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## Wing receives AF Outstanding Unit Award

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The 445th Airlift Wing was recently named as a recipient of the prestigious 2014 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The honor was given to the wing for exceptionally meritorious service. The announcement was made Oct. 7, 2015.

During this time frame, the wing distinguished itself by training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready forces capable of providing rapid global airlift for America's fighting forces in support of contingency air mobility taskings. The wing generated and flew 1,315 C-17 sorties, moved 7,533 passengers and delivered 25,348 tons of cargo for a total of 4,719 accident free flying hours.

The wing lives its motto; "Wright Wing, Right People, Mission Ready" and successfully completed its

first-ever Air Force Reserve Command CAPSTONE Unit Effectiveness Inspection. The operations and maintenance groups synchronized toward maximum mission production for our primary customer, the 18th Air Force, result-



ing in a steady-state commitment of six channel missions per month plus consistent on-demand surge support. Wing personnel deployed to austere locations and provided security, force protection, logistics, aerial port operations, and civil engineer services around the world. Furthermore, aircrews and personnel from the wing's medical units

provided critical care and supported the expeditious movement of patients and wounded warriors.

Wing members also supported many community events, to include the Dayton Vectren Air Show, Toys for Tots, Air Force Materiel Command's Tattoo, Air Force Marathon and Employer Appreciation Day. The wing hosted 36 events that included 1,660 civic leaders, community groups, cadets, and Scouts.

"I'm very proud of the 445th Airlift Wing Airmen and civilian wingmen. This award recognizes the hard work they do on a day-to-day basis. Their dedication to our mission and each other shines through every day. I'm incredibly proud to serve alongside them," said Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

## Reservist coined for supporting Pope Francis visit

*By Maj. Elizabeth Caraway*

*445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

When Pope Francis made his historic visit to New York City Sept. 25, 2015 Master Sgt. Kevin English had a unique viewing angle. He wasn't one of the millions who tuned in to watch the procession through Central Park on television. Nor was he one of the 80,000 people lining the streets to watch the Pope mobile travel through the park. Instead, he was running a metal-detecting wand over hundreds of people at one of the park's entry control points as one of the Transportation Security Administration's deployment team members. English was named one of the outstand-

ing players of the day and was coined by the U.S. Secret Service.

English, a Reserve medical administrator in the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, has served as a Transportation Security Officer in Cincinnati for 13 years. A dual function TSO, English is trained in both checkpoint and baggage procedures. He is also part of a Transportation Security Advance Team, a rapidly deployable augmentation team designed to respond to disasters. Teams are equipped with specialized equipment and trained to operate in a variety of conditions. They may also support other contingencies like national conventions and presidential inaugurations. The papal visit was English's first TSAT deployment.



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# After only two UTAs...I'm impressed

## New vice commander shares comments from unit members

By Col. Matthew Conrad  
445th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

In my first two unit training assemblies at Wright-Patterson, I have been getting to know the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing.

Here's a little bit of what I've heard. "You are going to love it here! I have never been in a unit where Ops and maintenance get along so well." "My people are amazing, they crave smart realistic training." "O..H..I..O!" "I'm due on the first of November." "I don't care who wins, as long as it is a team from the mission support group!" "My first sergeant is a rock star!" "I'm getting ready to deploy, and I can't wait to get to Al Udeid!" "I'm in nursing school."

"I own my own business. Are you familiar with NDI?" "I've been coming here for years. Even though I live 10 minutes from Grissom, this is the mission and the unit I want to be a part of." "Let me get this right, we fly more hours and more missions with less

jets than any of our sister wings in AFRC [Air Force Reserve Command]? You maintainers are incredible!" "The C-17 has awesome capability.



I would say it is a hybrid of the C-130 that can go anywhere, and the C-141 that had the legs to get us anywhere." "Sir, I started my career here as a crew chief on F-4s." "Sir, YOU CAN'T COME IN THAT DOOR! ALL OBSERVERS TO THE EXERCISE MUST USE THE SIDE DOOR!!!" "Sir, the reason we have a great product for you to look at on Thursday is the business scheduling gets done at the meeting on Wednesday." "TIP OF THE SPEAR!!!" "I'm a student at Wright State." "Sir, for your DTS [defense travel system] voucher you must use the one with the hyphen between Wright and Patterson." "We must never forget that as members of the profession of arms, we are never too far from the killing business. We need to take our training seriously and be ready for when our nation calls."

Other than being uttered by members in our wing, what do these seemingly disparate quotes have in common?

These quotes each reflect that we, as reservists, "have a lot going on."

