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## 445th AW hosts Dream Flight students

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The 445th Airlift Wing hosted more than 180 students ages 14-18 and their chaperons during their visit July 22, 2015 as part of the 16th Annual Delta Airlines sponsored Dream Flight program.

Delta Airlines and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals flew the young aviation enthusiasts from Atlanta, Georgia, to Dayton, Ohio.

Delta co-sponsors OBAP's Aviation Career Education camp and Flight Line summer programs for teenagers who have an interest in pursuing careers in aviation. The focus of the program is to teach students aviation history, aerodynamics, meteorology, navigation and flight simulator orientation with qualified flight instructors.

Select graduates from ACE Camp are invited back



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

**Senior Airman Brandon Croghan, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron AE technician, talks with Dream Flight participants about the role of AES during their visit to the wing July 22, 2015.**

enthusiasts met with crewmembers assigned to the 89th Airlift Squadron while touring a C-17 Globemaster III, participated in demonstrations with the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and 445th Security Forces Squadron, and had the opportunity to try on personal protective gear from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron.

the following year to participate in Flight Line, an in-depth program that focuses specifically on pilot training, allowing students to perform solo flights during their week-long training.

During the visit to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the group visited with Airmen from the 445th AW and toured the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force.

While at the 445th, the aviation

## ASTS trains for battlefield injuries

*By Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly*

*445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

When deployed, it is vital that injured military personnel are promptly treated and taken to a medical treatment facility.

The Air Force's Aeromedical Staging Squadrons provide Airmen on the battlefield to administer medical care on the spot saving countless lives. They are the military's "MASH" of today.

Training is the key to ensuring that these Airmen are ready.

The 445th ASTS kicked off their August unit training assembly with a larger than normal training session. The training was mandatory for all ASTS personnel. Doctors, nurses, medical technicians and administrators were involved in the exercise. The training included force protection condition training, alarm conditions, radio communication, unit type code training, litter training and other deployment

related training.

"Yesterday (August 1) we did a mass casualty drill. We took a room, turned the lights off, put in a fog machine and strobe light, and simulated a combat area," said 2nd Lt. Jonathon Charles, medical readiness officer.

Members had to go in, find the wounded, and see what their

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# Equal Opportunity helps Airmen reach potential

By Capt. Elizabeth Caraway  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Senior Airman Joel McCullough

**Maj. Audric Bills, 445th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity director, talks with an Airman during the August 4, 2015 unit training assembly.**

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Recent national news has been filled with polarizing social issues. The divisive attitudes that have taken over

the headlines should stay out of Air Force work centers, said Maj. Audric Bills, 445th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity director.

“Regardless of your personal feelings, these types of discussions can cause mission degradation,” he said, citing current events involving race and sexuality.

It is against Air Force policy for any Airman, military or civilian, to unlawfully discriminate against, harass, intimidate or threaten another Airman on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or sexual orientation. In the case of civilian employees, age and handicapping conditions are also outlined. The Equal Opportunity program addresses these protected categories, as well as sexual harassment.

“We are here to make sure Airmen are judged by their overall performance,” said Tech. Sgt. Jaimeece Robinson, 445th Equal Opportunity advisor. “By ensuring the work environment is free from personal, social, or institutional barriers, we enable Airmen to reach their highest potential.”

In addition to providing large-scale briefings on the program during wing commander’s calls, EO offers unit-level briefings on sexual harassment and human relations. They also get out among the units to have impromptu discussions with Airmen.

“It’s during these out-and-about that we get to see the real work environments and speak with

Airmen freely about their experiences and let them know we’re available if they encounter issues,” said Bills. “When you allow your work environment to be conducive to racial slurs or sexual jokes, people in the unit view it as an area where rules don’t apply and it escalates. It moves from jokes to harassment to assault.”

Airmen who would like to file an EO complaint have two options—informal and formal. Formal complaints go directly to the wing commander. Informal complaints may be handled at the unit level. EO can also act in a mediation role, called alternative dispute resolution.

