

## ARPC announces lieutenant colonel promotions

*445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*



Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the Calendar Year 2014 Air Force Reserve Line and Non Line Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Selection Boards Aug. 21, 2014. The boards selected more than 500 Citizen Airmen for promotion.

The selection boards convened June 9 - 13 to determine those officers best qualified to assume the next higher grade. Board members selected 525 of 1,269 officers considered.

Thirteen members of the 445th Airlift Wing and 655th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group were selected.

Congratulations to the following lieutenant colonel selectees: Bruce Baker, Kim Kahler and Kevin Todd, 445th

Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Karen Keller, Janene Luff and Charles Miller, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Kathy Miller and Dawn Rice, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Todd Reeder, 445th Maintenance Group; Leland Shea, 445th Force Support Squadron; Brian Quinn, 445th Operations Group; Hermino Lugo, 71st Intelligence Squadron; and Ben Smallwood, 14th Intelligence Squadron.

A complete list of Airmen selected for promotion is available online by visiting the Air Reserve Officer Promotion page on myPers, <https://mypers.af.mil>.

Categories considered during these promotion boards are: Air Force Reserve Line, Dental Corps, Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Medical Services Corps and Biomedical Sciences Corps, Chaplains and Line of the Air Force Judge Advocates.

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## 445th maintainers achieve best MC rate in AFRC

*By Stacy Vaughn*

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The 445th Airlift Wing maintainers continued their above average trend two months in a row for mission capable rates of the wing's fleet of nine C-17 Globemaster IIIs.

During the month of June, the 445th's C-17 rate was 90.2 percent. In July, it was 95.2 percent. The Air Force Reserve Command standard is 87.5 percent.

MC rates measures aircraft availability for mission effectiveness and is generally used to measure fleet health and maintenance productivity. In this instance, the wing is compared with six other Air Force Reserve units flying the C-17.

For the number of jets assigned to the wing, the rate reflects the percentage of time over a given month 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintainers were able to keep the jets in commission with no broken aircraft sitting on the ramp or in the hangar.

According to Lt. Col. Jay Smeltzer, 445 AMXS commander, July's rate is the best MC rate the wing has had to date since gaining the C-17s back in 2011 and becoming a



Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

fully operational capable C-17 wing in 2013.

"This is a source of pride for our maintainers and flyers," Smeltzer said. "Bottom line, our folks can fix jets!"

Maintainers from both aircraft maintenance and maintenance squadrons played a pivotal role in the wing having a high MC rate.

"The last few months have been terrific because of the constantly growing synergy between AMXS and MXS in getting the work done and

it shows," said Maj. Terrell Eikner, 445 MXS maintenance officer.

From an operators point of view, having a good MC rate is something to be very proud of and is truly a team effort.

"The men and women in maintenance are the unseen movers and shakers that keep our aircraft mission ready. Without them, we couldn't do all that we do to support our flying mission," said Lt. Col. Steve Schnell, 445th Operations Group chief of current operations.

Having a high mission capable rate is vital to the wing's aircrew members as it guarantees on-time take offs and enables them to effectively complete their missions.

"As a C-17 pilot, having a high MC rate better enables us to do our job. Moving equipment and passengers as part of our mission is paramount for all 445th aircrew because our forward deployed troops/brethren depend on the time-critical resupply of mission essential equipment to continue the fight," said Maj. Brett Manger, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilot.

# Happy birthday U.S. Air Force

By Chief Master Sgt. James Felton  
445th Airlift Wing Command Chief

As we embark on the 67th anniversary of the United States Air Force, we are humbled and privileged to be able to reflect on its remarkable transformation from the B-17 Flying Fortress to the F-35A Lightning II.

With the vision of the Wright Brothers, the passion of Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell, the courage of Lt. Col. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle and the Tokyo Raiders, the selflessness of the Tuskegee Airmen, perseverance of the Women in the Air Force (WAF) and the professionalism of Airmen in conflicts, wars and humanitarian efforts, the Air Force has become a premier and diverse fighting force. From the dreams of our early pioneers, the Air Force of today is unmatched in capability and strength.

The Air Force's leadership in the air and on the ground has continued to adapt to the latest technology and science. In keeping with the vision of providing air, space and cyber capabilities for combatant command-



ers, we support our sister services in operational missions in the states and abroad. By employing state-of-the-art technology, we are constantly exploring the boundaries of air power in supplying Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global Power for America.

