

Wing announces 2018 annual award winners

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Squadrons of the year

Members of the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and 445th Security Forces Squadron are joined by Col. Adam Willis, 445th Airlift Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Stewart, 445th AW command chief, for group photos during the wing's annual awards banquet March 9, 2019 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Members and families of the 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the local community gathered at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force March 9, 2019 to recognize the wing's annual award winners.

Moments before the annual awards banquet began, 2018 annual award nominees were honored at a medallion ceremony.

Two squadrons were recognized as squadron of the year. Honoring two squadrons for 2018 was a first for the 445th AW. The units selected were also chosen as Air Force Reserve Command units of the year. The 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and 445th Security Forces Squadron captured this year's honor.

The museum's Korean War/Southeast Asia War galleries were in an uproar as nominees and winners were announced. From the sirens of 445th SFS to the loud horns echoing from members of the 87th Aerial Port Squadron, Airmen and their families were recognized in style.

In addition to receiving the customary award plaque, annual winners received a commendation cer-

tificate from the state of Ohio on behalf of Ohio Representative Rick Perales.

The 2018 award winners are: Airman of the Year: Senior Airman Kirk Laytart, 87th Aerial Port Squadron; NCO of the Year: Staff Sgt. Jowanda Ayoub, 445th Maintenance Group; Senior NCO of the Year: Master Sgt. Tara Woodard, 445th Force Support Squadron; First Sergeant of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Rhonda Gambill, 87th APS; Company Grade Officer of the Year: 1st Lt. Samson Ohingo, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Field Grade Officer of the Year: Lt. Col. Jason Bordas, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron; Civilian of the Year: Mr. Ronald Rearick, 445th Mission Support Group; Honor Guard Member of the Year: Tech. Sgt. Alyssa Daley, 445th AMXS; Recruiter of the Year: Master Sgt. Christopher Resio, 445th Recruiting Squadron; Spouse of the Year: Mrs. Michelle Ellison, spouse of Staff Sgt. Dustin Ellison, 445th SFS; and Youth of the Year: Jonah Wilhelm, son of Staff Sgt. Sarah Wilhelm, 445th ASTS.

See pages 2 and 3 for photos of 2018 award winners and the banquet.

445 AW honors its 2018 Airmen, families

Airman



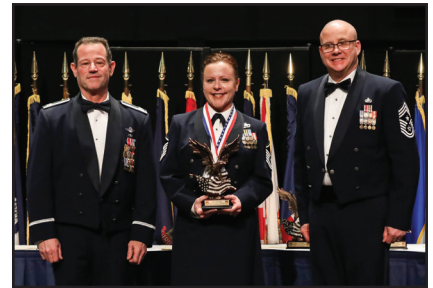
Senior Airman Kirk Laytart
87th Aerial Port Squadron

NCO



Staff Sgt. Jowanda Ayoub
445th Maintenance Group

Senior NCO



Master Sgt. Tara Woodard
445th Force Support Squadron

First Sergeant



Senior Master Sgt. Rhonda Gambill
87th Aerial Port Squadron

Company Grade Officer



1st Lt. Samson Ohingo
445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Field Grade Officer



Lt. Col. Jason Bordas
445th Civil Engineer Squadron



at annual awards banquet

Civilian



Mr. Ronald Rearick
445th Mission Support Group

Honor Guard



Tech Sgt. Alyssa Daley
445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Recruiter



Master Sgt. Christopher Resio
445th Recruiting Squadron

Youth



Mr. Jonah Wilhelm
445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron



Spouse



Mrs. Michelle Ellison
445th Security Forces Squadron



FM tip of the month - lodging non-availability

Travelers are mandated to use the Defense Travel System or the Central Ticketing Office (CTO/SATO) to schedule all of their lodging needs.

When lodging is not available on a military installation, DTS will automatically issue and record a certificate of non-availability (CNA). The exception to this rule is group pre-arranged lodging. Members must provide name of hotel and reservation number in the DTS authorization pre-audit screen for group pre-arranged lodging.

Non-availability forms must include a confirmation number, which should be dated before the first duty day but must be secured prior to the end of the duty period and included in the travel voucher. Failure to comply may result in an audit, reimbursement at the Department of Defense standard lodging rate and debt collection for the difference.

Per the Joint Travel Regulations 020303.F: *Required Documentation When Government Quarters Are not Available*, when government quarters are not available, a DoD service member is required to obtain a non-availability confirmation number provided by the service's lodging registration process to justify reim-

bursement for commercial lodging and per diem. When government quarters are not available at an Integrated Lodging Program Pilot (ILPP) site, a civilian employee is required to obtain a non-availability confirmation number provided by the service's lodging registration process to justify reimbursement for commercial lodging and per diem.