“During alternative dispute resolution, we come together and try to solve the issue at the lowest level,” said Bills.

Violators may face a series of consequences, from disciplinary paperwork to losing a stripe or being removed from the work center.

One simple action every wing member can take to help is completing the yearly climate survey.

“The survey is an anonymous way to hold leaders accountable,” said Bills. “It’s a way to let us know the truth about what’s going on in your unit.”

The goal is for the 445th to be able to perform its mission to the highest possible standard.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter recently said, “The Department of Defense has made a lasting commitment to living the values we defend — to treating everyone equally — because we need to be a meritocracy. We have to focus relentlessly on our mission, which mean the thing that matters most about a person is what they can contribute to national defense.”

If you would like to discuss equal opportunity concerns or sexual harassment with the 445th Equal Opportunity office, call 937-257-0237. The Air Force Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Hotline is 888-231-4058.

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# Wing announces 3rd quarter FY15 award winners

## Airman



**Senior Airman Jennifer Perdue**, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron communications and navigation systems mechanic is the 445th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter, third quarter. Perdue assisted in the delivery of 8,778 tons of cargo and the deployment of 5,252 military personnel into the area of responsibility during her deployment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. She deployed with Northrup Grumman engineers to research the aircraft infrared countermeasures system. During her off duty time, Perdue participated in the Orphan Love 5K Run, helping the organization raise more than \$8,000 to support children waiting for adoption. She volunteered as assistant planner in the annual Vineyard Church Giant Easter Egg Hunt with more than 10,000 participants. Perdue completed her Community College of the Air Force degree and bachelor's degree and is currently working on a master's degree in business management.

## NCO



**Staff Sgt. Anthony Busellato**, 87th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation craftsman is the 445th Airlift Wing NCO of the Quarter, third quarter. Busellato deployed to Afghanistan where he fostered the movement of 34,300 tons of cargo and supported more than 2,000 missions. He staged 1,300 armored combat vehicles worth more than \$950 million. He supported 75 C-130 Hercules aircraft engine run onload/offload missions, decreasing aircraft ground time. Busellato serves on the base Honor Guard, performing rifle duties at a various military functions. During his off-duty time, Busellato supported the 87th APS Children's Hospital Toy Drive, distributing more than 500 gifts. He visits local schools and daycare centers to educate children on fire safety and evacuation techniques. Busellato received a Community College of the Air Force degree in transportation management and a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management.

## SNCO



**Master Sgt. Alicia Lavender**, 445th Airlift Wing Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT) administrator is the 445th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter, third quarter. Lavender oversaw the inspection of 177 mobility folders during exercises Buckeye Storm and Buckeye Lightning. She developed an inspection template and standardized inputs from 87 wing inspection team members, reducing the report consolidation time 50 percent. Lavender customized and led the wing staff sexual assault response coordinator session. During her off-duty time, Lavender participated in the Brite Star 5K Run, promoting suicide prevention and awareness and helped raise more than \$1,500 to fund outreach projects. She delivered meals to patients during the Dayton VA picnic and facilitated a school field day event for more than 200 students. Lavender received three Community College of the Air Force degrees in her career and completed a bachelor's degree in organization management.

## CGO



**Capt. Kimberly Ebel**, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron exercise planner and evaluation team chief is the 445th Airlift Wing Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, third quarter. Ebel assisted the inspector general office in the planning, writing and execution of exercises Buckeye Storm and Buckeye Lightning. She was responsible for the full evaluation of the medical response and coordinated chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive objectives (CBRNE) instruction and chem gear use. Ebel advised in the planning and development of the last Calamityville exercise. During her off-duty time, Ebel coaches children's gymnastics. She took charge of the processing line during the Dayton VA Homeless Stand Down, serving more than 240 veterans. Ebel was selected by the training staff at Air University to help with a Squadron Officer School module. She received Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Homeland Security certifications.