Since my first UTA back in 1998, I have been amazed at the dedication and professionalism

of those who choose to serve in our Air Force Reserve. It is truly amazing how we as a force can keep our skills at such a high level with comparatively so little opportunity to train.

You folks here at Wright-Patt are some of the most diverse and truly professional Airmen in the U.S. Air Force. It's not just me saying this.

As I'm sure you have heard, the 445th has been recognized and awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award--nicely done.

I look forward to serving with you, the men and women of the 445th, and I look forward to understanding your role in our mission. I'm extremely proud to be one of the newest members of the wing.

I think our motto—Wright Wing, Right People, Mission Ready fits perfectly. I know this is the right place, and it didn't take me long to figure out that you are the right people. With your help, as a fellow reservist, who, like you, "has a lot going on," I'm committed to your success and to keep the 445th Mission Ready. See ya on the drill.

Col Conrad



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# Thankfulness, more than a feeling of gratitude

By Chaplain (Capt.) Luke McKeeth  
445th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps

“Beware lest you say in your heart ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’”

Although somewhat lost in turkey induced drowsiness and drowned out by the cheers for football, the American tradition of Thanksgiving is a holdover from the deeply religious influence in our founding. It is not exaggerating the role of religion to say that many of the earliest leaders in America believed that true thankfulness requires you to see that all good things are gifts from God. Even with our hard work every good thing has a higher source .

Many of those who witnessed the Revolution believed that what eventually became the United States of America was not possible without outside help. That sentiment is expressed in the fourth verse of our national anthem, “Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land, praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!”

In fact, following a listing of the great events and benefits of the development of the nation, George Washington’s 1789 Thanksgiving statement said “it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.”

This same dependence was the spirit of Lincoln’s 1861 Thanksgiving proclamation when he said: “No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless re-

membered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.”

The “whole American People,” even in Lincoln’s day, were not uniform in their religious or secular perspectives. Many Americans have not and do not believe in God the same way that George Washington, or Abraham Lincoln did. But I believe even in an age of doubt it is still “fitting and proper” that we at least consider that all good things come from beyond ourselves.

I personally believe that the fact we have food, water, shelter and more is not just a coincidence. Further, I believe that a failure to give thanks where thanks are due is the beginning of a downward slide into deadly self-reliance.

Genuine thankfulness is more than just a vague feeling of gratitude. It is a part of what George Washington called “true religion and virtue.”

We can start by acknowledging the people who have shaped our lives. We certainly can be appreciative of the country in which we live, and the people who shaped, and continue to shape it. In my opinion, however, it needs to go beyond that. Thanksgiving needs to go beyond turkey and football to personal recognition and gratitude to the source of all that is good.

Agree? Disagree? Come and talk to us about it. The Chaplain’s office is always interested in a good conversation.

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Security was tight at Central Park, he said, with numerous metal water bottles and selfie sticks ending up in the trash. The opportunity to see the world leader in the Catholic faith justified the procedures for the tens of thousands of attendees, chosen through a lottery system. English was one of hundreds of TSA agents called up to help.

“All the people that came through our security checkpoint treated us very nicely,” said English. “New York is such a melting pot, with people of every race and religion represented. Everyone was

just so happy to have been a part of such a historic event.”

English manned one of the park’s three checkpoints along with 14 other TSOs from Cincinnati. He “lost track” of how many people he personally checked over, but stated, “I have never run the wand over so many people in my life. I felt it the next day.”

Even though he enjoys his work with TSA, English confesses that the Air Force holds a special place in his heart. Born into an Air Force family at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, English joined the Air Force because “it’s what I was born to do.

I eat, live, and breathe with the desire to support my second family. This—the Air Force—is my second family. I’ve been here [at Wright-Patterson AFB] for 30 years. I went through 21 moves with my family while I was growing up. I met my wife in the military and we went through Operation Desert Storm together. This is where I belong.”

As far as his latest civilian deployment, despite the long hours of preparation and event day activities, English left New York City feeling extremely satisfied.

“It was such a great experience; I would do it again.”



# 445th FSS takes on fit challenge for holidays

By Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

**Senior Airman Rianna Jones, 445th Force Support Squadron client systems technician, runs as part of the nine-week FSS fitness challenge which began Oct. 3, 2015.**

Fitness is a key component of readiness in the Air Force. When deployed, it is important for each Airman to fulfill their responsibilities physically and emotionally.

The 445th Force Support Squadron members maintain their level of fitness by participating in a nine-week-long fitness challenge that began October 3, 2015.

