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## 87 APS spreads holiday cheer at local children's hospital



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) Airmen from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron visit children at the Dayton Children's Hospital giving out toys and holiday cheer Dec. 16, 2016. More than 15 members participated in the unit's 26th annual event. (right) Tech. Sgt. Jordan West, 87 APS, delivers a gift to a child at Dayton Children's Hospital Dec. 16, 2016.

## 445th Airlift Wing, looking back at 2016

*445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

The 445th Airlift Wing wrapped up another successful year of mission accomplishments Dec. 31, 2016.

The year 2016 began with a maintenance group change of command and operations group assumption of command in January. The wing welcomed Col. Cade Gibson and Col. Craig McPike respectively.

The spring of 2016 was a buzz as the wing honored Airmen and families at its annual awards banquet April 2 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The next month, the 445th welcomed its new wing commander, Col. Adam Willis on May 15.

Forty-three 445 AW members participated in a multi-agency training exercise at Toledo Express Airport, Toledo, Ohio, May 12-15, 2016. The Toledo trainer's third year consisted of 37 organizations from 13 states. There were approximately 300 participants from various branches of the military.

Continuing with its robust schedule, the 445th participated in a Unit Effectiveness Inspection in June. The wing earned an "Effective" rating during the UEI and nine Airmen and two teams earned special recognition as superior performers, while three Airmen received the military bearing award.

The 445th participated in humanitarian and community outreach efforts. The wing delivered 615,000 meals to Haiti as part of Denton Program in May. The

445th Civil Engineer Squadron helped construct a 20,000 square foot multi-use facility for a Boy Scouts of America's camp in Raymond, Maine and completed renovations on the community's 150-year-old fairgrounds in Chenango County, New York.

In August, the wing hosted a Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Total Force combat dining in. Col. Adam Willis, 445 AW commander rocked out with the band KISS at the Wright State University Nutter Center Aug. 22 and thanked them for their support of the troops.

During the fall, the wing hosted 90 students from six Dayton area high schools for the Women's of Women Conference designed to heighten awareness of young ladies who are interested in aviation.

The November UTA was filled with excitement as Reservists showcased their various missions to 70 civilian employers.

The 445th wrapped up the year with 4,921 flying hours which included 1,205 sorties and 181 missions. Wing C-17 Globemaster IIIs transported more than 10,000 patients and 15,662 tons of cargo.

Fifty-five 445th Airmen supported Department of Defense efforts by deploying to various countries in Southwest Asia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Spain and Gabon, Africa.

See year-in-review photos on pages 6-7.

# Thanks for a great year!

By Col. Matthew Conrad  
445th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

Another year complete; what a great time to reflect.

The 445th Airlift Wing has much to be proud of in 2016. Not the least of which is our commitment to continuous improvement which led us to receive no lower than Effective in all Unit Effectiveness Inspection categories! Beyond that, your commitment to accomplishing the mission on a day to day basis is obvious.



There was not a single day that went by in 2016 where we did not have one of our members down-range accomplishing the mission.

Whether in deployed status or as part of an Air Mobility Command mission—you, the experts of the 445th, were providing much needed critical support to the warfighter. Rather than statistics that I won't remember tomorrow, I'd like to relay a few of the more poignant thoughts of the Airmen of our wing that will stick with me through the remainder of my career and beyond.

"Sir, I think the inspectors were blown away with our CE [civil engineer] folks. It was obvious they were excited to do this exercise. Frankly, it couldn't have gone any better."

"The deployed commander couldn't believe how professional our Logistics Readiness Squadron troops were. He's seen 'em come and go but our folks were the finest he's ever seen. They weren't there for a two-week vacation—they were providing critical help for both EUCOM [European Command] and AFRICOM [Africa Command]."

"What our maintainers are doing in the way of home station checks is truly phenomenal."

"We train and train for it, but it was extremely satisfying being able to actually provide the critical in-flight pain management he needed."

"Sir, you should have seen it. We loaded that plane floor to ceiling with

ordinance—we were all hoping for a smooth landing."

Folks, you are incredible Airmen doing incredible things. Each of these quotes is a reflection of Airpower—445th style.

Our mission is critical. Your part in our mission is critical. As our commander said last month, change is coming. It's inevitable and truly the only constant in life, but "it is the Airman, you, the very instrument the Air Force uses to implement change who truly are the greatest! Our service is strong because you, the greatest Airman, who has the capacity to adapt and evolve, faces apprehension armed with courage and our core values." Truer words were never spoken.

As I look back at my career in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, I have been involuntarily mobilized four times. Each time I found myself in the middle of the application of Airpower far away from the comforts of home. In each case, it was unpredictable and mobilization was a reaction to real world events. It was never convenient. However, each time it was successful due mostly because I had made a commitment to myself and my unit to be ready.

