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445 AW names C-17 “Spirit of the City of Fairborn”

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Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Fairborn Mayor Tom Nagel unveil the “Spirit of the City of Fairborn” decal as Paul Newman, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce executive director, looks on, Sept. 10, 2013.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - More than 100 community leaders, military and civilian personnel were in attendance Sept. 10 when the 445th Airlift Wing held a ceremony here to honor the City of Fairborn, Ohio, by naming one of its nine C-17 Globemaster IIIs after the city.

C-17 tail number 7-0044 was named “Spirit of the City of Fairborn” to mark the unique partnership the city has with the base and it recognizes the support the Fairborn community provides to the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

This particular aircraft was chosen because it was the first C-17 to arrive at the wing when it started its conversion from the C-5 Galaxy to the C-17. The aircraft arrived here Jan. 21, 2011.

Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Fairborn Mayor Tom Nagel unveiled the decal during the ceremony.

“It’s our honor to designate this great aircraft in honor of our hometown, Fairborn. This is a chance

for us to give back to the community,” Goeman said.

Goeman also remarked that when this aircraft travels around the world, to include bringing our fallen heroes back to Dover Air Force Base, Del., those viewing the decal will know Fairborn is our hometown.

Paul Newman, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce executive director, gave remarks and presented Goeman with a plaque, designating the 445th Airlift Wing honorary members of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce.

Before the unveiling, Nagel presented a proclamation to Goeman on behalf of the City of Fairborn for the men and women of the wing, designating September 2013 as 445th Airlift Wing month in the City of Fairborn.

“This is a great day for the City of Fairborn. We are very appreciative of the wing for making this honor possible,” Nagel said.



Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

(Left to right) Senior Master Sgt. Richard Burkheiser and Master Sgt. Richard Gerhardt, both from the 445th Maintenance Squadron, aircraft structural maintenance, put the finishing touches on the Spirit of the City of Fairborn decal during the Sept. 8 unit training assembly.

Are you ready for the deep end?

By Col. Michael Major

445th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

Remember when you were little and you learned to swim? Remember how proud you were when you mastered the shallow end, and were jumping off the side, chasing pennies and playing sharks and minnows? I bet you do! I bet you also remember looking down to the deep end, knowing that eventually, you would be ready to take "the plunge." Ready to dive in deep, and ready to push yourself to new limits. Remember how proud you were when you dove off the diving board, and when you finally swam all the way down and touched the bottom of the pool? I remember, and it was a lot longer ago for me than most of you!

Your Air Force career is no different. When you complete basic, you are prepared to walk down the steps slowly into the water of the shallow end. When you attain mission ready status, you are comfortable in the shallow end, but still not doing much more than paddling around. Then you attain experi-



ence-- through hard work and dedicated effort, you master your job. You have mastered the shallow end too. Congratulations, but will you stay satisfied only swimming in the shallow end? Some of your fellow Airmen and officers will stay splashing in the shallow end, and that's okay for them, but is that what you want?

Look, the deep end is down at the other end of the pool-- where you will step out of your comfort zone again. The end where you will have to learn new skills, where you will challenge yourself to achieve goals maybe you thought you never would--the deep end where all your limits must be pushed.

Are you ready for the deep end? Whether you serve the 445th as a comm guy, personnel expert, an aircraft maintainer, a porter, a cop, a pilot, or whatever; THE DEEP END AWAITS YOU!

What you do for the 445th AW is critical to our success as a wing, and believe it or not it is also critical to the success of Air Force Reserve Command, the

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Immediate job openings (over 100) available for qualified candidates

By Lt. Col. John Marang

87th Aerial Port Squadron Commander

Incumbent is required to communicate Air Force values and standards of behavior required by a military organization. Must be self-motivated and a self-starter...believe in duty, honor, and country and is willing to put the needs of their fellow Airmen above careerism.



Incumbent must possess the moral fiber to stand up to what is wrong and motivate bystanders to action when needed. Individual must believe, instill, demonstrate and emanate integrity at all times.

A newly published Air Force document contains 62 pages of Air Force significant sexual assault court-martial convictions from 2010 through August 2013. These crimes were conducted at 52 Air Force installations by over 100 Airmen of all ranks.

This list can be obtained at: <http://projects.militarytimes.com/pdfs/sex-assault-convictions.pdf>.

I am not going to pontificate how sexual assault is wrong and how there is zero tolerance of this behavior in our Air Force. There has been plenty of publicity, training and focus on the topic. However, I am going to tell you we need transformational leaders to combat this issue as well as the other issues which confront us on a daily basis. We need professional Airmen who are emissaries of Air Force Core Values, the Airman's Creed, and the Warrior Ethos. These leaders need to motivate and inspire others to action. Sexual assault is a moral failure on many leadership levels which starts at the individual and continues upward.