"FSS developed a fitness challenge to keep people engaged over the holidays," said Tech. Sgt. Bryan N. Ulloa, 445th Force Support Squadron services manager. "When winter rolls around, it gets pretty cold and people don't want to work out. Some people start hibernating, so it keeps them motivated to go workout."

The fitness challenge, which is done on personal time, is made up of two parts: the biggest loser and a run challenge. The biggest loser challenge, like the popular televi-

sion show, is about losing weight within the nine-week period. All activity status such as weight loss and miles ran are documented and reported weekly.

"For the runner's challenge we are having a competition to see who can run the most miles in nine weeks," said Senior Airman Rianna Jones, 445th FSS client systems technician. "This is the

first time for me to do something like this so it is going to push me to run more than I usually do."

The challenge is not necessary to improve so much as it is to maintain.

"That's the goal," said Ulloa. "It's to keep me actively engaged between the unit training assemblies and around the holidays."

Senior Airman Jessica L. McMillian, 445th FSS career development technician, agrees.

"This challenges me to keep up with working out and running during the winter months," said McMillian. "I would definitely recommend this challenge to others because its great motivation that will push people to want to stay in shape and stay fit during hibernation season."

Some have their personal preference on the type of workout for maintaining fitness.

"I like to run," said Jones. "But

I've never ran this much. I really want to strive for winning."

Dewitt thinks otherwise.

"I don't run very much," said Dewitt. "I typically do weightlifting to keep fit. Running is the thing I dread but still do it to keep myself fit to fight."

McMillian will also be making a change in her routine.

"This challenge will definitely be different than my normal workout routine," said McMillian. "I will be factoring in a lot more cardio into my routine versus weights."

Jones and Dewitt both said their reason for participating in the event was to make a good name for the Communications Element of FSS.

"I try to stay fit by running 1 ½ miles along with push-ups and sit-ups," said Jones. "I never really strived to do too much more than that. I've already ran four miles in a week. I am going to try to do more than that each week."

Weather changes—the cold season, may impact the way some approach their physical training.

"I will be wearing cold weather gear outside so I won't have any excuse to not run," said McMillian.

"I still like being outdoors," said Jones. "I just have to stay warm. At first you're cold, but as you work out you warm up."

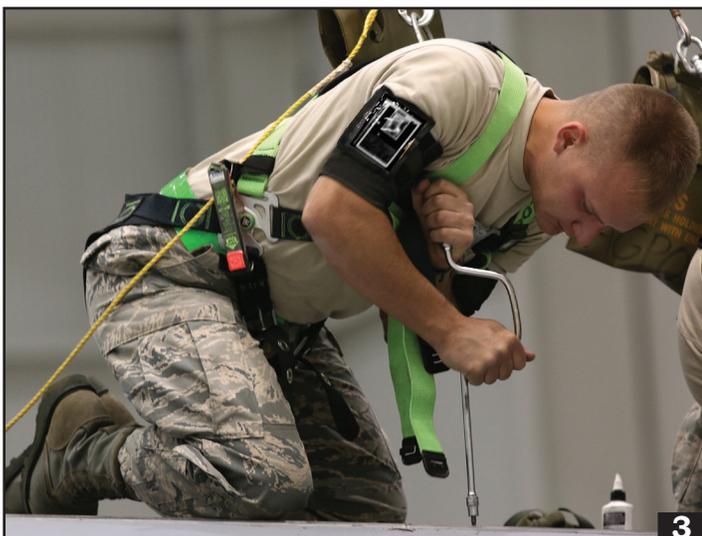
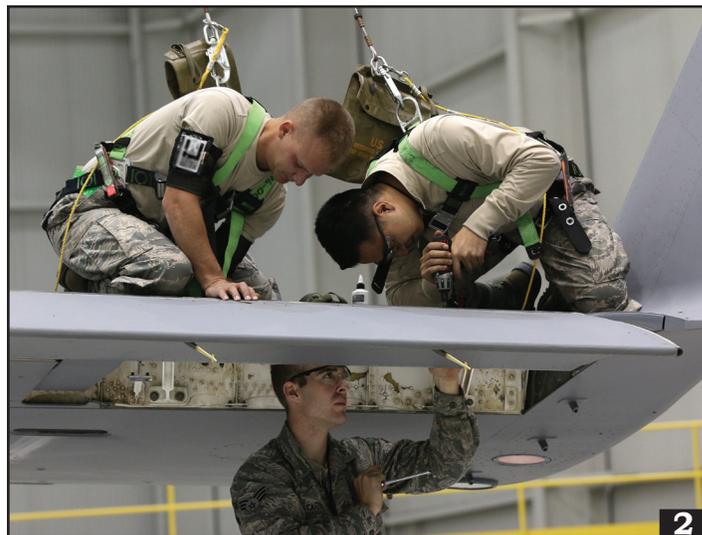
Jones said she enjoys running on the bike trail, Rip Rap, by Mad River.