Are you ready? Just as it's necessary to plan your Reserve year so you can meet your training objectives and get "a good year." It is more important to be methodical about your training so you can be ready if and when you are called upon.

I know we have some goals and objectives this year as a wing. We are now in the planning stages. However, should real world events suddenly take precedence—are you ready?

As we remember our achievements of 2016 and look forward to achieving our goals/accomplishments in 2017, let's not forget to take care of the NOW.

I like what Gen. David Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, said during his Air Force Update address recently as he outlined his top three focus areas: revitalizing squadrons; strengthening joint leaders and teams; and advancing command and control.

"If we focus on these [areas] we will be ready for the next [campaign]," Goldfein said. "And this is one thing I know with absolute 100 percent clarity, we have from right now until then to get ready and it will take all of us."

This sentiment applies to us in the wing as well. So, from right now until then, 445th, it's time to be ready. Here comes 2017, are you ready?

Thanks for a great year, and see ya on the drill!

Col Conrad

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# Wing announces 4th quarter CY16 award winners

## Airman



**Senior Airman Kianna Wade**, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron operations management journeyman, is the 445th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter, fourth quarter. Airman Wade created and modified more than 200 orders involving 91 troop movements. She implemented a squadron newcomers briefing, delivering timely critical information to 34 new Airmen coming into the unit. Wade maintained 149 readiness folders that had 60 deficiencies that she helped rectify on the spot. The Airman managed multiple training deployments involving 103 members serving at more than 13 locations. During her off-duty time, Wade is actively involved with the Air Force Sergeants Association. She volunteered at the Dayton Vectren Air Show and judged a local high school science fair. Wade is currently enrolled at Park University where she's pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

## NCO



**Staff Sgt. Joshua Sagan**, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron aeromedical evacuation technician, is the 445th Airlift Wing NCO of the Quarter, fourth quarter. Sergeant Sagan supported a deployment short-fall, helping care for 249 wounded warriors. He oversaw 10 Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Flight litter station augmentation set custodial duties, processing eight work orders and tracked \$3,000 in repairs. Sagan overhauled the in-flight kit supply room by teaming up with the logistics flight, creating a streamlined storage system to secure \$235,000 in Air Force assets. During his off-duty time, Sagan volunteered with the American Red Cross, assembling more than 700 care packages for displaced Syrian refugees. He rode in a charity cycling race, helping to raise more than \$25,000. Sagan is working on his Community College of the Air Force degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

## SNCO



**Master Sgt. Steven Mauter**, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron aeromedical evacuation technician, is the 445th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter, fourth quarter. In an effort to reduce manpower, Sergeant Mauter streamlined the process for initial imaging iPad electronic flight books, creating a method for 16 updates at once. He's the principal instructor for all aspects of medical and AE training, providing triage skills to more than 1,200 Airmen. During his off-duty time, Mauter was the course director and lead instructor for the Boy Scouts of America wilderness first aid and CPR program in the Boy Scouts High Adventure program. He's a volunteer paramedic for Miami Township, Ohio, contributing more than 220 hours of service in the last three months. Mauter received his technical studies, emergency medical services degree from the University of Cincinnati.

## CGO



**Capt. Sarah Ripma**, 445th Maintenance Squadron, is the 445th Airlift Wing CGO of the Quarter, fourth quarter. Captain Ripma postured crash damage or disabled aircraft recovery team for training compliance by identifying and ordering \$7,000 of critical supplies. Her effective management of people and resources enabled the wing to complete 1,378 sorties in FY 16—the highest sortie and flying hour count in Air Force Reserve Command. She implemented aerospace ground equipment corrosion program by achieving 90 re-coats that saved the air Force two years and \$250,000 on replacements. Ripma's leadership was a key element in the squadron being selected as recipients of the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award. She was a key player in successful FY 16 mission capable rate 82.4 percent. Ripma worked with host base resiliency program to implement program for the aerospace medicine and maintenance squadrons.



# SPOTLIGHT



Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough

## Rank/Name

Technical Sergeant  
Walter Bessey

## Unit

87th Aerial Port  
Squadron

## Duty Title

Passenger Terminal Service Manager

## Hometown

Rumford, Maine

## Civilian Job

Construction Project Manager for a wireless company

## Education

Currently completing my Community College of the Air Force degree in air transportation and Associate of Arts degree in auto body repair from Northern Maine Community College.

## Hobbies

Triathlons and the training to compete in them; vacations with the family.

## Career Goal

Working with everyone on their fitness to be the first unit with a 100 per-

cent success rate. To be the best manager I can be and educate our Airmen on lifelong lessons. Become a USA Triathlon coach after I hang up my Air Force boots.

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

The PEOPLE, working with so many diverse cultures and personalities in all the ranks.