As of June 1, 2018, the JTR no longer allows a traveler to self-certify the non-availability of government quarters. Units are not allowed to blanket issue CNAs. Only the Service's lodging office or the Defense Travel System can issue these documents.

If the traveler does not include an actual non-availability confirmation number from billeting, the 445th Financial Management Office must compute the voucher as if lodging was available.

For prompt and accurate payment, DTS or eFinance vouchers must include the lodging receipt, showing the amount paid in full and charged to their Government Travel Card, and the CNA.

For DTS related questions, please call 937-713-1607.



Around the wing...



Staff Sgt. Joel McCullough



Courtesy Photo

Col. Bryan Runion, 445th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Capt. Dustin Honious, the incoming 445th Security Forces Squadron commander, during a change of command ceremony, March 10, 2019. Master Sgt. Angela Hayden, 14th Intelligence Squadron first sergeant, presents the December 2018 Diamond Sharp Award to Staff Sgt. Dennis Quiles Torres, 14 IS CSS administration journeyman, for outstanding appearance and superb performance of duties for the month of December 2018.

Mental health assessment key to readiness

By Capt. Wilson Wise
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Each year, Airmen are required to complete a PHA (physician's health assessment) to maintain readiness.

Depending on the career field, service members are either required an in-person PHA with a doctor or to complete a PHAQ online questionnaire that will be reviewed by medical personnel. The questionnaire seeks to determine the presence of external factors, lifestyle choices, or stressors that could lead to potential health problems.

Once the PHA is completed, Airmen are required to set up a mental health assessment. The MHA is performed by LHI, a third-party contractor. Airmen must ensure that an account is set-up with LHI by visiting <https://lhi.care/start>. The website provides step-by-step instructions to create a user profile.

Once the account is created, members will have

the opportunity to schedule a phone call appointment with a representative. It is recommended that cell phone number is provided instead of a landline to ensure availability during the appointment time. If the LHI agent calls and does not connect, he or she will not call again. It is up to the member to reschedule the appointment.

Once the MHA is performed, the results will be sent to a provider who will review and determine if further action should be taken.

Failure to maintain medical readiness status could result in "no pay-no points" until the status is cleared to green.

For additional questions on PHA or MHA please contact Senior Airman Amy Snively at 937- 257-5200.

CY 19 STEP II requirements announced

The Air Force Reserve Command Stripes for Exceptional Performers II board is just around the corner. The program is highly competitive and seeks to promote Airmen E-6 through E-9 one grade above the authorized grade for their position. Packages are due to career development May 2, 2019.

The Stripes for Exceptional Performers (STEP II) board will convene at AFRC July 23-27, 2019.

Nominees should have satisfactory participation for the previous 12 month period (individuals with any unexcused absences within the previous 12 month period are not eligible). Nominees must meet all eligibility requirements (except time in grade and time in service) at the time of nomination and on the Promotion Eligibility Cutoff Date (PECD Sept. 30, 2019)

TIG & TIS requirements must be met by Sept. 30, 2019.

Fitness must be current at time of nomination and on the PECD (Sept. 30, 2019)

The following is a change to Air Force Form 1206:

-AF Form 1206 will be 18 lines in bullet format to include mandatory headings. No signature is required on the AF Form 1206.

The 1206 headings are as follows:

-Current NCOs: Job Performance in Primary Duty, Leadership & Followership, and Whole Airman Concept

-Current SNCOs: Leadership & Job Performance in Primary Duty and Whole Airman Concept

Package requirements by grade are:

E-6 (TSgt)

- STEP II Promotion Checklist
- FSS Internal Checklist
- AF Form 1206
- AFFMS II
- Last 3 EPRS (For Internal 445th Board Review)

E-7 (MSgt)

- STEP II Promotion Checklist
- FSS Internal Checklist
- AF Form 1206
- AFFMS II
- Signed RSC contract
- Last 3 EPRS (For Internal 445th Board Review)

E-8 (SMSgt)

- STEP II Promotion Checklist
- FSS Internal Checklist
- AF Form 1206
- AFFMS II
- Signed RSC contract
- AF 224
- Last 3 EPRS (For Internal 445th Board Review)

E-9 (CMSgt)

- STEP II Promotion Checklist
- FSS Internal Checklist
- AF Form 1206
- AFFMS II
- Signed RSC contract
- AF 224
- CMSgt SOU
- Last 3 EPRS (For Internal 445th Board Review)

The Career Development SharePoint page has helpful information to include the STEP II Guide and milestone dates: <https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/445aw/445MSG/445FSSSharepoint/445CAREERDEVELOPMENT>

For more information, contact 445th Career Development at 937-257-4382.



