially well-liked by the kids that volunteer, as well as the patients' grandchildren."

The residents were treated to a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and live music played by the Gem City Band.

"We've played at almost every event held here at the VA," said John Stiles, percussionist for the Gem City Band. "It's an honor to play for these wonderful people. They gave us the gift of freedom; the least we could do is give them the gift of music."

"It's great being able to serve the patients and hear about their experiences," said Senior Airman Mi-

chelle Helregel, 88th Air Base Wing Medical Group. "I love seeing their faces light up after talking to them or after I bring them their gifts. Giving to others and bringing joy is what this season is about."

The annual Christmas party is also a vehicle for donation drives. Necessary items such as toothpaste, shampoo, clothes and other things are donated to the VA Volunteer Service. From there, the donation items are then dispersed amongst the patients, as well as veterans in need.

"This is a wonderful occasion for the patients," said Senior Airman Michelle Helregel, 88th Air Base Wing Medical Group. "The patients get to spend time with their families, as well as share stories with the servicemembers who come here to volunteer."



SPOTLIGHT

Rank/Name

Tech. Sgt. Melisa Lucio

Unit

445th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

Duty Title

Vehicle maintenance
and analysis apprentice

Hometown

Lake Orion-Oxford, Mich.

Education

Bachelor of Science in busi-
ness administration-finance

Career Goal

To become a chief or an officer

Hobbies

Skiing and swimming

What do you like about working at the 445th?

Being part of the 445th is like a family to me. I met some new people and notice everyone is willing to help each other. I can still have fun and further my career goal.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I want to be part of something big, face a challenge in my life, gain knowledge and make history.



LRS members win 4th AF Logistics Readiness awards

Senior Airman Zachary Simon, a supply journeyman, has been selected as the Air Force Materiel Management Airman of the Year. Simon processed more than 500,000 due-in from maintenance turn-ins, reducing turn-around time and increasing aircraft availability. He inventoried more than 23,000 supply line items valued over \$250,000 with an inventory accuracy rating of 98 percent. He was a team member on his unit's tour to Joint Base Charleston, S.C., with the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron performing essential duties while 30 percent of the 437th was deployed. Simon is enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force, pursuing a degree in logistics management.

Master Sgt. Joseph Holbrook, section supervisor, has been selected as the Air Force Materiel Management Senior NCO of the Year. Holbrook developed and monitored an inspection schedule, improving the quality assurance pass rate from 85 percent to 100 percent. He relocated 60 electro-static discharge line items containing 250 assets valued at \$250,000 with an inventory accuracy rate of 98 percent. The sergeant managed 2,000 due-in from maintenance assets valued at more than \$25 million. Holbrook assisted in the development of maintenance supply liaison operating instructions, maintaining currency, accuracy and ensuring 100 percent compliance.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Reels, fuels craftsman, has been selected as the Air Force Fuels NCO of the Year. Reels dispatched 195 fuel servicing operations to host and foreign aircraft, supporting four world-wide operations. He provided install instructions on a 400 gallon portable liquid oxygen tank on the quick turn of an aircraft, supporting 17th Air Force missions. The sergeant supervised the issuance of 1,600 gallons of liquid nitrogen and 1,200 gallons of liquid oxygen, receiving 15,000 gallons of liquid oxygen in one week with zero operational delays. Reels manages the Air Force Materiel Command Community of Practice for more than 100 users, brainstorming ideas and solutions to maximize best practices.

Tech. Sgt. David Mashburn, shop supervisor, has been selected as the Air Force Vehicle Management NCO of the Year. While TDY, Mashburn led vehicle maintenance, providing support for C-130 aircraft support equipment. He oversaw repairs performed on an essential water truck, saving \$27,000 and six months down time. He helped coordinate 24-hour shop coverage in support of 445th operations on short notice, ensuring mission accomplishment. He coordinated and supervised the global deicer summer rebuild program, saving more than 100 man-hours and enhancing theater operations. Mashburn helped design and implement a training plan for 235 core tasks, identifying specific actions needed for upgrade.



News Briefs

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Michael Brandenburg, CF
 Lt Col David Clemmer, 89 AS
 Lt Col Christopher Cunningham, CES
 Lt Col Matthew Duffy, 89 AS
 Maj Margaret Myslinsky, ASTS
 Maj Mary Reed, ASTS
 CMSgt Sean Storms, 87 APS
 SMSgt Randall Skaggs, CF
 SMSgt Monte Snyder, MOF
 MSgt Kevin English, ASTS
 MSgt Donna Laprath, FSS
 TSgt Charles Bretz, 89 AS
 TSgt Pamela Oswald, 87 APS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt Matthew Smith, 89 AS
 TSgt Gregory Shepherd, SFS
 SSgt Patrick Smith, 87 APS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Kemberlee Scott, CES

Promotions

Airman

Michalin Baker, CES
 Jacob Banks, CES
 Roxanne Barker, CES
 Tiffany Brimmer, AMDS
 Heather Glanton, ASTS
 Brandon Griffin, FSS
 Mark Murphy, SFS
 Joseph Rasor, CES
 Hayley Streng, CES
 Jordan Tieu, SFS

