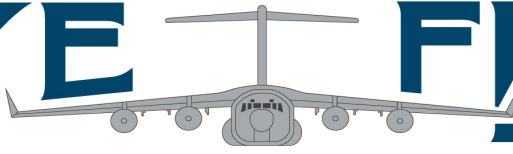


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445th SFS Airmen, Marines conduct law enforcement training

*By Staff Sgt. Ethan Spickler
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 445th Security Forces Squadron participated in integrated law enforcement training scenarios with their Marine Corps counterparts from the 4th Law Enforcement Battalion, Charlie Company, March 6, 2021 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

During the training, 445th Defenders were tasked with acting as oppositional forces for military police from the U.S. Marine Corps. Multiple scenarios that were devised by Marine Corps leaders were supplemented by Airmen whose goal were to assist in the training objectives by acting as insurgents.

“We have an excellent skill set and a lot of experience,” said Master Sgt. Ryan Lamarr, 445th SFS NCO in charge of operations. “It allowed us to augment the Marines and it helped both forces improve on our existing abilities. The training was set up efficiently and we were happy to take part.”

During integrated training scenarios, Marines secured an area of operations, conducted security checks on vehicles and personnel, and counteracted simulated threats such as improvised explosive devices and armed insurgents. They also practiced riot control techniques and provided quick reaction force elements. SFS Airmen operated as opposing forces, and their inclusion provided the Marines with new challenges against forces that were not familiar with their training procedures. This provided more unique experiences and feedback than if the training had been done solely within the Marine battalion.

“Having Airmen here adds complexity and provides fresh eyes to help observe our procedures,” said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jason Moore, the 4th LEB Charlie Company senior NCO in charge of training.



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Lance Corporal Colton Sabrowski, Charlie Company, 4th Law Enforcement Battalion, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, searches Senior Airman Scott Araujo, 445th Security Forces Squadron, for dangerous or unlawful items during a training exercise at the base warfighter training center, March 6, 2021.

with other branches as well as our allies. Integrated training at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will prepare Marines and Airmen to tackle future mission challenges while giving them the opportunity to work together to achieve their training and operational objectives.

“The training is taken seriously, and it is great because both sides trade information,” said Senior Airman Scott Araujo, a defender with the 445th SFS. “We learn from them, they learn from us, and in the end, we all benefit.”

“Being able to utilize Airmen and hear their feedback has been an awesome opportunity.”

While the process of training with other branches of the military provides many benefits to training planners, it also provides diverse learning opportunities for those who participate. It gives military personnel the opportunity to practice their tactics and techniques with elements that will offer unexpected challenges to established procedures.

“Every branch trains a different way,” said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Ricardo Lopez, a squad leader with the 4th Law Enforcement Battalion. “When we can bring the best of both worlds together like we did today, we become cohesive and can enhance our various training opportunities.”

The value of engaging with new perspectives is an important part of joint operations, and integrated training prepares military members to excel at their jobs.

“Two minds are always better than one,” said Lance Cpl. Nick Johnson, a fire team member with the 4th Law Enforcement Battalion. “We can take multiple aspects into account, and it gives us new perspectives on training and a better look at the big picture.”

While operating around the world, it is likely that many Airmen and Marines will interact

MXG commander bids farewell after 44 years of service

By Col. Jay Smeltzer
445th Maintenance Group Commander

After 44 years of military service, this chapter that has been my entire adult life is now rapidly coming to a close. I can remember vividly my final day of high school and feeling less than ready to step out into the world. I can also remember that first night of basic training and saying “after these four years I will never re-enlist, cut my hair or wear a uniform ever again!!!”

Forty-four years later I am still chewing on those words... never say ‘never’.

To use a line from a *Grateful Dead* song, “what a long, strange trip it’s been...”

I have met some of the most amazing people, been places and seen things I would not have dreamed of. Serving in aircraft maintenance units, we never see combat, however, pride can be taken in the knowledge that our labors provided vital airlift of troops, ammunition, supplies and transport of wounded. Carrying supplies in support of hurricane relief or counter drug operations, these efforts cannot happen without a supporting cast behind the scenes. I’m proud to have been a very small part of it all.

Mostly, I am proud to have been associated with so many extraordinary people who practice their craft day in and day out to make these missions happen. This gig isn’t just for anyone. It takes people who understand and appreciate the sacrifice required, not only of themselves but of their families. It takes people who give up weekends, late nights, early mornings, missed birthdays and ball games. It takes selflessness so the greater good can be served.

If you watch the news, change and turmoil seem to be the only constant but thanks to the dedication and sacrifice of the generations that came before us, we will survive this turmoil as a nation.