SPOTLIGHT



Senior Airman Ethan Spickler

Rank/Name:
Master Sgt. Jon C.
Webber

Unit: 87th Aerial
Port Squadron

Duty title: Senior
NCO of Load Planning

Hometown: Canal
Winchester, Ohio

Civilian job: High
performance driving
instructor and new
construction

Education: High
school diploma

Hobbies: Anything to
do with Motorsports,
mainly drag racing and
Track Days. I also like
to golf.

Career goal: To influ-
ence someone else's
life and to have fun.

**What you like about
working in the 445th?:**
I like the opportuni-
ties the 445th provides.
There are many different
ways to succeed in and
around the 445th. You
just have to apply your-
self.

**Why did you join the
Air Force?:** I initially
joined to pay for college,
however, my fifth week
of basic training was
Sept. 11, 2001. Being
in that environment,
when those horrible acts
transpired, changed how
I looked at the military
as a whole and why I
serve.

LRS Airman recognized during recent deployment



Master Sgt. Jeffrey Terry, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels operation manager, returned from a recent deployment to two different bases in Southwest Asia where he earned special recognition and received seven command coins from both wing commanders and squadron commanders in recognition for working diligently

and performing duties outside his Air Force Specialty Code [career field].

Terry was assigned as the facility manager for the 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron for petroleum oil lubricants. During his deployment with this unit, Terry dealt with daily sand storms that would close all roads into the base and routes to and from aircraft required for mission capability. During one particular sandstorm, no civil engineer personnel were readily available to maintain roads so Terry acquired a loader to move sand on truck routes and at fuel facilities to keep the mission moving with no delays. He later teamed

up with civil engineers to remove 27 million tons of sand.

Terry oversaw the cleanup of a ruptured 6 inch fuel line that had spilled more than 5,000 gallons of fuel within a few minutes. The line was repaired and back into operation within 25 minutes.

The sergeant submitted an idea to the Idea to Innovation program to help improve vehicle maintenance. He submitted an idea for part identification and request and his submission is still under review.

While assigned to the 386th, Terry was hand-selected and sent TDY to support the 387th AW. While there, he was

tasked to support Project Cargo City, a \$24 million project behind schedule. His skill set for equipment operation saved the military more than \$300,000 and brought Cargo City back on schedule within 27 days from a six-month delay by working 16-hour shifts, seven days a week.

During his tenure there, he completed the following: milled 10 thousand tons of asphalt (252 man hours); construction of a satellite communications pad – construction of HRT (Human Remain Transient); security lane construction; communications tower pad construction – foreign object damage checkpoint; and construction of service station preparation site.



News Briefs

Retirements

April 2019

SMSGt Paul Adducchio,
445 AMXS
MSGt Elisa Haid, 87 APS

Newcomers

1st Lt Jaskirat Sidhu,
AES
2nd Lt Edward Royal, 89
AS
2nd Lt Heather Summit,
ASTS
SSgt Joshua Hall, FSS
SSgt Christopher
Legendre, MXS
SSgt Deron Prince, SFS
SSgt Jerry Reynolds,
AMXS
SrA Joel Triplett, ASTS
AIC Carla Cowherd, LRS
A1C Jacob Dorsey, MXG
Amn Tyler Whitfield, CES
AB Andrew Baugham,
MXS
AB Britney Chinn, FSS
AB Nicole Ellis, AMDS
AB Markia Frye, FSS
AB Kaylie Torres-Malis,
AMXS

Promotions

Airman First Class

Jennifer Brann, AES

Senior Airman

Amelia Burnett, AW
Carla Cowherd, LRS
Leslie Owens, FSS

Staff Sergeant

Zachary Allen, 89 AS
Alain Tshipamba, 87 APS
James Williams, CES
Addison Wyckoff, OSS

Technical Sergeant

Cole Anglemyer, AMXS
Ramon Ahrman, AMXS
Noah Benefiel, 89 AS
Christopher Brown, 89
AS
Dominic Fredo, AMXS
Ryan Garrett, 89 AS

Ryan Hughson, AMXS
Jeremie Jamito, AMXS

Master Sergeant

Nicholas Akins, 87 APS
Jason Cordle, 87 APS
James Lide, AW
Keil Seward, 87 APS
Eric Wadlington, 87 APS
Siearra Williams, FSS

Senior Master Sergeant

Steven Mauter, AES

TAP required for deploying Airmen

The Transition Assistance Program is congressionally mandated under the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011 and governed by U.S. Code: Title 10; Department of Defense Instruction 1332.35; Air Force Instruction 36-3009, *Airmen and Family Readiness Centers*; and the Air Force TAP Operational Guide.

