

## Remembering September 11th



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard, Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing and active-duty Airmen from the 88th Air Base Wing, conduct a flag folding ceremony in honor of the memory of 9/11 during a Patriot Day event, Sept. 11, 2022. (right) Tech. Sgt. Molly Cook presents a flag to Col. Raymond Smith, Jr., 445th AW commander, during the 445th Airlift Wing 9/11 remembrance ceremony, Sept. 11, 2022.

## 445th CES battles flames in live-fire training event

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**Staff Sgts. Robert Gibson and Joshua Sweetman, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters, put out an aircraft structural fire during live-fire training, Sept. 9, 2022 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.**

Eight members of the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services teamed up with the 788th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department for a live-fire training exercise, Sept. 9, 2022.

Mr. Bryan Weeks, assistant chief of training for the 788th CES fire department, fire and emergency services, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, develops a plan to train the 445th CES on structural and aircraft live-fire training.

"We create a scenario, do a safety brief, walk through the structures for familiarity, and then ignite the fire and use different techniques and objectives to meet the criteria to fight a live structural fire," said Weeks. "Typically, we want to do at least two live-fire trainings annually which is difficult for reservists, but doing this gives them the requirement of having completed the training."

"We practiced on structural fire and victim removal and then we worked on aircraft fire," said Senior Airman Alex Walker, 445th CES firefighter. "We don't

# Med tech spreads kindness through life of service

By Capt. Rachel Ingram  
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Staff Sgt. Michelle Logan's parents met while her dad was serving as an Air Force jet engine mechanic at Clark Air Base, Philippines, in 1983. Two years later, Logan was born there on the base. The 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical technician grew up on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, though, until her dad's retirement in 2000.

A fourth-generation Airman, she once received a bit of wisdom from an elderly client she met through her civilian work in durable medical equipment. This wisdom, she said, has become a guiding principle in her life.

"If you keep planting good seeds, eventually the harvest will come in," she recalled. "Choices we all make every single day will lead us in a certain direction, so I started asking myself, 'What am I doing?'"

Earlier this summer, Logan had the opportunity for the first time in 10 years to travel to the Philippines with her mother and father to visit with relatives. Over the course of their one-month trip, Logan was struck by the communal style of sharing meals.

"Everyone eats together, cleans up together—for lunch and dinner, but even for breakfast, too," she said, describing how her mother routinely prepared meals for about 20 people who lived nearby. "Family is a very big part of the culture there."

The Philippines was struck by Typhoon Rai in December 2021, killing more than 400 people across the Philippine archipelago and leaving many families with damaged homes and inoperable utilities, diminishing their ability to prepare and store food.

"In America, we just make money, but then what do we do with it? There's no guarantee any of us will be here tomorrow," Logan said.

Building upon her mother's example of hosting meals, Logan worked with her parents to organize a fiesta for about 250 people in the village of Perrelos,

on Cebu Island.

"We opened the gates and everyone just came in," she said. "You don't think about it. A good deed is just a good deed."

As her time in the Philippines came to a close, Logan sought more ways to make an impact. She recalled an elderly woman who carried a large bucket filled with octopus and other seafood on her head.

"I thought, 'Whatever the cost is, I'm going to buy it,'" Logan remembered. "It was only about \$20, and she was so excited about it. I asked my mom where this woman lived. I wanted to do more."

So Logan and her family crammed into a small pickup truck, she said. They went to the local market and purchased rice, sardines, corned beef, powdered milk, noodles, bread and similar foods.

"Little things," she said. "The types of things you take for granted in America."

With the ingredients from the market, they assembled 125 bags of food, valued at about \$10 (U.S. dollars) per bag and hand delivered each one to a family in the community.

"They were so grateful. They think they are winning, but they don't realize it's not them who's winning—it's me. It changes you," Logan said.

Back at home in Ohio, Logan's pace hasn't slowed. In addition to her full-time durable medical equipment job and her Air Force Reserve service, Logan owns Busy Kids Gymnastics, a martial arts, gymnastics and sports education facility in Kettering, Ohio, which also sponsors youth and adult softball teams in the Philippines. Logan holds a third-degree black belt in mixed martial arts and she played Division I softball in college before earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Wright State University.