We survived World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Desert Storm and the subsequent actions of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. We survived 9/11. We did not just ‘survive’ these events; we grew from them as individuals, as a military force, as a nation. We grew and emerged stronger because of the character of people like you and what you have brought to the fight.

Every wing has put its mark on this nation’s history. Most have done so not with fanfare or publicity, but quietly through steadfast determination, commitment

and the ever essential ingredient to freedom, ‘sacrifice’. We are caretakers of a sacred trust; we own up to the weight of responsibilities and expectations placed on the profession of arms. We do so willingly and without reservation. Taking accountability for all we do.



Mr. Patrick O'Reilly

Col. Jay Smeltzer addresses 445th Maintenance Group Airmen, March 22, 2021.

No matter our squadron or group, we eventually have to pass the torch to the next generation. It must be given to them in better shape than it was given to us. Make improvements, set higher goals, accomplish as much as we can as best as we can as our abilities allow, knowing it will never be perfect, but taking pride in our efforts that we passed it on stronger each time. And always hopeful that the next generation will appreciate the time and effort put forth before them and inspire them to outdo us.

It is easy to get caught up in this turmoil. Everyone has their opinions, their standards and their beliefs. We too, as members of the Armed Forces, have our opinions, beliefs and standards. I believe, however, that we have a greater appreciation for these liberties for we know their true cost.

In our profession, we must hold the line. We cannot lose sight of the difference between what is ‘easy’ and what is ‘right’. We must execute the tough decisions, not what is popular or politically correct. Too much depends upon our integrity and commitment to the legacy of defending our Constitution and the way of life it represents. Our Constitution is the core of our existence as the United States of America.

Over my career, I have been blessed to re-enlist many members and I never take for granted that opportunity to administer the Oath, “I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic...”

And never forget that you are a part of something bigger that we cannot allow to be compromised.

I’ll end with a quote from George Orwell. “We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those that would do us harm.”

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of all this and serving alongside you all. It has been a humbling privilege. God bless you and God bless the United States of America.



Around the wing ...



Tech. Sgt. Joel McCullough



Staff Sgt. Ethan Spickler

Master Sgt. Rebeccah Stammen, 445th Force Support Squadron first sergeant, performs a Blues inspection on Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Works, 445th FSS services supervisor, March 6, 2021.

Senior Airman Nicholas Wright, 445th Maintenance Squadron metals technologist, uses software and measuring tools to digitally recreate and produce physical products, March 7, 2021. The Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) software allows him to create an accurate three dimensional blueprint which can then be crafted by automated manufacturing machines.

Master Sgt. Douglas Schaumleffel, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron ground transportation superintendent, trains Senior Airman Luke Barnes, 445th LRS ground transportation journeyman on the 10K all-terrain forklift, March 7, 2021.



Staff Sgt. Darrell Sydnor

Exercise promotes good mental well-being

By Ms. Vera McClain

445th Airlift Wing Director of Psychological Health

As we talked about in last month's article, the global pandemic has changed our lifestyles. Physical well-being is also included in that realm. Nutrition and physical activity may have been impacted which correlates to our emotional and mental well-being as well as resiliency or the way we manage things.

After several days, weeks or even months out of sync, you will need to a way to gradually return to your previous level in order to avoid injuries and to reach your goals. It does not take long to get out of shape, to loose previous progress.

One of the easiest ways to injure yourself is to rush progress or over-exerting, which can cause injuries. These injuries can set back any progress that you may be making. Even a small amount of consistent exercise

can keep these setbacks at bay.

Other benefits are sharper memory and thinking, higher self-esteem, improved sleep, increased energy and enhanced resilience.

Always check with your physician for medical clearance prior to resuming or beginning an exercise program. Daily living activities should be easily achievable, such as walking (up to a point without feeling excessive fatigue or breathlessness).

If you have a physical fitness test that you know is upcoming, proper planning is crucial with ample time given to reach your goals. With warmer weather around the corner, even a small dose of Vitamin D from outdoor activities can go a long way!



445th CES faces cancelled annual tours amid pandemic

Completes more than \$300k of base projects in three months

By 1st Lt. Rachel Ingram
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 445th Civil Engineer Squadron is no stranger to large-scale facility improvement projects. In a typical year, they send several groups of Reserve Citizen Airmen to worksites across the country to complete Innovative Readiness Training projects which improve communities while offering hands-on training opportunities.

In recent years, the 445th CES constructed a 20,000 square foot multi-use facility on a Boy Scout camp in Maine and renovated a 150-year-old fairground in New York. The squadron counts on these invaluable IRT projects each year for their annual tour training requirements. Then COVID-19 came along.