Ulloa believes the challenge is the first of its kind at the unit.

"I think it will work out fairly well," said Ulloa. "I'm already getting some feedback about things we can do different next time, in retrospect. We will see how it goes. Once we work out all the bugs and see what needs to be fixed or done better we will sit down, regroup, reassess, and then implement it wing-wide so everybody can partake in the challenge."



# MXG keeps C-17s in the air



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

1. Master Sgt. Quinton Johnson, 445th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance supervisor, drills metal for aircraft repair, Oct. 14, 2015. The fabrication shop uses various materials for repairs such as sheet metal, paint, tubing and cables for repairs on the C-17 Globemaster III.

2. Senior Airmen Matthew Card (bottom), Michael Kessinger (top left) and John Tapia (top right), all 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs, complete structural repairs on a flight control panel of a C-17.

3. Kessinger repairs a flight control panel of a C-17.

4. Airman 1st Class Jason Allen, 445 MXS non-destructive inspection specialist, reviews procedures for the process control of liquid penetrant used to fix surface cracks on parts. The liquids along with a magnetic particle machine are used to find subsurface cracks in aircraft parts by using magnetics to detect subsurface defects.

5. Card works on structural repairs on a flight control panel of a C-17.



# SPOTLIGHT

**Rank/Name**

Staff Sergeant Julia Rang

**Unit**

445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

**Duty Title**

Health service management journeyman

**Hometown**

Fairborn, Ohio

**Civilian Job**

Air Reserve Technician for 445th AMDS

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Religion from Urbana University. Currently pursuing a master's degree in project management from Embry Riddle University.

**Hobbies**

Cooking, reading, officiating swim meets for the YMCA, at-

tending my daughters various sporting activities, participating in the wing 5/6 council

**Career Goal**

To be a project manager

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

I enjoy meeting all the people and learning about the jobs they do for the Air Force.

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

I joined to serve my country and to travel.



Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

I also wanted to explore all the great opportunities the Air Force has to offer.

## ASTS NCO wins diversity award

Senior Master Sgt. Chirron Hayslett, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron superintendent, was awarded the 2015 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Diversity Leadership On-The-Job Achievement Award, Management Category-Federal Women's Program, during the WPAFB Diversity Leadership Awards ceremony Oct. 7, 2015 at the Wright-Patt Club.



Hayslett was identified as a base key player in promoting the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. She manages a 140-member squadron of highly skilled medical and administrative professionals in one of the largest diverse unit in Air Force Reserve Command. Hayslett employs strategic thinking to challenges with changes in manning, allowing for maximum retention of high quality staff. She is directly involved with the retention and retraining of 15 individuals from diverse backgrounds. She created a tracking system to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of individuals that were losing positions in the unit due to manning document changes.

The sergeant encourages all unit personnel to maximize opportunities for advancement, promotes advancement within when appropriate and encourages others to gain skill knowledge.

## AMXS Airman wins Levitow award



Senior Airman Daniel Perrault

Senior Master Sgt. David McCoy, President, Air Force Sergeants Association, Kittyhawk Chapter 751, presents Senior Airman Alyssa Wanless, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft guidance and control system journeyman, with the John L. Levitow Award at the Airman Leadership School graduation Oct. 8, 2015. This award goes to the student who demonstrates overall superior performance while attending. It denotes both academic and leadership excellence, and it is the highest honor bestowed upon a graduate of an enlisted professional military education program. AFSA sponsors the Levitow Award for the Wright-Patt Airman Leadership School.



# News Briefs

## Newcomers

Lt Col Lydia Black, MXG  
 Maj Nguyet Khong, ASTS  
 Maj Stacey Zaikoski, AMDS  
 TSgt Katherine Goerlitz, MXS  
 TSgt John Harris, MXS  
 TSgt Cindy Valenzuela, OSS  
 TSgt Kendal White, OSS  
 SSgt Angela McCorquodale, AMDS  
 SSgt Justin Quetel, AMXS  
 SSgt Justin Staten, AES  
 SrA Michelle Aholia, ASTS  
 SrA Elliott Carr, 87 APS  
 SrA Patrick McLean, AMXS  
 SrA Angelica Ortiz, SFS  
 SrA Jeffery Rodgers, 87 APS  
 SrA Zachary Tschour, ASTS  
 SrA Eric Whitt, SFS  
 A1C Zachary Allen, 89 AS  
 A1C Barrett Lowry, MXS  
 A1C Sean Parks, CES  
 Amn Josh Glass, MXS  
 AB Mariah Martin, CES  
 AB Brooke Shockey, AES