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wounds and injuries were, said Charles. “Then they had to triage each injured person. This was done under simulated combat conditions.

Training is essential to the job of med techs in ASTS, said Master Sgt. Litittia Cofie, medical technician.

“Our training is very effective,” said Cofie. “The more you practice the better you get at it. Our training is paramount to the mission successes.”

Staff Sgt. Andrew Finley, cardiopulmonary lab apprentice, agrees.

“Everyone needs to know these skills,” said Finley. “They are very critical to our career field.”

Litter training took place outside in the bright summer sun. The lit-

ters were loaded with Airmen who played the role of patients.

Proper commands, proper lifting procedures for safety and the use of multiple vehicle platforms were covered during the training, said Charles.

Master Sgt. Sarah Katoski, Flight I NCO in charge, further explained.

“We try to make it fun but still realistic by putting the heaviest person on a litter,” said Katoski. “When you deploy, you may not have a small person and there are not going to be empty litters. We try to keep it realistic and keep our new Airmen engaged.”

Patient staging and critical patient care are the two major components of ASTS. They are responsible for loading and unloading patients

from aircraft and make sure they have the best medical care. Their mission coincides with their sister medical unit, the aeromedical evacuation squadron whom provides the care during transport.

“The entire aeromedical evacuation system is best in the world,” said Charles.

“We can move wounded warriors in three days to definitive care with a 90 percent survivor ability rate because of what we do.” “But we can only do it if we do it sufficiently, effectively, and quickly. The training allows us to be at the top of our game for the wounded warriors.

“They’re the reason we do what we do, said Charles. “The reason we train. To make sure everybody can come home to their loved ones.”



Members of the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron practice litter carrying maneuvers during a training exercise outside the ASTS facility Aug. 2, 2015. The use of proper commands, lifting techniques, and safety procedures are imperative for the success of transporting patients to aircraft or ground vehicles.



Senior Airman Courtney Kalb, aerospace medicine services journeyman, demonstrates how to break down a litter during a training exercise outside the ASTS facility Aug. 2, 2015.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



# Yellow Ribbon eases deployment transition

By Lt. Col. Denise Kerr  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

ORLANDO, Fla. — “Put yourself all in,” Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, 22nd Air Force commander, urged more than 275 reservists and guardsmen at the Yellow Ribbon event in a hotel here July 24-26, 2015. Service members preparing to deploy or post-deployment brought their family members to the sunshine state for a weekend designed to educate them on available resources and services.

The Yellow Ribbon Program, whether there is a small or large group of pre- or post-deployers, is used to calibrate those who have returned, mentally prepare those who are about to leave, and educate all on their benefits and programs.

Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chip Lutz opened the two-day conference with a class on stress management techniques for families coping with a parent or parents who are preparing to deploy or returned from a deployment.

“Anytime I get to spend with people who serve, it doesn’t matter which branch or service, it’s a good day. Because we do what people won’t do, refuse to do or can’t do, so for that thank you,” encouraged.

The program began in 2008 following a Congressional mandate for the Department of Defense to assist reservists and National Guard members in maintaining resiliency as they transition between their military and civilian roles.

“I think it is fantastic and inspiring,” said Maj. Gen. Harris. “I think it is a great resource for Airmen to learn about all of the resources that are available to them.”

Yellow Ribbon brings in subject matter experts from around the county who can answer individualized questions instead of reservists troubleshooting their issues through a 1-800 number or website, said Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, 445th Airlift Wing Yellow Ribbon Program representative.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program promotes the well-being of reservists and their loved ones by connecting them with resources throughout the deployment cycle.

“The sessions are geared to where you are in your deployment phase,” said 445th AW historian Tech. Sgt. Eugenie Hinson. Hinson was accompanied by her sister, Lynn DeWolf, who lives in Michigan.

