

445th supports Hurricane Florence relief efforts



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) Senior Airman Nathan Edwards, 920th Logistics Readiness Squadron aerial delivery air transportation specialist, secures equipment on a 445th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III. The equipment was transported from Patrick Air Force Base, Florida to Moody AFB, Georgia, Sept. 13, 2018, to help with hurricane relief efforts.

(right) A C-17 Globemaster III from the 445th Airlift Wing is loaded with equipment and members of the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida for transport to Moody AFB, Georgia, Sept. 13, 2018. The personnel and equipment will assist with the Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

Wing earns “Effective” in major inspection

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing successfully completed the Air Force Unit Effectiveness Inspection Capstone Event Aug. 21, 2018 earning an overall score of “Effective.”

The 5-day inspection for the wing’s UEI Capstone involved an external visit by 40 representatives of the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General team from various functional areas and four Air Force Inspection Agency inspectors. The inspectors provided an independent assessment of the wing’s effectiveness and validated/verified the Wing Commander’s Inspection Program.

The four major graded areas for a UEI are managing resources, leading people, improving the unit and executing the mission. The wing earned an overall score of “Effective” in the four areas.

The UEI is a continual evaluation process where higher headquarters can see how a wing is doing by looking at the self-assessment communicators in the Management Internal Control Toolset, said Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Pratt, 445th AW Inspector General, Inspections. The UEI encompasses a two-year period and culminates in a capstone with the IG visitors coming to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he added.

“I’m extremely proud of the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing. In this time of high ops tempo, I am continually amazed by the dedication and commitment of our Citizen Airmen. Their accomplishment during this latest UEI is a direct reflection on the experience, expertise and capability of the 445th AW. The

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FM available to assist Airmen with pay needs

The 445th Airlift Wing Financial Management Office stands by to assist Airmen with military pay and travel pay needs.

Did you know that the 445th FM office is open Saturday and Sunday on both unit training assembly weekends from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. to assist reserve members with travel vouchers (e-Finance or Defence Travel System) and military pay issues?

When visiting the FM office, and requesting DTS or e-Finance help, the FM office cannot create your DTS or e-finance travel voucher but will assist you in correcting your voucher errors.

Each squadron has an assigned Organizational Defense Travel Administrator (ODTA) to assist its members with creating vouchers and attaching the required documents to process the travel vouchers.

The FM office is implementing a new travel voucher process system for the UTA weekends that will help speed up the travel pay process.

The current travel voucher system operates on a first in/first out policy – which means the travel voucher

in the queue first gets processed first, and if you have an error with your voucher and you corrected the problem, that voucher would automatically go to the back of the queue.

However, for the UTA weekends, FM will alleviate the first in/first out process. Beginning Oct. 13, 2018, during the UTA weekends, all vouchers that are in the DTS queue on Saturday or Sunday of the UTA will be given priority for the weekend so they can be processed during the UTA.

FM's goal is to ensure members are reimbursed for their travel expenses as quickly as possible.

Financial management office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., and closed Wednesdays.

UTA hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Airmen are encouraged to send correspondence via email to the military pay and travel pay email addresses: 445AW.payhelp@us.af.mil and 445FM.dtsheldesk@us.af.mil. The email boxes are encrypted.

If you have DTS questions, call 937-713-1607. For reserve pay call 937-257-4397.



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wing's "Effective" results of the UEI are no surprise and I praise all Airmen of the 445th AW for their professionalism in promoting this outcome," said Col. Adam Willis, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

Colonel Willis added that the IG team was very impressed by their interactions with wing members and expressed their kudos to what they were seeing wing Airmen and civilians do on a day-to-day basis.

"The IG said they could tell that the wing had embraced the new Air Force Instructions and that our Commander's Inspection Program was key in finding and correcting deficiencies within the wing. Keep up the great work!" Willis added.

The IG recognized seven Airmen as superior performers: Lt. Col. Michael Baker, 445th Airlift Wing Safety; Maj. Audric Bills, 445th AW Equal Opportunity; Senior Master Sgt. Ashley Delacruz, 445th Force Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Joseph Valenzuela, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Brandon Hakes, 445 FSS; Staff Sgt. Darrell, Sydnor, II, 445th AW

Public Affairs; and Senior Airman Daniel DeWitt, 445th FSS.

The 87th Aerial Port Squadron and the 445th FSS Knowledge Ops teams were recognized as Superior Teams.