Interested applicants need not apply. You have already been hired. We just need you to lead!!!



"Sabbath Rhythm"

By Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Kollmann
445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

"Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord...It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31 (selected verses)

I have heard it stated that if a fence is in place it should not be pulled up until a complete investigation is made as to why the fence is there? Trust me, from my familiarity of being raised on a farm, you never want to experience rounding up horses or cows roaming free from a lack of clear boundaries! Farm animals on the loose are chaotic and can be extremely horrific for all involved.

This reminds me of our current age of instant technology and digital revolution, and how I certainly believe it is chipping away at an ancient barrier called the Sabbath.

Think for a moment about a day of complete rest and how that was defined for us? God gives us specific commands for our lives to protect us and help us live holy lives.

For the past couple weeks I have been very introspective in observing a Sabbath rhythm for my own life. In this time of reflection, I know I need to put God first, my family second, worshipping God third and my work fourth. I know if I do not maintain these boundaries weekly, and I am subject to a rhythm determined by culture which can become as chaotic as pigs, horses and cows roaming free!

Needless to say, I know I need to rest. I need to practice a wonderful God given Sabbath rhythm. I confess lately I have not been a great example of this cadence. However, as God's Spirit continues leads me in prioritizing my life, I wholeheartedly believe our Chaplain Corps is called to be guardians of this way

for our Airmen. We all need rest. God's priorities for us deeply involve a practice of Spiritual discipline of rest which can be extremely helpful for our growth spiritually. We need to see God's love for us in the GIFT of the Sabbath. That God's message is always one of liberty, never one of bondage. God's will for us is freedom. God wants us to rest one day a week. God gave us an incredible example of resting.

Please join me in putting God first and allow the Spirit of God to help us with this graceful way of living. How are you? Are you resting? Are you enjoying God's ways, your family and community? Would it be possible for you to just be still and know God's refreshment? I pray that you would take God's gift in the Sabbath and make this a weekly rhythm. God bless you! And remember our Chaplain Corps is always here for you. Amen.

445th hosts Employer Appreciation Day



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



The 445th Airlift Wing held its annual Employer Appreciation Day Sept. 7, 2013. Employers experienced a safe landing scenario in the parachute simulator; learned how aircraft parts are made in the fabrication shop; toured a C-17 Globemaster III; and observed an aeromedical evacuation demonstration.



SPOTLIGHT



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

Rank/Name

Tech. Sgt. Jamie Pope
Unit

87th Aerial Port
Squadron

Duty Title

NCOIC Orderly Room

Hometown

West Liberty, Ohio

Civilian Job

Independent provider
(assist individuals
with developmental
disabilities)

Hobbies

My favorite hobby is
hanging out with my
two children. Being

a mother is the greatest blessing one could receive. They are my world! We are very family oriented so every weekend you will find us having cookouts and playing volleyball, kickball and softball with family and friends.

Education

Currently studying for my Community College of the Air Force degree in Human Resources

Career Goal

To get my CCAF degree and retire as a chief master sergeant. Somewhere along my journey I would love to serve as a first sergeant. I hope by the end of my career I will have inspired my fellow Airmen to be driven to succeed in their own definition of success. I want to instill in each to know their importance (in the Air Force, within their families, and in life in general). I want to make a positive impact on others as my role models

and mentors have me.

What do you like about working at the 445th?

I love how the 445th overall has an open door policy. We truly work as a team! Without being able to professionally and effectively communicate with each other, we as a wing would not be sufficiently completing our mission. Everyone has always been willing to listen and offer a helping hand.

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the active duty Air Force in 2005 because that's what I felt like I needed to do. It wasn't because of past family members or education it was simply having pride for my country and wanting to serve. I wanted a change of pace in life and I most definitely got it! I have truly loved every minute of being in the military and embrace each opportunity given to me.

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U.S. Air Force, and the good ole' USA. We need you to take the walk to the deep end when you are ready. Sometimes you are asked to take that walk, sometimes you just know you're ready...but we need you to take that walk!

Your Air Force needs you to be an expert at your job, but also to lead others, and teach them to be the same expert you have strived to be. Your country needs you to volunteer for new experiences and serve in new jobs where maybe you aren't 100 percent comfortable. The reason is, when you extend yourself, when you challenge yourself, you grow.