Our Total Force is up to the task of keeping America safe in this challenging world we live in. As citizen Airmen, we balance the demands of civilian employment and the Air Force in service to our country. We are instilled with the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. Our proud history and continuing legacy of air superiority will endure with ground-breaking innovation and dedication.

In celebration of the Air Force's 67th birthday, we are grateful to our forefathers and the limitless future of airpower. We are in debt to the Airmen who have paid the ultimate price in defending America's freedom. Thank you and your family for your exceptional service in protecting the United States. Happy Birthday Air Force!

Mission First. People Always.

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## Mother Theresa: living with a purpose

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Leist  
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In my devotional time this month, I have been reading "Mother Theresa, A Simple Path." Whatever our views, it is clear that her actions have made a lasting impact on society. She never claimed to be or to be doing anything extraordinary. Her path in life was through poverty, simplicity and faith. In 1979, she received the Nobel Peace Prize for humanitarian work she accomplished all over the world.

Born Gonxha Agnes Bojaxhiu, on Aug. 26, 1910, in Skopje, Albania, Mother Theresa received her call at the age of 18. She did not want to just become religious but wanted to do mission work and go out and provide a life of compassion in action to people.

Many of us may be able to relate to an early time in our lives when we responded to our call to military duty and took the oath to protect and defend our nation.

It was on September 10, 1946, that she received her second call or as she calls it, "the call within the call." Her call was to give up all that she had and follow a deeper spiritual directedness that led her to leave the convent, enter into the slums and work with the poor, living directly among them.

She shared that this call to ministry

helped her strike a proper balance between earth and heaven. In her course of religious life, the first step to becoming was to will it and then turn it over to the Lord.

You may still be struggling with your call or personal sense of directedness. Allow a member of the Chaplain Corps to come along beside you and assist through your time of searching. A very powerful poem often attributed to the work of Mother Theresa may be helpful.

### Anyway

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered...**love them anyway.**

If you do good people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives...**do good anyway.**

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies...**succeed anyway.**

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow...**do good anyway.**

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable...**be honest and frank anyway.**

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight...**build anyway.**

People really need help but may attack you if you help them...**help them anyway.**

Give the world the best you have and you will get kicked in the teeth...**give the world the best you've got anyway.**



# Success of Air Force requires change

By Lt. Col. Michael Brandenburg  
445th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander

If you don't like it, change it! Keep up with the technical order changes. Listen up...program changes...new rules! Fit to fight, squadron reorganization, ASIMs, DTS, GOO... what else can change? When will it ever end? I can't take all this change!

Sound familiar to you?

Merriam-Webster says change is: to make (someone or something) different. This sounds painful to me; I like things the way they are! In fact, most of us don't like to change unless it was our idea in the first place. Change, whether we like it or not, has become a constant force in our lives. It wears us down at times. It's usually stressful too.

I think certain types of people - the reliable/dependable/steady/habitual/process-oriented types - may find change most unsettling. These kinds of people do the day-to-day grind, often keeping the mission on course, yet find the change most painful.

People that thrive and find success in a changing environment, economy and society are ones who discover new opportunities.

This reminds me of the book, *Who Moved my Cheese*, where the cheese represents what you want out of life (like a good job, great relationship, financial success, or peace of mind). The characters represent different parts of ourselves looking for success (in the story, it's the cheese they're after as they navigate the maze). Sniff, anticipates change early by sniffing out newer cheese; Scurry, quickly jumps into action and adapts too; Hem, denies changes and fearfully resists; and lastly there's Haw, who learns to adapt in time after seeing something better. As you



can guess, Hem and Haw dealt with their cheese moving in a way that was more painful than it needed to be. Haw eventually learns how to keep adapting and eventually thrives. Hem doesn't fair well especially with his entitlement attitude...he keeps wishing for the old days. For me, the best nuggets of wisdom from this story include:

- Anticipate change
- Adapt quickly
- If you do not change, you become extinct!
- Noticing small changes early helps you adapt to the bigger changes later
- Old beliefs do not lead you to new cheese

Reading Air Force communications, you can't help but hear about constant change in our service. In "America's Air Force: A Call to the Future," Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James' message to Airmen is..."the words contained within do not advocate a 'stay the course' mentality. Rather, they challenge us to show the courage to change in the face of uncertainty."