Courtesy Photo

**Staff Sgt. Michelle Logan, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, and her parents, John and Judy Logan, pose with food purchased for donations in the Philippines in August 2022. John was stationed at Clark Air Base, Philippines, as a jet engine mechanic in the 80s.**

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get to do it as often, so today I learned a lot.”

For some 445th CES firefighters participating in the training event, it was a new learning experience.

Master Sgt. Nicholas Behr, 445th CES assistant fire chief, explained that these hands-on exercises are important for the new Airmen.

“Today we teach the new guys some new techniques,” said Behr. “We have some new guys here that are fresh out of technical school within the past month or two. They have not seen Class A fires which in this case are wood pallets and hay. They have been training on propane fires which react totally different,” Behr said.

“In technical school, we practiced on only propane fires and here we used straw and wood in one of the scenarios to get a feel for what a house fire is like,” said Walker.

According to Weeks, the outdoor temperature during training was approximately 80 degrees Fahrenheit, however, the internal temperatures of the live-fire structures; one fueled by propane and one by straw and wood, can reach 1,000 to 1,200 degrees.

The training exposes the firefighters to heat and smoke as well as low- to zero-visibility, which overloads the senses and makes them revert to the training learned over the years to accomplish the objectives set forth, said Weeks.

“We’re working on maintaining proficiency; secur-



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**Staff Sgt. Ryan Guenther and Senior Airman Alex Walker, 445th Civil Engineering Squadron firefighters, put out an aircraft structural fire during live-fire training Sept. 9, 2022 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.**

ing water supply from fire hydrants; pulling hand lines; making an initial fire attack; and sending crews in to do search and rescue to recover victims,” said Behr.

The firefighters were evaluated on their approach and techniques used in two scenarios: entering a building, engulfed with fire and smoke made by straw and wooden pallets; and a mock aircraft set ablaze using propane. They were tasked to extinguish the fire to fulfill annual training requirements.

“Life, safety and fire extinguishment is the ultimate goal,” said Weeks. “Then we try to protect the property.”

The training exercise benefited both forces. Firefighters from the 445th CES had the opportunity of being exposed to actual structural fires and gained more confidence, and the 788th CES observed and learned how another department trained and tackled various scenarios.

“Having the opportunity to have the 445th CES come out here and train and conduct live-fire training is a benefit not only for them, but it also allows us to see different views ways of doing firefighting so we can learn from them as well,” said Weeks. “Everybody should be learning from everybody.”

Weeks added that teamwork for the exercise included help from an 88th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical technician in case any real-world medical issues occurred.

## Four 445th Airmen selected for STEP II promotions

The STEP II selection board convened at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado, July 25-28, 2022 to select exceptional Airmen nominated for promotion to the rank of technical sergeant - chief master sergeant. Results were released via myPers, Sept. 9, 2022. The board selected 200 Reserve Citizen Airmen out of 482 considered.

Twelve Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing were nominated and four were selected. Congratulations to the following 445th Airlift Wing mem-

bers:

For STEP II promotion to chief master sergeant: SMSgt Lauren Hawkins, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and to technical sergeant: Staff Sgts. Jacob Binkley, Joshua Huber and Eric Whitt, 445th Security Forces Squadron.

The final results are posted on myPers at: [https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/14227/p/18/c/549](https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/14227/p/18/c/549)



# SPOTLIGHT



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

**Rank/Name:** Staff Sgt. De'jaNae E. Sargent

**Unit:** 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Duty Title:** Material Management Journeyman

**Hometown:** Dayton, Ohio

**Civilian Job:** I work as an enforcement technician for Hamilton County Job and Family Services and as a patient registration specialist for Mercy Health.

**Education:** I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in human resources at the University of Arizona Global Campus.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy working out, traveling, interior design, volunteering, cooking and spending quality time with family and friends in my spare time.

**Career Goal:** My military career goals are to complete classes toward my Community College of the Air Force degree, advance to technical sergeant, and possibly commission in the future. My civilian career objectives are to complete my bachelor's degree, find an internship after graduation, and begin my master's degree program in the spring of 2024.

**What do you like about working at the 445th?:** The 445th is my home away from home. It's a wonderful feeling to be surrounded by good people who collaborate to achieve positive results. The camaraderie demonstrated throughout my unit is outstanding and I am grateful to be a part of an ambitious team that not only encourages us but never leaves us behind in our pursuit of success.