Team members from the 87th APS are Senior Master Sgt. Robert Rowe, Master Sgts. William Burns, Richard Carey, Michael Goody, William Haynes, Samuel Hodge, Thomas Masters and Michael Maurer, and Tech Sgt. Benjamin Bartista.

Team members from 445th FSS Knowledge Ops team are Master Sgts. Timothy Back, Cassandra Bartlett and Leah Smith, Tech Sgt. Kevin Tatum, Staff Sgt. Christopher Heckman, and Senior Airmen Rianna Jones and Alyssa Veopas-euth.

Three members were selected for the Hard Charger award. They are Master Sgt. Kerry Schooler, 445th FSS; Senior Airmen Bryce Phelps, 87th APS; and Airman Basic Danny Hudnall, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron.



87 APS participates in Patriot Partner exercise

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron performed their annual tour while participating in Patriot Partner July 6-20, 2018 at Norfolk Naval Air Station, Virginia.

Patriot Partner joint exercises are designed for reservists to partially an active-duty aerial port for training purposes as an annual tour. The purpose is to demonstrate the capability of Air Force Reserve Command, Navy Reserve Air Terminal Unit and Navy Cargo Handling Battalions to work together in a real-world aerial port takeover environment, as well as satisfy their wartime requirements to the fullest extent possible in a peace time environment.

During this year's two-week exercise, the 87th APS worked alongside its Naval counterparts from the Naval Reserve, Navy Air Terminal 207 and Navy Cargo Handling Battalion to complete Patriot Partner 2018 at the Norfolk Air Station's Navy Operated Air Mobility Command Terminal. The military members trained and worked the two-week period on the daily operation and management of the terminal.

"This was my first annual tour off station with a squadron and my first taste of a joint environment as an officer," said 2nd Lt. Tyler Mohr,

87th APS ramp services flight commander. "It was an eye opening experience as we had to adjust to the Navy lingo and the Navy's way of operating," Mohr said.

Patriot Partner personnel included 45 Airmen from the 87th APS; 24 Sailors from the NAT 207; and 19 Sailors from the NCHB1.

The team built nearly 300 Air Force 463L pallets, processed approximately 3,400 passengers, handled nearly 8,000 pieces of luggage and moved approximately 300 tons of cargo.

The lieutenant said his joint team of 88 personnel took over the day-to-day running of the terminal from the civilian employees.

"Even though there were some learning speed bumps early on, it was amazing how quickly our team gelled with our Naval counterparts," Mohr said. "Mr. James McDonald, senior civilian for the Navy Operated Air Mobility Command Air Terminal and a retired aerial port active duty chief master sergeant, said we were the best team he had seen in nine years. That means a lot."

Training and safety were some of the key factors the 87th APS Airmen took away.

"We were exposed to significant amounts of quality training that helped better prepare us to be the best possible Citizen Airmen," said Senior Airman Gabriel Clark. "I learned that our job, like others, requires our full focus at all times."

"This was an ex-



Courtesy Photos

An 87th Aerial Port Squadron Airman and his civilian Naval counterpart load a pallet on a cargo plane at Norfolk Naval Air Station's Navy Operated Air Mobility Command Terminal during the Patriot Partner exercise.

cellent opportunity to gain hands-on-training. I was excited to learn more and more," said Senior Airman Jacob Dietz. "I also took away that safety is the most important thing when it comes to completing our mission. Materials can be replaced but a wingman cannot."

Three Airmen from the 87th APS were coined by Commander Ronald Kish, officer-in-charge of the Navy Operated Air Mobility Command Air Terminal, for being top performers during the exercise. Master Sgt. Brian Anders, and Senior Airmen Kasch McInnis and Dakota Coniglio.

"Our people worked their tails off for two weeks and the recurring message relayed to leadership was that the mission wouldn't have been accomplished or as successful if it hadn't been for all the hard work our joint team accomplished," Mohr said.



Airmen from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron and their Naval counterparts participate in Patriot Partner 2018 held July 6-20, 2018 at Norfolk Naval Air Station's Navy Operated Air Mobility Command Terminal.



WPAFB hosts civic leader tour to MacDill AFB

By Staff Sgt. Darrell Sydnor II
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Sixteen civic leaders from the Greater Dayton area participated in a Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Civic Leader Tour Aug. 28-29, 2018 to learn more about the Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command.

The leaders received briefings from Col. Adam Wilis, 445th Airlift Wing commander and Col. David Anzaldua, 88th Air Base Wing vice commander prior to boarding a 445th AW C-17 Globemaster III for transport to MacDill AFB, Florida where they were hosted by the 927th Air Refueling Wing.

