

445th units integrate with Germany air bases for AT

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445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Defenders, maintainers, Port Dawgs and wing staff from the 445th Airlift Wing integrated with Airmen at Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases in Germany, July 22 – Aug. 5. The Airmen provided mission support to active-duty counterparts, simultaneously gaining hands-on training.

“A lot of behind-the-scenes coordination occurs ahead of an annual tour like this one, and once the orders begin, it’s then up to each individual Airman who has boots on the ground to accomplish the mission,” said Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Lamarr, 445th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent.

The SFS split their team of 35 Defenders between Ramstein and Spangdahlem for annual tour. At Ramstein, 445th Defenders bolstered law enforcement and security operations, providing force protection for three major commands, one numbered air force, three wings and \$8 billion in assets supporting the installation’s strategic capabilities.

“While working in partnership with the 86th Security Forces Squadron, our security forces Defenders responded to domestic violence incidents, gate runners, in-flight emergencies and host-nation law enforcement support with drug interdiction operations,” said Senior Master Sgt. Sean McCaslin, 445th SFS logistics and training superintendent.

Ramstein is an optimal base for training because of the volume of traffic that transits the base, not only in the form of airlifted cargo and passengers, but the 7 million personnel entering through the gates annually.

“The air terminal at Ramstein is active,” said Master Sgt. Michael Young, 87th Aerial Port Squadron team chief. “A lot of cargo and passengers flow through the base.”

During the course of the annual tour, 28 Airmen from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron worked a total of

153 missions with 3,627 passengers and about 1,100 tons of cargo.

The Port Dawgs trained in passenger services, cargo processing, ramp and fleet services, and load planning.

“We often end up working hand in hand with Ramstein Port Dawgs on deployments,” Young said.

Training opportunities which involve integration with other units across all components of the Air Force strengthens deployment capabilities, he explained.

Knowledge sharing between squadrons creates a stronger, more unified force, said Master Sgt. Keric Johnson, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron APG (Airframe Powerplant General) section supervisor.

“We are learning from them, and they are learning

from us, too,” Johnson said.

For some junior enlisted Airmen, this annual tour was their first opportunity to experience a high operations tempo. On the other hand, more than half of the 445th SFS deployed last year, and during those deployments, the Defenders honed their skills.

“A two-way knowledge exchange allows those newer Airmen to learn from the more seasoned individuals, but it also grants an opportunity for the squadron to gain a fresh, different perspective from a new generation,” Lamarr said.

While the Defenders and the Port Dawgs handled personnel and cargo, maintainers looked after the aircraft coming through the base, each of which had to be inspected and serviced prior to departure.

“Ramstein offers the opportunity for Airmen to gain the experience of working on aircraft in theater with high tempo and rapid mobility,” Johnson said.

In total, 28 Airmen from the 445th AMXS and 445th Maintenance Squadron worked on 14 aircraft,



Senior Airman Angela Jackson

Tech. Sgt. Mark Everhart, 87th Aerial Port Squadron ramp services specialist, carries a top net away from a pallet of cargo on the flightline at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, July 31, 2023.

445th AW, 911th AW medical teams participate in Steel Buckeye

By Stacy Vaughn
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Approximately 65 Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation and Aeromedical Staging Squadrons trained with their counterparts from the 911th Airlift Wing from Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania, during Steel Buckeye Aug. 2 and 3.

Two missions were conducted each day, one for each AE unit. One mission took off from Pittsburgh ARS with their AES onboard their wing’s C-17 Globemaster III bound for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The other mission took off from Wright-Patt bound for Pittsburgh ARS with the 445th AES onboard a 445th C-17. Once at their location, the AES Airmen onboard the C-17 conducted patient movements with the ASTS Airmen assigned at that location.

After the patients were loaded/unloaded, the C-17s flew back to their respective locations. Patient loads of 10-12 litters were moved from each location.

Maj. Darren DeCarlo, 911th ASTS special projects officer, said the idea for their unit to train with another wing on patient movements and run various scenarios with both AES and ASTS units came from Col. Steven Theohares, 911th ASTS commander, who was previously the 445th AES commander.