**Why did you join the Air Force?:** I enlisted in the Air Force to advance my education, improve my leadership abilities and serve. The Air Force's culture has helped me develop as an individual and has broadened my knowledge in various circumstances. Any difficulties I've faced as an Airman have been offset by the demanding skills and experiences I've gained. I've had the opportunity to explore the world, make life-long connections, and experience countless opportunities for growth.

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One day back in 2017, Logan was on her way to cut the grass at Busy Kids Gymnastics and heard from a family member that their elderly grandparents were struggling to maintain their yard.

"It was taking them four days to cut the grass," she said, noting that the grandfather served in the Army during the Korean War. "They'd section the yard out and push the mower for 10 minutes at a time, then take a break. Her grandfather and his friend would take turns until it was done."

For Logan, the solution was simple.

"We were going out to cut the grass at my gym, so I said, 'Why don't we just swing by there and do theirs real quick?'" she said. "That turned into finding other veterans in the community who could really use that

type of help, mostly through word of mouth."

Her community project, Vet Cuts LLC, was born. She routinely provides basic yard maintenance for various military veterans across the community at no cost.

"In my eyes, I'm not providing a whole lot," she maintained. "It's a simple task, but for a Korean War veteran who is 93, it is a big task. What would take him four days, I can do in 30 minutes."

For Logan, a life of service is second nature.

"It just becomes something that you build into your schedule," she said, adding that she is committed to sharing all of her resources—time, money, energy and knowledge—with others. "You can't die with it, so what are you doing with it?"





## 445th Reserve Citizen Airmen, Army soldiers participate in *Operation Merciful Valkyrie* exercise



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More than 180 Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing and members of the 5th Battalion, 159th Regiment General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Knox, Kentucky, participated in an aeromedical patient movement exercise named *Operation Merciful Valkyrie*, Sept. 11-14, 2022. Four C-17 Globemaster IIIs conducted eight launches a day, three days in a row, for a total of 24 launches from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The exercise focused on transporting patients from an austere environment (Fort Campbell), and bringing them to a more secure location (Wright-Patterson AFB) while providing en route medical care.

(1) (from left to right) Second Lt. Kiley Gerritsen, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron critical care air transport team member, Army Spc. Scott Hillman, 159th RGSAB flight medic, Fort Knox, and Staff Sgt. Trey Naber, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron AE technician, carry a litter from a HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter on a Fort Campbell, Kentucky flightline, Sept. 13, 2022.

(2) Members of the 445th AES and ASTS off-load a litter through the side door of a C-17 Globemaster III during a simulated cargo door malfunction scenario.

(3) Senior Airman Troy Bassant, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron propulsion journeyman, makes adjustments to an engine cradle during an engine swap on a C-17 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Sept. 13, 2022.

(4) Capt. Trevor Tomlin, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilot, performs a pre-flight check while wearing Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear, Sept. 13, 2022.





# 445th Airlift Wing Family Day 2022



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Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing, families and friends enjoyed a day of food and fun at the wing's annual family day picnic, Sept. 10, 2022 at hangar 4016. Participants enjoyed corn hole, children's bouncy houses, remote control vehicles, face painting and other activities. A C-17 Globemaster III static display was available for tours and a DJ was on hand for entertainment. In addition, various helping agencies provided useful information to Airmen and their families. Food and activities for the event were provided by the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base United Service Organizations (USO) and the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association (MVMAA).



# News Briefs

## FM email org boxes going away

Beginning October 1, 2022, the 445th Financial Management organizational email boxes will go away.

Members who need FM assistance must submit all travel and military pay inquiries through the Comptroller Services Portal (CSP) at [usaf.dps.mil/teams/saffmCSP/portal/](http://usaf.dps.mil/teams/saffmCSP/portal/) using a CAC-enabled device.

Please call the FM office at 937-904-3036 if you have questions.