## Promotions

### Staff Sergeant

Ryan Klingaman, 87 APS  
 Anthony Lauderdale, CES  
 Bray Nelson, ASTS  
 Christopher Peterson, 87 APS  
 Angela Thompson, ASTS

### Technical Sergeant

La Sal De Austin, 87 APS  
 Shawn Cherty, MXS  
 Holly Hucke, OSS  
 Steven Klepeisz, MXS  
 Jeremy Laird, CES  
 Brian Mayle, MXS  
 Matthew McDonald III, AW  
 Douglas Shelton, CES

Brandon Spence, CES  
 Ryan Thomas, ASTS

### Master Sergeant

Christopher Falloon, AMXS  
 James Gillespie, AES  
 Jamie Pope, FSS

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Michael Brandenburg, MSG  
 Lt Col Kevin Chambers, MXG  
 Lt Col Kathleen Stierwalt, ASTS  
 Maj Stacy Ullmer, ASTS  
 Capt Shannon Simon, OG  
 CMSgt Sean Storms, 87 APS  
 SMSgt Timothy Johnson, 87 APS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt Eugenie Hinson, AW  
 TSgt Jeffery Rang, AES

### Air Medal

Capt Jeremiah Brown, 89 AS

## ESGR Freedom Awards

Members of the 445th Airlift Wing are encouraged to nominate their employers for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The nomination time frame has been extended to Dec. 31, 2015 to give reservists more time to nominate their supervisors and employers for this annual award.

This award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their

outstanding support of employees serving in the Guard and Reserve.

Each year, Guard and Reserve employees, or a family member acting on their behalf, have the opportunity to nominate their employer for the Freedom Award. Guard and Reserve members can go to the ESGR website at <http://www.esgr.mil/Employer-Awards/Patriot-Award/Form.aspx> to nominate their employers for the Patriot Award.

## December UTA

There will only be one unit training assembly weekend in December. The UTA will be held December 5-6. Questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisor or senior ART.

## CFC



The Miami Valley Combined Federal Campaign runs through Nov. 20, 2015.

CFC is the annual fundraising drive that provides an opportunity for DoD military and civilian employees to contribute to local, national and international non-profit organizations.

The mission of CFC, established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, is to promote and support philanthropy through a

program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing DoD, Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

More than \$7 billion has been donated to nearly 24,000 non-profit organizations.

Airmen interested in making a contribution to CFC should contact their unit's keyworker(s) listed below:

87 APS - TSgt Maura Phillips  
 89 AS - MSgt Kimberly Naehring & 1Lt Paul Kolk  
 445 AES - TSgt Theresa Maske-Scherquist  
 445 ASTS SSgts Traci Todahl & Athena Yacoumakis  
 445 FSS - SSgt Sierra Williams  
 445 AMDS - SSgt Victoria Reagan  
 445 AMXS - TSgts Nicole Sturm & Kaamilya McQueen  
 445 AW - MSgt Sean Smith  
 445 CES - TSgt Jennifer Moore  
 445 LRS - SrA Caleb Smith & TSgt Adrienne Hood  
 445 MXS - SSgt Erin Dennis  
 445 OSS - SrA Nyree Plaza  
 445 SFS - TSgt Steven Wright  
 14 IS - TSgt Daniel Wright  
 64 IS - MSgt Paul Denton & SSgt Stephen Astle  
 71 IS - MSgt Caleb Webster  
 655 ISRG - SSgt Christopher Echols

For more information, contact MSgt Sean Smith at 257-8069.





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Photos by Senior Airman Devin Long

1. Tech. Sgt. Michael Lijewski, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron maintenance supply liaison, performs a maintenance inspection on an aircraft part during the Oct. 18, 2015 unit training assembly.
2. Lijewski and Staff Sgt. Tamara Bond, LRS maintenance supply liaison inspect an aircraft part.
3. Air transportation journeyman Senior Airman Nicholas Giannuzzi and cargo processing flight craftsman Staff Sgt. Ryan Klingaman, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, wrap a pallet of dried foods items Oct. 17.
4. Senior Airman Nay Htet, 87th APS air transportation journeyman, guides Senior Airman Ojieh Ohiembor, cargo processing flight journeyman, as he moves a pallet of dried food items onto a larger loading pallet.

**On the Web**



**Wing members receive flu shots**



**OSS participates in water survival training**



**ASTS conducts training exercise**

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