Airman First Class

Donald Bell, MXS

Danielle Greenbaum, AMDS
 Jared Livingood, SFS
 Kristina Matlock, AMDS

Senior Airman

Kyle Adkins, CES
 Alex Bilchak, MXS
 Andrew Bohringer, AMDS
 Morgan Boyle, 87 APS
 Jennifer Caldwell, ASTS
 Jocelyn Ewing, 87 APS
 Andrew Finley, ASTS
 Nicholas Guinther, 87 APS
 Eric Hackett, 87 APS
 Felicia Heitman, ASTS
 Matthew Hemingway, 87 APS
 Derek Jones, CES
 John McDermott, MXS
 Daniel Williams, ASTS

Staff Sergeant

Precious Sims, AMDS

Technical Sergeant

Timothy McKinney, AMXS

Master Sergeant

Jon Webber, 87 APS
 Jeremy Weisenberger, 87 APS

Newcomers

Maj Douglas West, 89 AS
 Capt Angela Dunigan, AES
 Capt Adam Richter, 89 AS
 1Lt Alyson Harris, AES
 TSgt Daniel Lima, AES
 SSgt Omar Reyes, AMDS
 SSgt James Topa, AMDS
 SrA Alex Bilchak, MXS
 SrA Justin Daley, SFS
 SrA Thomas Read, AMDS
 A1C Jocelyn Ewing, 87 APS
 A1C Rachel Wilson, AES
 Amn David Andrix, CES
 AB Nia Blanchard, AMXS
 AB Bryan Carter, ASTS
 AB Ronrico Crosby, MXS
 AB Cody Falloon, MXS
 AB Roman Muskeyvalley, AMDS
 AB Maura Patillo, AMDS
 AB Christopher Thrower, CES

The 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office would like to wish you a safe and prosperous new year.

87th APS named ARC Air Transportation Activity of the Year

By 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 87th Aerial Port Squadron has been awarded the Fourth Air Force Logistics Readiness Award, Air Reserve Component Air Transportation Activity of the Year category, for outstanding contributions to the success of the Air Force and Department of Defense missions. The announcement was made Dec. 13, 2011.

The specific purpose of the Logistics Readiness Awards Program is to identify superior logistics readiness and mission support performance, enhance morale, and inspire the Air Force Logistics Readiness community by commemorating the achievements of those for whom the awards are named.

During the award period, the 87 APS provided a full-spectrum air and space expeditionary force combat support to Operations New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Odyssey Dawn and Unified Protector. This in-

cluded supporting the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron 24/7 operations with 102 Airmen moving 76,000 passengers, 5,900 tons of cargo, executing 1,600 missions and conducting 1,500 engine running off-loads/on-loads. 87 APS reservists were also incorporated with the 332nd ELRS, Iraq's largest ELRS. The group ensured the efficient airlift of 62,500 tons of critical materiel and 139,000 passengers on 11,000 airlift missions.

The 87 APS inaugurated its first of its kind readiness flight; a one-stop-shop for mobilization, training and deployment execution. The unit launched a squadron Top 3, optimizing senior noncommissioned officer communication effectiveness, rallying unit support for Airmen in need. Squadron Airmen also played a key role in the 445th AW Airman's Council.



Spreading Christmas joy at Dayton Children’s Medical Center

By Capt. John Stamm
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The hospital isn’t normally a place that a child wants to be, especially around Christmas. Instead of waiting on Santa to slide down the chimney bearing presents and filling stockings, they settle for nurses bearing medicine and hope for the answer to their only question: “When can I go home?”

The Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing’s 87th Aerial Port Squadron refuse to let a hospital stay put a damper on the Christmas spirit of patients at Dayton Children’s Medical Center. For more than 20 years they have been putting smiles on faces with gifts, hugs and get-well wishes.

On Friday, Dec. 16, the 87th APS continued the tradition when 31 volunteers from the unit delivered more than 500 gifts, including 10 new Huffy bicycles, to dozens of children currently receiving treatment at the hospital.

“It’s our way of giving back,” said Lt. Col. John M. Marang, 87th APS commander. “A lot of these kids are hurting right now, and we want to take some of that hurt away and make these kids smile.”

The Dayton Children’s Medical Center provides quality health care for children from infancy through



Capt. John Stamm

Master Sgt. Linda Thrasher, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, presents gifts to a young patient at the Dayton Children’s Medical Center Dec. 16.

adolescence regardless of their economic status. They offer comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnosis and treatment in an emotionally supportive setting for patients and their families.

Karen Muller is the child life manager at the facility. She believes the visit from Airmen enhances treatment.

“When children are hospitalized it’s stressful for the whole family,” Muller said. “Anytime you can make a child smile or feel better it aids their recovery.”

The 87th begins taking donations from within the unit approximately two months prior to Christmas. They focus on the children who are hospitalized

long-term, but always have more than enough gifts to go around. This year, the Beavercreek Walmart provided a boost with a gift of \$300 and the Huffy Bicycle Company of Centerville, Ohio, added 50 bicycles.

“These kids really just want to go home,” said Bethany Deines, director of annual gifts at the hospital. “We try to make their stay here as pleasant for them as possible. The visit from the Air Force and the gifts make their stay a little more enjoyable.”

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