Community and public engagement is a crucial Air Force activity that reinforces trust and confidence in the United States military and in its most important asset – people.

The civic leaders are community influencers in their craft such as mayors, school superintendents, CEOs of companies, program directors and deans of universities that also serve as advocates for the military to the public.

Belinda Matthews Stenson, Director for the Minority Business Partnership for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce takes her role as a civic leader seriously. “It is such a privilege to be a civic leader at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, it’s not every day that people get the opportunity to get invited to tour other bases.”

Events like this tour increase public awareness and understanding of the missions, policies, and programs of the Air Force.

Once on the C-17, community members from Dayton were able to watch and participate in an in-flight training exercise conducted by the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

While on the tour at MacDill AFB, the members received briefings and were able to experience a military working dogs demonstration, take a tour of KC-135 Stratotanker, and test their skills in the Boom Operators System Trainer simulator, which is a reproduction of the boom pod on the KC-135 used to provide realist training.

“Being able to go inside and fly the simulator was such an amazing experience,” said Sarah Mays, Mayor of the City of Xenia. “The refueling mission is a tough job, but I am impressed with how I performed in the simulator.”

As the civic leaders landed back at Wright Patterson AFB, they took away an eye-opening experience of how the reservists and active-duty Airmen selflessly serve their nation.

(Airman 1st Class Alexis Suarez, 927th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)

Around the wing...



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(left) Airmen and families of the 445th Airlift Wing serve as volunteers for Air Force Marathon Sept. 15, 2018. The volunteers cheered and provided snacks and beverages to runners as they ran past the hydration station. The event was established in 1997 to celebrate the Air Force’s 50th anniversary. (right) Kolesen McCoy, son of Master Sgt. Scott McCoy, 445th Maintenance Group, volunteers at the 2018 United States Air Force Marathon Sept. 15,

Airmen, families enjoy wing family day



Senior Airman Ethan Spickler



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly



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Citizen Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing, families and friends enjoy a day of food and fun at the wing's annual family day, Sept. 8, 2018. Participants enjoyed the day playing volleyball, corn hole and various activities. The younger crowd spent time in the kids zone playing in bounce houses. A C-17 Globemaster III served as a backdrop for the event and was open for tours. A DJ was also on hand for entertainment. Food for the event was provided by the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base United Service Organizations (USO) and Kroger. *(No federal endorsement intended.)*



SPOTLIGHT



Staff Sgt. Darrell Sydnor II

Rank/Name: Tech. Sgt. Katherine Y. Lamb

Unit: 445th Operations Support Squadron

Duty Title: NCO in charge, Orderly Room

Hometown: Guayama, Puerto Rico

Education: Master of Science in chemistry

Hobbies: I have many things that I enjoy from cooking, gardening and feeding the homeless to tutoring Hispanic students. As a Christian, I have a passion to serve to which these activities have contributed greatly in my life and for my

happiness.

Career Goal: My career goal in the Air Force is to achieve the rank of master sergeant and become a first sergeant. A first sergeant is a priceless asset to the men and women in the assigned unit. Our call an Airmen is take care of the mission first, take care of each other to build trust and an unbeatable team and take care of ourselves with a personal commitment to the best. A first sergeant promotes this principle, and I want to be part of these select few senior NCOs.

What you like about working at the 445th?: After 11 years on active duty, in 2017 I joined the Air Force Reserve. At first, I wasn't sure what to expect because in the active-duty world, you hear all these stories about reservists.

The 445th Airlift Wing is a great organization to be part of. The 445th Operations Group and operations support squadron bring up the operational element to the wing. I am honored to be part of an organization that makes an impact in our Air Force. We have the best professionals supporting airlift missions, equipment and aeromedical evacuations to and from areas around the world.

Why did you join the Air Force?: To be quite truthful, my initial reason to join the Air Force was self-centered. I wanted to become an Airman because my confidence needed a boost. The Air Force motivated me to accept the challenges that I did not believe I could do. Also, I had a desire to see the world, and I thought the military would provide me the option to do this.

Wing announces STEP II promotions

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials released the results from the annual Stripes for Exceptional Performers Board Aug. 29, 2018.

Four Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing were selected.

The selection board convened at Headquarters ARPC July 23-27, 2018, to select Airmen nominated for promotion to the grades of E-6 through E-9. The effective date of promotion for those selected is Oct. 1, 2018.

Congratulations to the following reservists:

Senior Master Sgt. to Chief Master Sgt.