Apart from the YRRP general sessions—including a keynote motivational speaker, a parade of resource advisors, and an interactive quiz geared to spark interest in information tables outside the ballroom—reservists



Senior Airman Joel McCullough

**Master Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, 445th Airlift Wing Yellow Ribbon Program representative, (center) shares information with Tech. Sgt. Eugenie Hinson, 445th Airlift Wing historian (far right) and her sister Lynn DeWolf at a Yellow Ribbon event July 25, 2015 in Orlando, Florida.**

and their families can pick whatever sessions they are interested in, with topics ranging from from Tricare to financial management.

“The breakouts we went to were right in line with what my sister has been going through and things she needs help with,” said DeWolf. “I’ve enjoyed the camaraderie with my sister since we do not usually have much time to spend together.”

A reservist, depending on the length of the deployment, can become eligible for benefits they were not able to receive prior to the deployment.

“One of the things I learned here was that I am able to transfer my educational benefits to my children because of my deployment. So I did that and with it comes an additional commitment,” said Hinson.

“The program’s focus for the pre-deployers is on the benefits and when they are activated,” said Golden-Vest.

Even though this event was in Orlando, YRRP participants who lived outside of Florida could enroll in the Veterans Affairs healthcare system.

“We have 1010 EZ forms here and we are enrolling Service members who are interested. After we upload their forms, we contact their home stations to make sure they are on their radar for an appointment,” said Orlando VA Medical Center Operation Enduring Freedom Clinic Manager Rafiq Raza.

Other VA programs were represented at the resource tables stationed throughout the mezzanine.

“We usually have an outreach specialist and representatives from the Vet Center, Veterans Benefits Administration and local veteran service officers at the Yellow Ribbon events,” said Raza.



# SPOTLIGHT

**Rank/Name**

Staff Sgt. Ashlee Janson

**Unit**

445th Force Support Squadron

**Duty Title**

Wing training manager

**Hometown**

Peebles, Ohio

**Civilian Job**

Currently on continuous orders for the 445th education, and training and financial management offices. I am also working with Airman and Family Readiness as the

point of contact for transition assistance.

**Education**

Bachelor's degree in social science/education

**Hobbies**

I enjoy crocheting, reading and being active with my sons.

**Career Goal**

Continue working for the 445th and go back to school to obtain my bachelors in human resources.

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

I work with a great



Senior Airman Devin Long

group of people that keep me focused and motivated to keep improving. They have been a second family to me while my husband is deployed.

**Why did you join the**

**Air Force?**

I joined the Air Force for the opportunities it could provide my family and the chance to be a part of something important.

## News Briefs

### Newcomers

Capt Sarah Gustafson, ASTS  
 Capt Ryan Scoggin, 89 AS  
 Capt Andrea Sewell, ASTS  
 Capt Stacy Thomas, ASTS  
 2Lt David Miller, AES  
 2Lt Michael Schibler, AES  
 MSgt William Haynes II, 87 APS  
 SSgt Ronnie Brinkley, 87 APS  
 SSgt Shawn Cherty, MXS  
 SSgt Charles Kilgore, AES  
 SSgt Jeffrey Stanforth, CES  
 SrA Patrick McLean, AMXS  
 SrA Charles Miller, LRS  
 SrA William Williamson, 87 APS

A1C Jason Allen, MXS  
 Amn Jesse Smith, ASTS  
 AB Brian Rieman, FSS

### Promotions

**Airman**

Jordan Dow, LRS  
 Cavel Lake, LRS

**Airman First Class**

Kianna Johnson, CES  
 John Hill-Spann, AMXS  
 Andrew Wolf, MXS

**Senior Airman**

Tyler Acevedo, SFS  
 Joshua Collins, AMXS  
 Thomas Masters, SFS  
 Benjamin Nkiko, LRS  
 Brittney Pauley, SFS  
 Nicholas Sand, SFS  
 Alexander Thompson, SFS  
 Daryn Weatherspoon, SFS  
 Taylor Young, SFS