You gain valuable experience and you become more capable at not only your job, but you understand something bigger than your one mission. That is when you decide to enter the deep end! You have decided to be a leader in your unit, a volunteer to deploy, a volunteer to run a wing program, a volunteer to take an assignment elsewhere because it meets an AFRC need, and your life as well. I promise, you will

grow, and you will be proud of what you become, and proud of what a difference you make to those around you. It is time for you to take that walk down the pool deck and prepare to DIVE INTO THE DEEP END!

That walk is not easy, and that first dive into the water, you might doubt yourself, but with hard work and effort, you will succeed--DIVE IN! Then master that skill, and prepare yourself to take another walk and face yet another challenge. If you are willing to take those walks, and conquer those next challenges, achieving tough goals is one of the true joys of life—whether it is family, career, or hobby, don't ever just dabble in the shallow end; CONQUER YOUR DEEP END!

Push yourself to be your best everyday! Your family expects, and deserves your best...so does your Air Force family! Take the risk, take the walk, be ready, be confident and dive in. You will be proud you did, and you will swim in the deep end, because that's where you belong!



News Briefs

Promotions

Airman

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Jacob Connolly, 87 APS
Chris Newton, DET 2

Airman First Class

Orrin Arnsdorff, DET 2
Anthony Gibson Jr., 87 APS
Courtney Kalb, ASTS
Ian Ramirez, AES
Joshua Sagan, AES
Dimitru Shearer, CES
Karissa Spiller, CES
Aaron Williams, 87 APS

Senior Airman

Billie Dunigan, ASTS
Jedidiah Eiber, ASTS
Steven Flick II, ASTS

Staff Sergeant

Holly Hucke, OSS
Aja Williams, DET 2
Travis Wondergem, DET 2

Technical Sergeant

John Brinker, SFS
Tiffany Green, AW
Michele Norris, DET 2
Dorian White, SFS

Master Sergeant

Michelle Denton, DET 2
Todd Evans, CES
John Harr, AMXS
Nathan Hutchison, AES
Matthew Keechle, 87 APS
Benjamin Toops, 87 APS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Col Kenneth Council Jr., OG
Lt Col Cynthia Harris, AW
Lt Col John Marang, 87 APS
Maj Danielle Pfeister, OG
Maj Richard Rose, DET 2

SMSgt Tricia Maples, AMDS
SMSgt Rodney Shultz, AMDS
MSgt Darrell Scott, MXS
MSgt Robert Williams, MXS
TSgt Jeffrey Grice, AMXS

Air Force

Commendation Medal

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Capt Matthew Lynagh, MXS
SMSgt Rose Harris, AMDS
MSgt Melissa Caylor, AMDS
TSgt Justin George, 87 APS
SSgt Matthew Pfeifer, 89 AS
SMSgt Eric Pierce, 89 AS
TSgt Henry Lewis, AMDS
TSgt Seth Webber, FSS
SSgt Autumn Harris, DET 2

Air Force Achievement Medal

Lt Col Lisa Shear, AMDS
TSgt Henry Lewis, AMDS
SrA Tyler Mohr, AW

Aerial Achievement Medal

SrA Brenna Pogoy, AES

Bronze Star Medal Recipient

Lt Col Jason Shroyer, CES

Newcomers

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Maj Jason Craw, DET 2
Capt Katherine McNerney, DET 2
MSgt Eric Rine, AMDS
TSgt Mark Eiteuner, 87 APS
TSgt Matthew Millis, MXS

SSgt Jared Alessi, MXS
SSgt Ryan Andrews, DET 2
SSgt Travis Ballman, DET 2
SSgt Oliver Byrne, 87 APS
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A1C Ian Ramirez, AES
A1C Stephen Rhorer, CES
AB Matthew Card, AMXS
AB Lindsay Myers, ASTS

Retirement dinner for Col Goeman



The men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing will extend well wishes to Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and his family

at a retirement dinner Saturday, Nov. 2 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$25 for E-6 and below; \$30 for E-7 and above. The dress for the event is business casual (sports coat optional).

You may RSVP at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=168484&k=03674A0D7353> or contact the 445th Public Affairs office at (937) 257-5784 or 445aw.pa@us.af.mil.

Gate 26A: New gate operating hours

Until further notice, Gate 26A will only be open on Scarlett unit training assembly from 6-7:30 a.m. inbound and outbound; and from 3:30-5 p.m. outbound only.

Gate 26A will not be open on Gray UTAs.

Additional request to open Gate 26A for special events will be made to the 445th Airlift Wing commander for approval and then the request will be forwarded to the 88th Security Forces Squadron for approval.