In the forward, Gen. Mark Welsh, Chief of Staff of the Air Force states, "Uncertainty will always accompany strategy development, and the rate at which the strategic environment can shift complicates the task even further. As the pace of change across the globe quickens, many of our processes and paradigms will be made obsolete. The Air Force's ability to continue to adapt and respond faster than our potential adversaries is the greatest challenge we face over the next 30 years."

"A Call to the Future" sets the Air Force on a path to build an agile, inclusive service that will aggressively promote innovative ideas and pursue game-changing technologies to match the pace of change.

If we want the Air Force to continue to be the dominant air force of the world, we'll have to embrace change.

## 445th adjusts Gray UTA schedule beginning Oct 2014

October 2014 February 2015 June 2015	APS 	CES 	December 2014 April 2015 August 2015	SFS 	LRS 
November 2014 March 2015 July 2015	AES 	ASTS 	January 2015 May 2015 September 2015	89 AS 	OSS 

Beginning with the Gray October 2014 unit training assembly, the units listed above will rotate monthly instead of quarterly. Units not listed will continue to work the UTAs as previously scheduled.





## 445th Airmen remember 9/11

Many baby boomers can tell you where they were when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. September 11th is the national tragedy of the younger generation, a defining moment in American history when 2,977 people lost their lives and our sense of national security was tested. The effects of that attack have been far-reaching and long-lasting and can be seen in airport security lines, a new Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security, and the War on Terror. Military members were directly impacted at the time and continue to be affected by that horrific day 13 years later.

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing took a moment to reflect on the events of September 11, 2001.



"I was in 11th grade and the teachers gathered us in the library to watch the after effects on TV. I was shocked watching the events unfold. It was surreal and I had no idea what the repercussions of the attack would be. At the time, I didn't know I'd be in the military one day." **Senior Airman Stephanie Gardner, 445th Force**

**Support Squadron knowledge operations**

"I was at my civilian job as a telemarketer, but I had already enlisted and sworn in, so when I saw the events unfold on TV, I wondered, 'What am I in for now?' It was a huge shock. I hadn't even been to basic training yet. I was nervous at the time, but after the initial shock passed, I decided I was ready to go and jump in to do whatever I could to help. Over my 12-year career, I've



deployed four times; I've been to Iraq twice, Kuwait once, and once to Kyrgyzstan. September 11 was a sad day and my condolences went out to everyone who lost a loved one." **Tech. Sgt. Kaamilya McQueen, 445th Maintenance Group**

**knowledge operations manager**

"I worked the night shift the day before, so I was sleeping when the first plane struck the tower. My fiancée called me, hysterical, and asked me if I'd been watching the TV. I told her that I hadn't and when I went downstairs and turned on the TV, it was literally seconds after the impact of the second plane. I was captivated, like the rest of the nation, for the rest of the day. I served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in my mind, I knew it wasn't an accident and this was going to be a driving force for us to go to war. At the time of



9/11, I was a medic reservist in the aerovac squadron and at work we all began to discuss when we would deploy as a result of the attack. Our unit deployed en masse in 2003. I also deployed in 2005 and 2006 for almost a year each time." **Senior Master Sgt. Scott Luff, 445th Aerospace**

**Medicine Squadron assistant nursing services superintendent**

"I was in high school economics class and we all thought it was a movie playing on the television. When I realized it was real, I felt terror and frustration. We didn't know what to expect, we didn't know what was going on—this was the first direct attack on the United States since Pearl Harbor. As a high schooler, there really wasn't anything I could do but watch and then wait for the next update. I was in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps in my school and my plan was to enlist after high school. Even though I felt terror and frustra-



tion, I also believe that, for a point in time, 9/11 brought forth true patriotism in the people of our country. People wanted to join in efforts and people wanted to serve in the military and it motivated people."

**Senior Airman Willy Frye, 445th Security Forces Squadron fire team member**

## Service members receive RAND Military Workplace Survey

FORT MEADE, Md.--About 580,000 service members have begun receiving emails or letters inviting them to participate in the first RAND Military Workplace Study, Defense Department officials said.

Active and reserve component members in all military branches and the Coast Guard are being invited to participate.

"The survey is unprecedented in its scale and will influence policies that affect everyone in the services," defense officials said.

The survey is voluntary and confi-

dential. No one at the Defense Department will ever see how an individual service member responds, officials stressed.

"No service member may be ordered or pressured to complete the survey or not to complete it," officials said.