Maj. Nathaniel Copen, 445th AES director of operations/flight nurse evaluator, said the 911th AES and ASTS reached out to him about the idea of collaborating with them and both wings got the ball rolling. Copen said they started coordinating the event in the spring, working out all the times for flights and how much ground time would be available for patient movement at each location.

“This was a great opportunity for our Airmen to work with another Reserve unit,” Copen said. “We were asked if we’d like to conduct some aeromedical readiness missions and provide the 445th ASTS and 911th ASTS the opportunity to conduct ground operations with the patients from the 445th and 911th AES.”

The 445th ASTS critical care air transport team (CCATT) and the 911th ASTS CCATT were also involved with the training and flew with their respective AE crews. When patients require extra attention, a CCATT consisting of a critical care physician, critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist augment the AE crew to provide intensive care attention during air transport.

“The objectives for the training were met, DeCarlo said. “Any issues that came up we were able to work together to resolve. This event was also a great opportunity for both AES units to work with the CCATT, running and executing various scenarios together.”



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Senior Airman Katelyn Moenter, center, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron medical technician, helps members from the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron secure a mannequin on a litter during joint exercise Steel Buckeye at Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Penn., Aug. 2, 2023.

Capt. Shanice Jackson, 445th AES flight nurse, said when they landed at Pittsburgh, the engines were still running as they initiated the transfer of patients on and off the aircraft in approximately 15 minutes before taking off again.

“It was a very quick process,” Jackson said. “We didn’t have time to interact much with the 911th Airmen but it was a smooth process.”

“Overall, this training will enhance the mission capabilities of each squadron and increase our overall readiness for future patient movements,” Copen said. “This will continue to build upon the relationships we have with other AES and ASTS in the 4th Air Force.”

“I was very appreciative of the fact that I was able to work in a new environment and gain more experience in a leadership type role. My flight was patient with me and helped coach me along the way,” said Senior Airman Olivia Pietras, 445th ASTS aerospace medical service technician.

Senior Airman Preston Sanders, 445th AES medical technician said the training provided real-world experience for her and her fellow Airmen.

“I hope we can do this again in the near future. The exercise, as a whole, prepared us for the real world. I’d like to see more of this type of training in the future,” Sanders said.

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Senior Airman Gabriel Calubad, 445th Security Forces Squadron, checks credentials of individuals entering Ramstein Air Base, Germany, July 26, 2023.

including 10 inspections, five refuels, five launches and seven recoveries, and two different kinds of landing gear tire changes.

At Spangdahlem AB, 445th SFS Defenders conducted a base-wide audit of over 2,200 restricted areas badges, successfully completing the base commander’s top priority of ensuring the security of infrastructure valued at \$2.9 billion, 1,600 acres and 630 buildings.

“Combat arms instructors augmented the 52nd SFS CATM [Combat Arms Training and Maintenance] section by addressing critical compliance MICT [Management Internal Control Toolkit] write-ups and deficiencies, getting the unit back on track,” McCaslin said. “The CATM instructors taught six classes and facilitated range time, resulting in the qualification of 72 personnel on two weapons systems preparing them for deployment operations.”

Between classes and range time, the 445th SFS CATM instructors also conducted weapons inspections that led to the repair of 15 weapon systems valued at over \$10,000, and assisted with hazardous material disposal operations, preparing 72,000 pounds of waste and eliminating a four-year backlog.

The 89th Airlift Squadron provided airlift for all 95 of the 445th AW Airmen on a C-17 Globemaster III both directions.

445th AES supports Exercise Patriot Medic



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) Senior Master Sgt. Sarah Katoski, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron operational support flight superintendent, provides instruction on proper litter carry techniques during Exercise Patriot Medic at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, Aug. 17, 2023. (right) Staff Sgt. Trey Naber, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron medical technician, secures equipment after a medical care flight on a C-130H Hercules aircraft during Patriot Medic at Youngstown ARS, Ohio, Aug. 17, 2023. Exercise Patriot Medic involved more than a dozen Air Force Reserve squadrons and additional active-duty Airmen and plays a crucial role in ensuring that military medical personnel are well-prepared and capable of providing essential medical care in various situations, ultimately contributing to the overall effectiveness of the armed forces.