## Why did you join the Air Force?

I was active duty for more than 12 years and had a long break in service before coming back in. I went to my son's basic training graduation and realized how much I missed putting the uniform on. Being able to support and defend our great nation.



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer



Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

## Around the wing

(left) Senior Airman Elizabeth Warren, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, is presented the November 2016 Diamond Sharp award by Master Sgt. David Reagan, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron first sergeant. The award is given for exemplary performance and adherence to the Air Force Core Values, attitude and appearance. (right) Senior Airman Jeffery Rodgers, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, helps load 106 donated bicycles for base families Dec. 3, 2016. This is the 10th year that the Reynolds and Reynolds company has donated bicycles to military families.





# News Briefs

## Retirements

### January 2017

Lt Col Dianne Hickey, 14 IS  
MSgt Timothy Osborne, AMXS  
MSgt Tracy Sease, 87 APS  
MSgt Rebecca Timmons, 89 AS  
TSgt George Farrell, LRS  
SrA Kevin Goode, 63 IS

## Newcomers

Maj Andrew Soine, 14 IS  
Capt Brittney Snider, ASTS  
2Lt Robert Lovelady, 655 ISRG  
SMSgt Robert Bower, 655 ISRG  
MSgt Jamie Sherman, ASTS  
SSgt Taniesha Bush, AW  
SSgt Christian DeLaCruz, AES  
SSgt Leon Henderson, AW  
SSgt Brandon Thomas, SFS  
SSgt MacKenzie Thompson, OSS  
SrA Steven Bonner, 14 IS  
SrA Bradley Fryman, AMXS  
SrA Meghan Holley, 655 ISRG  
SrA Shane James, CES  
SrA Kirk Laytart, 87 APS  
SrA Christopher Lossing, MXS  
SrA Matthew Varela, AMXS  
A1C Richard Bullard, 87 APS  
A1C Rachael Cannon, AMXS  
A1C Cody Gavre, MXS  
A1C Whitney Hurley, 71 IS  
A1C Sarah Meginnes, 14 IS  
AB Morgan Bogan, AES  
AB Gabriel Clark, 87 APS  
AB Jacob Dietz, 87 APS

AB Garett Pride, ASTS  
AB Vincent Simmons, ASTS

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Dale Bateman, MSG  
Lt Col Dianne Hickey, 14 IS  
Lt Col Richard Wartenberg, 89 AS  
CMSgt Thomas James, 38 IS  
MSgt Tracy Sease, 87 APS  
MSgt Siam Siripavaket, 64 IS

### Air Force

#### Commendation Medal

MSgt Daniel Baraz, 38 IS  
TSgt Adrienne Hood, MXG  
TSgt Michael Parshall, MXG  
TSgt Steven Queen, MXS  
TSgt Jared Rucker, MXS  
TSgt Ryan Steele, SFS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Adam Yankush, 14 IS  
TSgt Joshua DeWitt, AMXS  
SrA Desmond Partin, 63 IS

## Promotions

### Airman First Class

Steven Terwilliger, 50 IS  
Kamrie Thompson, ASTS  
Tucker White, 50 IS

### Senior Airman

Jackson Brown, SFS  
Keith Christopher, 87 APS  
Paula Dennis, SFS  
Toleman Haley III, ASTS  
Hunter Harpster, CES  
Oronde Jones II, 87 APS  
Brian Lakes, 87 APS  
Kirk Laytart, 87 APS

Kara Lunsford, 38 IS  
Jordano Mape, AES  
Constantin Muhire, LRS  
Blake Reynolds, AMXS  
Dustin Seelig, 87 APS  
Vincent Simmons, ASTS  
Tyler Teel, CES  
Michael Thompson II, 87 APS  
Brandon Watkins, SFS

### Staff Sergeant

Aubrey Booher, AMDS  
Andrew Brooks, SFS  
Chelsea Eldridge, MXS  
Schrodinger Hunt, MXS  
Vanessa Hunter, 28 IS  
Joshua Lewis, LRS  
Leanna Rudibaugh, 63 IS  
Kyle Shoemaker, AES  
Alex Swartz, SFS

### Technical Sergeant

Scott Atchley, 655 ISRG  
David Cole, 50 IS

Kyle Cook, 28 IS  
Arron Desir, 28 IS  
Matthew English, 28 IS  
Leon Henderson, AW  
Jeffrey Lum, 50 IS  
Michael Rodriguez, CES  
Jessica Shaughnessy, AW  
Justin Staten, AES  
Mara Thomas, CES  
Brandon Wish, AMXS

### Master Sergeant

Adam Lewis, 16 IS  
Jennifer Moore, CES

### Senior Master Sergeant

Scott Bunch, AMXS  
Tamella Hill, AMDS  
Steven Price, FSS

### Chief Master Sergeant

Alan Baker, CES  
Scott Luff, ASTS  
Michael Mock, 42 IS

## 445th Annual Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars for the 445th Airlift Wing Annual Awards Banquet to be held April 1, 2017 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The reception is slated to begin at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

The awards banquet will recognize those selected for Airman, NCO, senior NCO, company grade officer, first sergeant, field grade officer, recruiter, honor guard member, civilian, spouse, youth and squadron of the year. The winner of each category will be announced during the banquet.