Survey respondents can forward the survey to their personal email addresses and they can complete the survey on smart phones. Service members can use duty time to complete the survey.

Service members will not all see

the same survey questions.

The study will help commanders at all levels evaluate current military workplace relations, professionalism and personal safety, officials said. It will have important implications for how the military operates.

It can have implications on military training, justice and services.

The survey is being conducted independently of the Department of Defense by experts at the nonprofit, nonpartisan RAND Corporation. A full and public report of the RAND findings will be available in May 2015.





## 445th participates in AD vs reserve softball challenge



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver



Members of the 445th Airlift Wing participated in the 7th Annual Air Force Sergeants Association's Active Duty vs. Reserve Softball Challenge Aug. 2, 2014 at Dodger Field, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The AFSA Kittyhawk Chapter 751 sponsored the event and provided free food to approximately 100 people who attended the game. The popular event builds camaraderie, morale and bonding with active-duty and reserve Airmen.





# SPOTLIGHT



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

**Rank/Name**

Staff Sgt. David Baugh

**Unit**

445th Force Support Squadron

**Duty Title**

Client Systems Technician

**Hometown**

Dayton, Ohio

**Civilian Job**

Air Reserve Technician

**Education**

Currently enrolled at Sinclair Community College in Computer Science program

**Hobbies**

Reading, cornhole, camping, hiking, rap battles

**Career Goal**

Become a computer programmer and take over the world.

**What do you like about working at****the 445th?**

There are new challenges every day and I have the opportunity to work on servers, iPads, Toughbooks, desktops, blackberries and laptops. I like trouble shooting and fixing customer's computer problems that allows them to continue their work more efficiently.

**Why did you join the Air Force?**

To serve my country while gaining experience and skills that can be used in the private sector. I also joined because of Chuck Norris.

## AMDS prepares for upcoming flu season

The 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron plans to begin administering the influenza vaccination to members of the 445th Airlift Wing during the October 2014 unit training assembly.

Vaccination against influenza is a mandatory medical requirement for Air Force members.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a flu shot is the best protection against flu and its complications. Influenza is a contagious disease that is present around the world, but spreads around the United States every winter. Peak seasons are between October and May.

Flu seasons are unpredictable and can impact Department of Defense missions and readiness. In the United States, influenza results in more than 25 million cases reported, with more than 150,000 people hospitalized with complications, and more than 30,000 deaths each year.

The flu shot that the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron administers is an inactivated vaccine (not a live virus). Each year's vaccine is made to protect against three to four viruses that are likely to cause disease that year. Flu shots cannot prevent all cases of flu, but it is the best defense against the disease. It takes about two weeks for the body to develop protection after the vaccination, and the protection lasts several months to one year.

Flu vaccination helps prevent spreading flu from person to person. Flu is caused by influenza viruses

and is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing and close contact. Hand washing and covering coughs/sneezes are very important measures that can also prevent its spread. Anyone can get the flu, but it makes some people much sicker than others. Flu vaccination is especially important for young children, people over 65, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions—such as heart, lung or kidney disease, nervous system disorders, or weakened immune system and people who may be in close contact with these people. (Article courtesy of AMDS)



Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver

Maj. Kim Kahler, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron officer-in-charge of immunizations, administers a vaccination at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center Aug. 2, 2014.

# News Briefs

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Gregory Baxley, AW  
Lt Col Cynthia Harris, AW  
Lt Col Steven Theohares, AES  
Maj John Pica Jr., 89 AS  
Maj Brian Quinn, OG  
SMSgt Jack Lake III, 87 APS  
MSgt Leon Kafka, AMXS  
MSgt Lisa Smith, AMDS

### Air Force

#### Commendation Medal

Capt Jeremiah Brown, 89 AS  
Capt Richard Wiseman, AES  
Capt Dennis Youngpeter, AES  
TSgt Christopher Soden, LRS  
SSgt Emily Temple, LRS  
SrA Sharlota Polen, 71 IS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

1Lt Jason Nather, AES  
SrA Timothy Kolodziejczak, LRS  
SrA Douglas Lippert, AMXS  
SrA Carl McComb, AMXS  
SrA Taylor Schultz, LRS

## Newcomers

Maj Omar Ebarb, AW  
Capt Michael Graham, 64 IS  
1Lt Jason Provins, AES  
TSgt Michael Decker, 71 IS  
TSgt Brian Gurriel, 655 ISRG