Wing announces 2nd Quarter CY 2023 award winners

CGO



Capt. Kyle D. Baughman, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, is the 445th Airlift Wing Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. Baughman performed as the medical crew director for a U.S. Indo-Pacific Command mission. He led a seven-member crew, postured 96 hours in bravo alert status, safely moving two priority patients with zero mishaps. He was the officer in-charge of the orientation section where he streamlined multiple outdated processes to enhance operations. Baughman managed in-flight medical equipment, valued at more than \$1.8 million. He inventoried 120 patient movement items and narcotics. The captain identified and corrected two critical readiness discrepancies, increasing aeromedical capability. As a medical emergency first responder the captain immediately began CPR without hesitation, directing local police officers in proper automated external defibrillator and procedures and ensured adequate resuscitation efforts were completed. He volunteered 15 hours of his time to a local church, serving as a medical team member.

SNCO



Senior Master Sgt. Michael J. Eonta, 87th Aerial Port Squadron flight chief, readiness and resources, is the 445th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter. Eonta supervised the Air Operations Center Diplomatic Clearance process. He organized an information exchange with the Air Mobility Command Air Transportation Division to review active-duty air transportation policy impacts on Air Force Reserve Command and advanced two innovation and future initiatives acquisitions by briefing requirements integration strategies to the staff. Eonta met with AMC and U.S. Transportation Command leaders to expand 87th APS training opportunities and create multi-capable Airmen annual tour programs, specializing in operations center activities, AMC strategy, and Senior NCO joint leadership development. The 87 APS senior NCO volunteered to lead the 445th Airlift Wing Top 3 Association, coordinate with the Chiefs' Group and preside monthly on issues where skills, experience and leadership of senior NCOs are effective in assisting traditional reservist commanders and their Airmen.

NCO



Tech. Sgt. Dominic V. Fredo, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance technician, is the 445th Airlift Wing NCO of the Quarter. Fredo is the Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief for C-17 Globemaster III aircraft tail #05-5143. He corrected 51 discrepancies, accounting for 230 man-hours, generating a mission capable rate of 85% to support the fleet's 290 sorties and 1,021 flight hours. He provided maintenance support as a primary Flying Crew Chief on four Air Force Reserve Command missions. Fredo supported two aeromedical evacuation trainers, an Army deployment rotation and a multi-national, joint force readiness exercise. He is the squadron's primary Tactical Combat Casualty Care instructor. He has not only provided training on this critical readiness item for the 185 members of his squadron but has provided additional classes for the maintenance group. Fredo is his unit's motorcycle safety representative. He tracks the unit's 12 motorcycle riders, providing mentorship and training resources, ensuring members are practicing risk management.

AMN



Staff Sgt. Daniel M Schnaars, 87th Aerial Port Squadron air freight representative, is the 445th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter. Schnaars led the squadron's air freight upgrade training program. He was responsible for 17% of the 5-level core tasks. He instructed 12 members on 48 core tasks, resulting in the upgrade of three Airmen. He supported joint training with the 89th Airlift Squadron, uploading two high mobility multi-wheeled vehicles and five pallets, weighing 20 tons. Coordinating with four aircraft load masters, Schnaars' knowledge of aircraft configurations and restraint requirements was instrumental in on-going intra-unit operational relationship. He led three Airmen in completing the air freight segment of the monthly squadron training scenario. He provided timely cargo availability, enabling the aircraft load plan and upload of four pallets: reinforcing squadron expertise in aerial port operations. His work ethic and commitment to excellence exceeded the Air Force standard, reinforcing Task Order One's multi-capable Airmen expectation.

Around the wing ...



Airman First Class James Johnson

Senior Airman Daniel Schnaars (now staff sergeant), 87th Aerial Port Squadron, receives the John L. Levitow award presented by Tech. Sgt. Jacquelyn Chapin during the Airmen Leadership School Class 23-E graduation at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, June 29, 2023. The award is the highest honor presented to an ALS graduate, named for Medal of Honor recipient Airman 1st Class John L. Levitow.