Linda Sparks, 87th Aerial Port Squadron



Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt.

Sierra Cabungcal, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt.

Jason Kretschmar, 445th Maintenance Squadron



Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt.

Drew Brenner, 445th Security Forces Squadron
Mario Hinton, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron



The complete list can be found on the myPers website.



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Retirements

October

Maj Jonathan Bell, 89 AS
SMSgt Heather Wherry, AMDS
MSgt Dennis Ball, MXG
MSgt Jason Cox, MXS
MSgt Anthony Pinkovsky, AMXS
TSgt Michael Metcalf, AMXS

Promotions

Airman

Danny Hudnall, CES
Chase Sweeney, 87 APS

Airman First Class

David Devore, 87 APS
Joel Hale, AMXS
Anthony Miller, MXS
Brooke Thornton, MXS

Senior Airman

Kiara Brothers, 87 APS
Cameron Corwin, 87 APS
Alexis Hill, AES
Clayton Langston, MXS
Haley Petitt, AMDS
Jeffrey Veness, AES

Staff Sergeant

Jonathan Duffield, CES
Nicholas Hucke, CES
Rianna Amparo Jones, FSS
MacKenzie Logan, LRS
Michelle Logan, AMDS
Jarred McConaughysteel, MXS
Blake Russell, CES
Sarah Wilhelm, ASTS
Christopher Witbrodt, FSS
Adrienne Zizza, AMDS

Technical Sergeant

Nathanael Downer, CES
Trevor Gaskins, ASTS

Matthew Shaw, AES
Christopher Sherman, ASTS
Angela Thompson, ASTS
Dustin Wehrung, FSS

Master Sergeant

Everett Fultz, CES
Travis McClain, CES

Awards

Air Force Achievement Medal

SrA Lance Cole, 87 APS

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt Philip Francis, 87 APS

Newcomers

Maj John King, 14 IS
TSgt Felipe De Almeida, AES

TSgt Megan Pericht, OSS
SSgt Jacob Edwards, AMXS
SSgt Jarrad Faulkner, CES
SSgt Luke Luallin, 64 IS
SSgt David Reed, CES
SSgt Daniel Rickard, AMDS
SrA Natalie Blaha, ASTS
SrA Gilmore Brandon, CES
SrA Aaron Brewer, MXS
SrA Tyler Hayson, MXS
SrA Kyle Kimberling, SFS
A1C Alexis Eppley, FSS
A1C Ramello Rhodes, ASTS
Amn Patrick Jennings, AES
AB Sean Stratton, 87 APS

Lieutenant colonel promotions announced

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced results for the Calendar Year 2018 Air Force Reserve Line and Non Line Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Selection Boards Aug. 31, 2018. The boards selected more than 700 Citizen Airmen for promotion.

The selection boards convened at ARPC June 11-16, 2018, to determine those officers best qualified to assume the next higher grade. Board members selected 796 of 1518 officers considered.

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

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

445th Airlift Wing

Jason Bordas, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron

Paul Dorrance, 89th Airlift Squadron
Jason Miller, 445th Force Support Squadron
Eric Palichat, 89th AS
Barbara Shephard, 445th Airlift Wing
Matthew Smith, 89th AS

Joshua Springman, 89th AS

Benjamin Yoder, 89th AS

655th ISRG

Brent Allen, 71st Intelligence Squadron
Jose Astudillo, 64th Intelligence Squadron
Brian Brooks, 718th Intelligence Squadron
Justine Iacono, 718th IS
Casey Jackson, 16th Intelligence Squadron
Eric Knight, 820th Intelligence Squadron

Russell Messana, 64th IS

James Stuber, 820th Intelligence Squadron

Christopher Williams, 23rd Intelligence Squadron

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

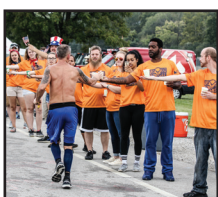




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(left) Col. Adam Willis, 445th Airlift Wing commander, passes the guidon to Col. Jay Smeltzer, the incoming 445th Maintenance Group commander, as Col. Cade Gibson, outgoing MXG commander and Master Sgt. David Griffith, MXG first sergeant, stand at attention during the MXG change of command ceremony, Sept. 9, 2018. (right) Col. John Robinson, 445th Operations Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Brian Quinn, the incoming 89th Airlift Squadron commander, at the 89th AS change of command ceremony, Sept. 8, 2018.

On the Web



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Air Force
Marathon**



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Month**



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