Reservations may be made at: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=323627&k=0163410F7950> for those making payments with a credit card. Reservations made using cash and check payments must be made in person in the public affairs office, building 4010, Room 171.

All reservations must be received by March 5, 2017.

The dress for the evening is semi-formal or mess dress for enlisted Airmen; mess dress for officers; and formal evening attire for civilians.

Any Airmen or civilian can nominate someone for spouse, youth, field grade officer, civilian or honor guard member of the year. Nominations should be submitted on an Air Force Form 1206 to 445aw.pa2@us.af.mil and include a photograph. Submissions are due no later than close of business March 5, 2017.

For more information, contact the public affairs office at 937-257-5784.





# 445th Airlift Wing 2016 Year-In-Review



**January**

Lt. Col. Cynthia Harris



**March**

Staff Sgt. Devin Long



**January**

Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver



**April**

Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver



**May**

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



**June**

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

## January

Col. Jeff McGalliard, former 445th Airlift Wing commander, passes the guidon to Col. Craig McPike, 445th Operations Group commander, at an assumption of command ceremony Jan. 23, 2016.

## January

Maintenance --- Airmen of the 445th Maintenance Group render their first salute to Col. Cade Gibson, 445 MXG commander during the group's change of command ceremony Jan. 9, 2016.

## March

Members of the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron pose for a photo after winning the March Madness basketball tournament March 5, 2016.

## April

Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, former 445th Airlift Wing commander, addresses a crowd of more than 500 Airmen and their families at the wing's annual awards banquet April 2, 2016 at the National Museum of the U.S Air Force.

## May

Maj. Gen. John Flournoy, 4th Air Force commander; Col. Adam Willis, incoming 445th Airlift Wing commander; and Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, outgoing 445 AW commander, sing the Air Force Song at the conclusion of the 445 AW change of command ceremony May 15, 2016.

## June

Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough, 445 AW photojournalist, chats with a veteran at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center picnic June 4, 2016.







**July**

Tech. Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



**August**

Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough



**September**

Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough



**September**

Staff Sgt. Rachel Ingram



**November**

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer

**July**

Col. Craig McPike, 445th Operations Group commander, spikes the ball against members of the 88th Air Base Wing in the 2016 Air Force Sergeants Association Active-duty versus Reserve annual volleyball challenge, July 16, 2016. The 445th won the volleyball challenge.

**August**

Participants of the 445th Airlift Wing hosted Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Total Force Combat Dining In enjoy an evening of food, fun and camaraderie Aug. 6, 2016.

**September**

Col. Adam Willis, (far left) 445th Airlift Wing commander and Chief Master. Sgt. James Felton 445 AW command chief (far right) greet members of the Air Force Reserve Command MAJCOM Team Challenge during the Air Force Marathon Sept. 17, 2016.

**September**

More than 90 students from six local high schools the attended Wings of Women Conference Sept. 30, 2016. The youth participated in a mentor lunch, C-17 and aeromedical evacuation tours, and hand on demonstrations by the security forces, aerospace medicine and civil engineer squadrons.

**November**

Staff Sgt. Christopher Bock-Bacalao, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical apprentice, gives instructions to employers and their reservists on suturing techniques during the wing's annual Employers Day. Approximately 70 employers participated in the event Nov. 5, 2016.

**December**

Senior Master Sgt. Rhonda Gambill, 87th Aerial Port Squadron first sergeant, converses with a veteran at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center holiday party Dec. 3, 2016. Gambill was one of the many volunteers who helped at the event.



**December**

Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough







Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough

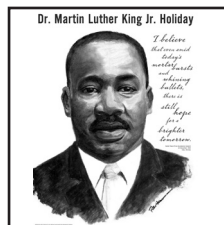
## Annual Dayton VA holiday party

Airman 1st Class Michael Thompson, 87th Aerial Port Squadron personnel terminal journeyman, and Senior Airman Jowanda Ayoub, 445th Maintenance Group scheduler, stand in line to carry to-go plates for immobile veterans at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center holiday party, Dec. 3, 2016. Reservists, active-duty Airmen, ROTC cadets and civilians volunteered at the event.

## On the Web



**MSG CC serves holiday meals**



**MLK, Jr. holiday observed Monday, Jan. 16**



**Santa visits 445 AW**

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