“Never before have we had all annual tour events of all types canceled at once,” said Chief Master Sgt. Alan Baker, chief enlisted manager with the 445th CES.

In a matter of weeks, multiple IRT projects fell through and more than 60 Airmen were left without annual tour orders. It was crunch time.



Photos by Senior Airman Amelia Gillies

Master Sgt. Bryan Keiffer, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, cuts plywood to reinforce the walls of a hootch at the base warfighter training center, Aug. 6, 2020.

agencies to complete the job. At the warfighter training center, for example, several hootches—improvised

“We very quickly realized that our people were going to be sitting here for two weeks twiddling their thumbs if we didn’t come up with projects for them to do,” said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Rine, superintendent of heavy equipment and structures, 445th CES.

With travel restrictions in place and only a few months remaining in the fiscal year, the squadron faced limited options. Fortunately, they found a solution right at homestation.

“We began looking at opportunities to see what could be developed into a project,” Rine said.

In some cases, project plans were already in place, but awaiting outside

huts used to simulate a village or compound during training exercises—needed to be demolished and others required renovation, but there wasn’t yet a contract in place for a civilian company to come onsite and do the work.



Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron reframe the area around new windows they installed on a hootch at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base warfighter training center, August 6, 2020. The hootches are an element of the multi-use WTC, and 13 of the improvised huts were repaired.

“We looked at the WTC and knew that was a project we could definitely do,” Baker said. “It saved the base about \$300,000 and we got great training. It was a good reaction to a bad situation.”

It was not as simple as just showing up and breaking ground, though. Leadership in the 445th CES worked closely with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s 788th Civil Engineer Squadron to approve the projects, secure funding sources, purchase materials, and establish completion timelines.

“A typical project approval process takes anywhere from three to six months,” Rine explained. “Fortunately, we’ve established strong relationships with our civilian counterparts in the 788th and they helped us push the projects through very quickly so that we could provide our Airmen with these training opportunities and meet their annual tour requirement.”

Upon official project approval, work crews were assigned. Teamwork was the name of the game.

“From all the work that goes into organizing projects of these size, down to the physical labor of do-

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445th AW celebrates Month of Military Child

By Grace Hendricks, 11 years old/6th Grade

Daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Heather Singh, 445th Force Support Squadron

When someone asks me where I am from, I always say 'Las Vegas'. But that is not true, I was born in North Carolina, moved to Kentucky when my mom deployed (and my dad was in Korea), then moved to Alabama and finally ended up in Las Vegas! All before I was four years old!



Sometimes it is just easier to say Las Vegas (and admit it, cooler!) than it is to explain being a military child.

Since Las Vegas, I have lived in Indiana and now Ohio. Some people might think all this moving is hard but there is so much I cherish about being a military child.

Moving a lot has taught me how to appreciate the things you have. When we lived in Vegas I had a pool in my own backyard! I miss having the pool. But I love

where we live in Ohio. I am so grateful that I can walk to the shops and ice cream stores with my friends. I couldn't do that in Las Vegas. Even though I miss Vegas, I appreciate what I have now because I know I will miss Ohio if we must leave.

Another great thing about being a military child is all of the friends I have made! Not to mention, how we all live all over the world. I have friends in Vegas, Florida, Boston, even Italy. It's great having military

friends. They understand our life and challenges easier than even our parents. Another cool thing is sometimes unexpected things happen; like when I lived in Vegas one friend moved to Italy. It was sad but we keep in touch.

Last week I found out her family is moving HERE to Ohio!

Sometimes I have had to move because my mom or dad deployed. It's hard to find the good in that but I wouldn't be the person I am today without these experiences.

My mom says I am resilient. I think that means I am adaptable and able to make the best of whatever situation I am in.

There are many layers to being a military child. Some good and some not so much. I love having all of my friends and being able to see so many new places. And the feeling of seeing my mom after a deployment is indescribable. I wouldn't trade being a military child for anything!

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role children play in the armed forces community.



Courtesy Photos

Grace and her family.

445th AW Inspector General tidbits



Courtesy Graphic

What is AFIS?

The Air Force Inspection System is a coherent integrated and synchronized alignment of inspections conducted on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF), the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) and commanders at all levels.

How does AFIS work?

It uses Risk Based Sampling Strategies to identify potential areas of concern. Each inspection and exercise complements the others, relying on input and output from each inspection and exercise for maximum mission effectiveness.



SPOTLIGHT



Senior Airman Angela Jackson

Rank/Name: Senior Airman Mariah Harris

Unit: 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Duty Title: Customer Support Staff administration journeyman

Hometown: Springfield, Ohio

Civilian Job: Full-time student

Education: Bachelor's degree in health service administration and currently pursuing my Master of Business Administration in human resources management at Tiffin University.