Adrienne Zizza, AMDS

### Awards

**Meritorious Service Medal**

Lt Col Patrick Driscoll, OSS  
 Lt Col Keith Franke, 89 AS  
 Lt Col Anna Kaus, AMDS  
 Lt Col Charles Miller, ASTS  
 Lt Col Jacob Miller, OSS  
 Lt Col Stephen Schnell, OSS  
 Lt Col Wedoctober Sendaydiego, 89 AS  
 Lt Col Steven Shrader, 89 AS  
 Lt Col Edward Taillon, 89 AS  
 Maj Demetrius Smith, AW  
 Capt Shawn Cuevas, AMDS  
 1Lt Kane Wagner, ASTS

SMSgt Thelma Chubb, AMDS  
 SMSgt Linda Sparks, 87 APS  
 MSgt Litittia Cofie, ASTS  
 MSgt Jeffrey Conley, MXG  
 MSgt Julie Meintel, AW  
 MSgt Christian Oliver, LRS  
 MSgt David Reagan, LRS

**Air Force Commendation Medal**

Capt Tyler Altier, AES  
 MSgt Debra Hatter, 87 APS  
 TSgt David Ellcessor, AW  
 TSgt Bryant Fox, 89 AS  
 TSgt Jeffery Rang, AES

**Air Force Achievement Medal**

SrA Jonathan Porter, LRS  
 SrA Andrew Wade, LRS



# 445th Security Forces Squadron

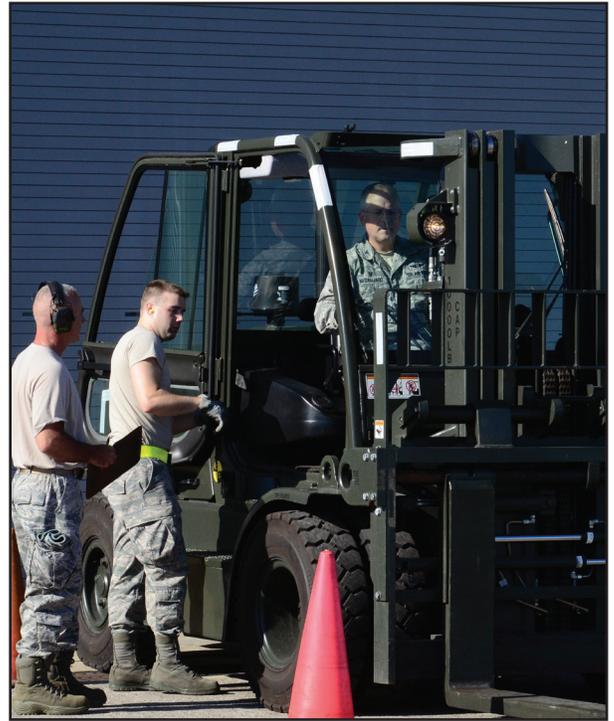
Members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron participate in a shoot, move and communicate exercise at the Warfighter Training Center Aug. 15, 2015. The main goal of this training is to know how to shoot and use cover while moving toward a specific objective. The training incorporated firing weapons in conjunction with fire team and special weapons and tactics. 'Simmunition' ammunition, a soap-based dye round used to simulate real ammo was used during the training. Each scenario included objectives for both attacking and defensive forces. After each drill the instructor debriefed the members and discussed how to refine the tactics used.



Photos by Senior Airman Joel McCullough



# 445 AW commander joins 87 APS for training



Photos by Senior Airman Joel McCullough

(left) Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Garman, 87th Aerial Port Squadron cargo processing flight supervisor, demonstrates to Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, 445th Airlift Wing commander, the proper techniques on securing a pallet load during the Aug. 1, 2015 unit training assembly. (right) Col. McGalliard receives instructions on operating a fork lift during his visit to the 87th Aerial Port Squadron.

## On the Web



**AES shares mission with baseball fans**



**Happy Birthday U.S. Air Force**



**89th loadmaster prepares for mission**

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