The VOW Act requires that Citizen Airmen who are activated on Title 10 orders for more than 180 days (except school or training) complete TAP, no later than 90 days prior to the expiration date on their Title 10 orders.

Citizen Airmen are required to complete different portions of TAP, depending on their employment and/or higher education/career technical training status.

Reservists will fall under Track 1 or Track 2 for TAP. To determine which TAP program is right for you, visit the A&FR SharePoint page at <https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/>

445aw/445MSG/445FSS
Sharepoint/AFR/default.aspx and select the appropriate TAP Track.

For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness office at 937-255-4607.

Military teen camps

Would you like to spend time whitewater rafting, hiking, rock climbing, backpacking, exploring the environment, running ropes courses, or practicing wilderness skills? What if you could do these activities with other military youth just like you?

Military teens (14-18 year olds of active duty, Guard, Reserve, and retired personnel) will have an opportunity to participate in adventure camps at little to no cost. These high energy, high adventure, and high experience camps are planned across the United States from Washington to New York and the states in between. Each camp offers a unique outdoor experience that will allow you to build leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork skills while engaging with the outdoors. Funding is available to assist with transportation costs.

Details for each camp including a description, camp dates, number of spaces, points of contact, and how to register can be found at: <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/adventurecamps/Pages/default.aspx>.

CGO promotions

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center officials announced February 21, 2019 the Air Reserve Component promotions to captain and first lieutenant.

There were 367 officers selected for promotion to captain and 394 selected for promotion to first lieutenant. The complete list is available on myPers and the ARPC website.

Four 445th Airlift Wing Airmen were selected for promotion to captain: Brent Black, Abigail Duncan, Jason Gumm, and David Gunkelman from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and four were selected for promotion to first lieutenant: Rachel Ingram, 445th Airlift Wing; Melissa Lerch, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Edward Royal, 89th Airlift Squadron; and Tyler Trease, 445th ASTS.

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445th SFS wins 2018 AFRC security forces award

The 445th Security Forces Squadron won the 2018 Air Force Reserve Command Annual Outstanding Unit Award, Outstanding Security Forces Tenant Unit of the Year Award category. The announcement was made Feb. 19, 2019.

Dedicated to combat readiness, the 445th SFS scheduled and trained more than 2,000 war fighters on six unique weapons systems the wing supported.

The 445th SFS procured \$250,000 funding for facility and mobility upgrade, enabling re-utilization under dire fiscal constraints, saving the wing \$80,000. They structured the attainment of squadron innovative funds by implementing a new shoot, move and communicate tactics program resulting in \$82,000 being awarded for advanced security forces readiness.

445th Security Forces Raven teams supported Operation Inherent Resolve, counter drug and humanitarian operations involving eight members in a time frame of 85 days, supporting six missions in four austere locations. Four security forces trainers instructed a readiness course for 2,000 warfighters, fulfilling a

new 445th Airlift Wing training requirement in one quarter.

The squadron held the Winter Warrior Challenge that involved 16 teams, 90 defenders and included five task-based events. The event boosted the cohesion and mental toughness of its Airmen. SFS Airmen were part of a multi-organization "Defenders Day Challenge" that integrated the training of 40 445th Aeromedical

Staging Squadron and 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron personnel. The training event improved the wing's combat readiness.

The 445th SFS developed their annual 445 SFS 9/11 Ruck March to honor fallen heroes and established a security forces memorial. SFS Airmen participated in the wing's Wings of Women event by providing the group with a SFS weapons and armor display, provided a vehicle the group could see up-close and gave a tactics demo to the attendees. SFS Airmen provided hands-on demonstrations to more than 500 Civil

Air Patrol, ROTC cadets and Boy Scouts. The squadron provided volunteers to support local veterans by providing them with food, clothing and essentials.



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron participate in the unit's annual winter challenge March 2, 2018. The Reserve Citizen Airmen conducted vehicle inspections, participated in low crawl training, building clearing, shoot-move and communicate drills and other training during the event.

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