Hobbies: Listening to music.

Career Goal: To become a human resources specialist

What do you like about working at the 445th?: What I like most about working at the 445th is that they truly care about my goals and will do all they can to help me achieve these goals. They not only are helping me grow as an Airman, but also as an individual.

Why did you join the Air Force?: I joined the Air Force to further my education and to start a new career.

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ing the job, there's no way you can complete it all yourself," said Senior Airman Dennis Robbins, heavy equipment operator, 445th CES. He came in on orders for about three months and served as the foreman who provided on-the-ground oversight.

One such connection was Bruce McIver, emergency management specialist with the 788th CES. McIver helped facilitate the partnership by providing onsite support to Robbins and communicating funding and supplies needs back to the 788th.

"Robbins would let me know what they needed to be able to complete these projects, and I would secure the funding and purchase the items," McIver said. "We had to keep the materials flowing."

To ensure continuity and maximize efficiency, Airmen were assigned to work crews for two week periods, and each work crew overlapped by one week. This way, there were always Airmen onsite who un-

derstood the trajectory of the project and helped familiarize the new crew before rotating out of service, Rine said.

"By working together, we were able to get a lot accomplished in a short amount of time, and these improvements benefit both the 445th and the 88th Air Base Wing, along with Marines and other service members who train here. The WTC will be used for upcoming exercises, for example," McIver said.

In all, more than 60 Airmen from 445th CES completed their annual tour at Wright-Patterson during the summer of 2020. They erected a 50-foot flagpole outside the 445th Airlift Wing headquarters building, poured concrete for a sidewalk and installed numerous static displays to establish Heritage Park. They demolished a dilapidated building and replaced it with a carport and storage area for 445th Security Forces Squadron assets. They renovated an outdated recreation area used by the 445th Maintenance Squad-

ron, replacing the doors, windows, and roof. At the WTC, they renovated or demolished 13 hootches, and cleared more than 100 tons of debris from the area.

"We didn't leave anything undone," Rine noted. "Every project we started, we completed."

The projects resulted in an estimated savings of nearly \$300,000 at the WTC and about \$120,000 around the 445th AW area of Wright-Patterson AFB.

"We had talked about coordinating these types of projects before, but for one reason or another, it just never panned out," McIver added. "But this time, they delivered. They delivered big!"

For the Airmen involved, completing the projects resulted in more than just a fiscal impact.

"In a way, it's like leaving your mark," Robbins said. "You cruise by and see what you helped accomplish, and you just know you left it better than it was when you got there."



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James Murr MXG
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Zachary Smith, 87 APS
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Mother's Day Art Contest

Are you good at drawing, painting or graphic design? Public Affairs is looking for a 2021 Mothers' Day graphic to publish in the May Buckeye Flyer. The design should fit on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper. If you're interested, please bring your artwork to the public affairs office, building 4010, room 171, by Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Please call 937-257-5784 if you have questions.



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445th AW medical squadron administers COVID-19 vaccine



Photos by Senior Airman Angela Jackson

Staff Sgt. Melvin Castro, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, NCO in charge of immunization clinic, precisely measures, extracts and distributes the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, March 6, 2021. The 445th AMDS began administering the vaccine to 445th Airlift Wing members Feb. 26 2021.

Staff Sgt. Bernadita Vega, 445th AMDS flight information medical technician, administers a first round of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine to Tech. Sgt. Sean Estell, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, logistics planner, March 6, 2021.

Wing Reserve Citizen Airman wins AFRC paralegal award



Tech. Sgt. Misty Mayes, 445th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate General law office manager, won the Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Air Reserve Component NCO Paralegal of the Year award. The announcement was made March 5, 2021.

Sergeant Mayes administers the budget, supervises the office's readiness and manpower and supports more

than 2,400 Air Reserve Component and 400 civilians and Air Reserve Technicians. She governed the adverse actions program, drafted and processed 54 discharge and demotion packages and Article 15s. She

personally trained 72 re-enlisting Airmen and NCOs. She administered, tracked and scheduled office training for an attorney and two paralegals.

Sergeant Mayes collaborated with the 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron team, preparing briefings for quarterly deployment events and secured legal fitness for deployers. She oversaw 68 office visits, prepared and executed 69 power of attorneys and notaries, sparing members \$10,500 in legal fees. She backfilled the unit training manager for six months, and procured seven professional military education and career development course exams. She also prepared three formal training requests. She is an AFRC-level strategic team member; one of 687 reservists selected for Beta testing a senior NCO academy and is aiding in the creation of a professional development course.

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