Photos by Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

1. Members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron train during an exercise at Powell Park near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio Sept. 7. 2. Senior Airman Trent Bee uses a compass during a land navigation class. 3. Airman First Class Courtney Harry practices a felony traffic stop as Airman First Class Josh Huber exits his vehicle. 4. Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sexton practices maneuver techniques.

445 SFS refreshes skills during field exercise

*By Capt. Elizabeth Caraway
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron had the chance to practice basic land navigation, patrolling techniques, and vehicle searches during a field exercise at Powell Park Sept. 6-7. Airmen spent the night in tents they constructed on site and disassembled at the end of the exercise.

The instructor, Staff Sgt. Adam Miller, 445th SFS fire team member, offered a unique perspective after previously serving more than nine years in the Army.

"We practice and use these [ground combat] maneuvers all the time in the Army, but Airmen may not

have as many opportunities to experience them first-hand," he said. "Everyone here is doing well and seems motivated."

After "Shoot, Move, Communicate" drills on Friday, Saturday began with a class on land navigation. In an age of GPS devices and smartphones, it's important to return to the basics for those times that technology may be unavailable. After a refresher on reading the Military Grid Reference System map, Sergeant Miller distributed compasses and reviewed basics like shoot-

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Senior Airman Trent Bee and members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron train during an exercise at Powell Park on Sept. 7, 2013 near Wright Patterson Air Force Base.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

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ing the azimuth, finding the heading, and pace count.

"We are getting valuable information that is great for the younger Airmen who haven't had this training since tech school," said Senior Airman Trevor Clark, 445 SFS fire team member. "And it's a good refresher for everyone else. Sergeant Miller is a great instructor and offers new insights that many of us haven't heard before."

Patrol techniques followed the navigation course, with SF Airmen divided into fire teams to practice formations appropriate to terrain, speed and mission. Team members traded off lead position as they practiced line and wedge formations, as well as reacting to contact and crossing danger zones. Airmen rehearsed

proper spacing so that in the event of attack, for example, a grenade, the whole fire team isn't injured. Bright blue training guns, or "rubber ducks," were used during the exercise.

The field exercise concluded with vehicle searches, with the instructor planting training weapons in a van and SF members searching for them after following procedures to remove volunteer "drivers."

Airmen from the 445 SFS are currently augmenting the 88th Airlift Wing SFS, which has approximately 160 deployed members. Training exercises like this one help ensure SF Airmen are equipped with the skills necessary to meet any challenge they may encounter.



Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sexton handcuffs and searches an "uncooperative person" during an exercise at Powell Park.



445 AW C-17 hits new milestone

By 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing hit a historical mark Sept. 30 when its C-17 Globemaster IIIs flew more than 5,000 hours in a single year; an accomplishment last met with a different airframe in 2005.

The wing hit its last 5,000 hour milestone eight years ago when it was still flying the C-141 Starlifter.

Fiscal year 2013 has been a monumental year for the 445th Airlift Wing. It successfully completed an operational readiness inspection and became fully operational capable. Adding to this accomplishment, the wing flew more than 175 missions to six continents. It flew 300 local proficiency sorties; to include aerial refueling, aeromedical evacuation trainers, assault landing fields, and semi-prepared runway operations). This adds up to more than 5,200 flying hours.

With a new airplane and conversion status for the first six months of the year, the wing could have easily been on pace for less than 4,000 hours. However, with each passing month, aircrews got more proficient, and maintainers got more efficient; with each group growing more comfortable and more capable in moving the C-17 aircraft, said Stephen Schnell, 445th Operations Support Squadron current operations chief.

Having more aircraft commanders allowed the 89th Airlift Squadron to fly more than 50 'downrange' missions. More instructors gave the squadron more current, confident crew members. More seven- and nine-level maintainers increased the wings basic post-flight speed and precision, thereby increasing launch and quick-turn capabilities. After the newness wore off, the wing learned just how reliable and how it could make the most of the new airlifter.

The enthusiasm that surrounded the 445th and its focus on making the C-17 shine has shown loud and clear in 2013. Back in 2005, the wing had 18 C-141s and highly experienced operations and maintenance groups. Utilizing the wing's nine C-17s, the experience and capability of the aircrew and maintainers continues to grow with each month.

Going forward the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing will start seeing a steady 500+ hours of flying per month (that's more than 6,000 hours annually) and it's due in large part to a highly motivated, decidedly eager, distinctly talented unit to make it all a success. The numbers don't lie. These feats do not happen without the tremendous support of every member of this wing, added Schnell.



Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

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Medical units participate in Calamityville exercise



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