## Promotions

### Master Sergeant

Matthew Branham, MXS  
Kamika Davis, CES  
Jonathan Johnson, CES  
Jory Ramer, OSS

### Technical Sergeant

Keith Emberton, LRS  
Clifford Morgan, CES  
Michael Schultz, 87 APS  
Dustin Seelig, 87 APS  
Jordan Shepherd, MXG  
Zachary Simon, LRS

### Staff Sergeant

Andrew Baugham, MXS  
Jorge Escobar, SFS  
Sena Ford, MXS  
Dan Iwamoto, 87 APS  
Samuel Riddle, MXS  
Krista Tungett, SFS  
Brant Washburn, SFS

### Senior Airman

Isaac Moore, AMXS  
Adeyinka Onanuga, 87 APS  
Meggie Samuel, 87 APS

### Airman First Class

Dustin Collinsworth, MXS  
Skylar Johnson, 87 APS

### Airman

Alexander Hall, LRS

## Newcomers

Maj Zachary Wallace, 89 AS  
2 Lt Taylor Bome, ASTS  
SSgt Dionna Brown, FSS  
SSgt Tessa Groff, CES  
SSgt Jordan Keith, CES  
SrA Troy Bassant, AMXS  
SrA Dionna Brown, FSS  
SrA Jacob Clark, AMXS  
SrA Meghan Ratlift, FSS  
A1C Porsche Brown, 87 APS  
A1C Ashli Morris, 87 APS  
A1C Johnny York, CES  
AB Christian Reeves, AMXS

## Retirements

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TSgt Xavier Lanier, LRS  
TSgt Theodore Marsh, 87 APS

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# October is Domestic Violence Month

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence is defined as "the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or violence against a current or former spouse or intimate partner," according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Potential victims extend beyond spouses of military members. They may also include those who are dating, living together or who have children in common.

The military considers domestic abuse to be a pattern of behavior resulting in emotional/psychological abuse, economic control, sexual abuse, "spousal neglect," and/or interference with personal liberty.

Every person deserves to live in a safe environment. Military service members and families have confidential options for reporting domestic abuse, and the military community has services and resources to assist those in need. These resources are available to all.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline, available 24/7, provides essential tools and support to help survivors of domestic violence so they can live their

lives free of abuse.

In Ohio, there are 84 organizations in 63 cities that provide some sort of domestic violence services. Many can assist with emergency services and housing. Calling the hotline can assist with connecting you to local services. If in immediate danger, call 911 or visit your local ER.

Together, we can help make sure our military families are safe and healthy. Support systems are vital when experiencing domestic violence. If you are, or know someone who is, living in an unsafe situation, please reach out. There is help. There can be long lasting effects of violence though with intervention, majority can reestablish to live a safe and satisfying life.

National Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233

Family Advocacy Program: 937-257-6429/4608;

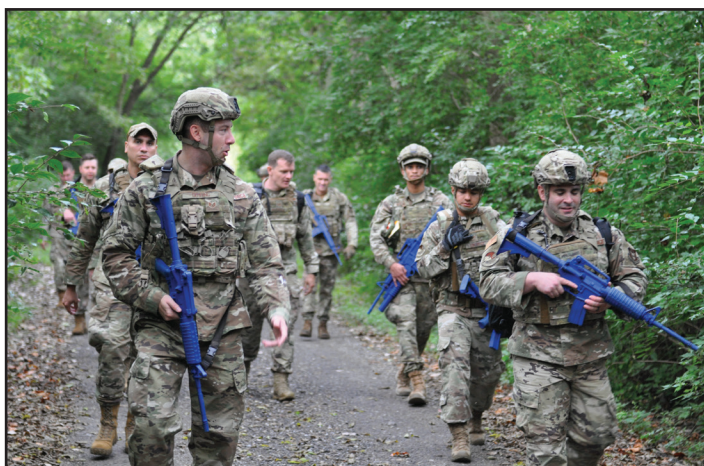
800-634-9893 After hours: 937-257-3203/2969

Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate 24/7: 937-265-0022

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# Around the wing ...



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(top left) Approximately 20 members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron execute a ruck march with gear weighing 20-30 lbs for 9.11 miles near the perimeter of the base in remembrance of Patriot Day, Sept. 11, 2022, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. A ruck march is a weighted march over terrain with all necessary military equipment to accomplish an objective.

(right) Airmen from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron erect a small scale tent city to simulate operations in a bare-base environment during a field training exercise at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Warfighter Training Center, Sept. 8, 2022.

(bottom) Col. Donald Wren, 445th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Michael Harrison, incoming 87th Aerial Port Squadron commander, during a change of command ceremony Sept. 9, 2022 at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base United Service Organizations Center (USO).

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