SSgt Brandon Bedwell, AMDS  
SSgt Benjamin Jones, MXS  
SSgt Shaun Mueller, 64 IS  
SSgt Michael Pressler, AMXS  
SrA Brent Bakazan, AMXS  
SrA Scott Carroll, CES  
SrA Edwin Crouse, SFS  
SrA Andrew Jester, AMDS  
SrA Michael Kessinger, AMXS  
SrA Ryan Lee, CES  
SrA Joshua Miller, LRS  
SrA Kayla Miller, SFS  
SrA Shelby Money, SFS  
SrA Brent Palmer, CES  
SrA David Show, AMDS  
SrA Jamhal Simon, SFS  
SrA Spencer Smith, LRS  
SrA Ian Williams, CES  
Amn Ryan Hood, 87 APS  
AB Matthew Roberts, FSS  
AB Nicholas Sand, SFS

## Promotions

### Airman

Erik Adkins, AMXS  
Nicholas Beatty, MXS  
John Pappas, ASTS  
Michael Price, CES  
Allana Schuttloffel, ASTS  
Jason Ware, CES

### Airman First Class

Eric Adkins, AMXS  
Marvin Brewer, AMXS  
Jonathan Duffield, CES  
Gabriel Holcomb, AMXS  
Lindsay Myers, ASTS  
Greg Osborne, CES

### Senior Airman

Dakota Coniglio, 87 APS  
Shane Ellis, 87 APS  
Brandon Fisher, AMXS

Jacob Jones, AMXS  
Zachary Montgomery, AMXS  
Celeste Mullings, FSS  
Peter Nicoll, SFS  
Ariel Owens, MXS  
Victor Peden, AMXS  
Quashawna Smith, LRS  
Jinghao Xu, LRS

### Staff Sergeant

Trevor Dixon, 89 AS  
Harvey Eubanks, 87 APS  
Yuan Fang, AMDS  
Matthew Hemingway, 87 APS  
Jonathon Hogue, SFS  
Asia Jones, OSS  
Maggie Malidai, MXS  
Taylor Shaw, 87 APS  
Darrin Smith, AMDS  
Michael Spero, AMDS  
Mara Thomas, CES  
Eric Wadlington, 87 APS

### Technical Sergeant

Christopher Booth, SFS  
Oliver Byrne, 87 APS  
Dawn Gettys, SFS  
Michael Knollenberg, 71 IS  
Michael Leek, 87 APS  
Michael O'Callaghan, SFS  
Jory Ramer, OSS  
Drew Ramsay, 87 APS  
Christopher Resio, LRS  
Robert Schnelle, 89 AS

### Master Sergeant

Ryan Andrews, 64 IS  
Eric Bartlett, 64 IS  
Shatasha Estes, FSS  
Brienne Fowle, 89 AS  
Michelle Henry, 87 APS  
Scott Ponchillia, LRS  
David Winslow, SFS  
Kendric Winters Jr., 71 IS

### Senior Master Sergeant

Ryan Andrews, 64 IS

Eric Bartlett, 64 IS  
Mark O'Connell, AMDS  
Scott Ponchillia, LRS  
Gregory Rose, LRS  
Karen Stanley-Wolfe, AMDS  
David Winslow, SFS  
Kendric Winters Jr., 71 IS

## Mandatory briefings

The 445th Airlift Wing will hold mandatory Climate Vector Check briefings both days of the September Scarlet unit training assemblies. The briefings will be held Sept. 6 and 7 at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. in hangar 4026. Members will sign in prior to the briefings and should be in place no later than 6:45 a.m./2:45 p.m.

Briefings will also be held Sept. 13 at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. in hangar 4026. Report time is also 6:45 a.m./2:45 p.m.

All wing reservists must attend one of these 30-minute briefings.

Please contact your supervisor if you have questions.



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Courtesy photo

### 445 AW members deliver toys to local children's hospital

Tech. Sgt. Kaamilya McQueen, Master Sgt. Ashley Dahl and Senior Airman Shadae Lampkin, all assigned to the 445th Maintenance Group, pose with Wally Bear, Dayton Children's Medical Center mascot, July 25, 2014. The Airmen visited 32 rooms, handing out toys donated by members of the 445th Airlift Wing to the children, spreading cheer and brightening their day.

### On the Web



**MXG**  
performs AT  
in Japan



**SFS Airmen**  
complete  
combat arms  
training



**AMDS**  
conducts  
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