Amanda Dick

Senior Airman Sarah Durham, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical technician, sings the National Anthem, as the 445th Airlift Wing Honor Guard presents the Colors before a Dayton Dragons baseball game at Day Air Ballpark in Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 4, 2023. Additionally, Master Sgt. Michelle Lee, 445th ASTS newcomers officer in charge, provided the American Sign Language interpretation. After the opening, they joined the rest of their squadron in a morale event at the ball park that included food and camaraderie.



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Senior Airman Haley Andrews (right), 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron medical technician, aids other members in treating a training dummy during a simulated mass casualty exercise at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Aug. 5, 2023.



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Senior Master Sgt. Jason Mufford, 445th Security Forces Squadron combat arms NCO in charge, provides small arms training for Mrs. Ann McCaslin, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Aug. 22, 2023. Mufford trains approximately 1,000 personnel a year in small arms training. To fulfill pre-deployment requirements, Mufford executed hands-on training that included both classroom instruction and live fire to meet Air Force Qualification Course M9 qualification requirements.

SPOTLIGHT



Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

Rank/Name: Airman Basic Puja Khabatari

Unit: 445th Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title: Fire team member

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Civilian Job: Student

Education: Associate of Science in biology, Columbus State Community College

Hobbies: Photography, hiking and cooking

Career Goal: To become a radiation therapist

What do you like about working at the 445th? Coming right

from technical school to the unit, I was warmly welcomed by everyone. They made sure I knew my job well and helped me get out of my comfort zone. I feel that I am working with people who I can learn from and they will push me to take on new opportunities. I feel respected and valued for what I bring to the team.

Why did you join the Air Force? Immigrating from a country that had no job opportunities to the United States, my dad always felt like giving back to America for all the opportunities he got. He wanted to join the military but due to personal reasons, he couldn't. I joined for my dad so he can also vicariously walk this journey with me. College was bonus points for me to join.

Wing safety promotes hazardous materials awareness

By Master Sgt. Joe Klimaski
445th Airlift Wing Occupational Safety & Health

Did you know that all hazardous materials, or HAZMAT, must be properly labeled for employee awareness?

In accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, standard 29 CFR 1910.1200(f) and Air Force Instruction 90-821, Hazardous Communication (HAZCOM) Program, HAZMAT such as chemicals, flammables and combustibles used and/or kept in the workplace, require specific labeling, to include a chemical inventory, be posted on the appropriate storage container and/or location where chemicals are located and stored.



RADIATION



POISON



BIOHAZARD

Additionally, when HAZMAT is kept and used in the workplace, Safety Data Sheets (SDS) must also be readily available to employees. Similar to HAZMAT labeling, SDS provide employees necessary information on safe chemical usage, required PPE, mixing, spill handling and employee exposure.

All questions concerning HAZMAT use, handling and storage may be directed to the 88th Air Base Wing Bioenvironmental Office as the office of primary responsibility for the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base HAZCOM Program, or you may contact the 445th Airlift Wing Safety Office at (937) 257-5767.

News Briefs

Family Day

The 445th Airlift Wing will host its Family Day picnic Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hangar 4016.

Food and beverages will be provided. There will be games and activities for all ages including bouncy houses and squadron activities.

A C-17 Globemaster III will be on display. Helping agencies will be on hand to share info about their services.

Bus transportation will be provided from buildings 101, 4006, 4010 and 4012 (AMDS entrance) from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Return transportation will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant
Mia Rigillo, FSS

Master Sergeant
Darius Smith, 89 AS

Technical Sergeant
Andrew Wade, LRS

Staff Sergeant
Alyssa Altizer, MXS
Joshua Johnson, AES
Jordan Kletschka, MXS
Daniel Schnaars, 87 APS
Robert Shircliff, 89 AS
Issac Smith, 89 AS

Senior Airman
Nicholas Golubich, CES
Justin Jutzi, CES

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1 Lt William Stephenson, AES
TSgt Derek Cottrell, FSS
TSgt Zachary Deatley, CES
TSgt Weisler Dutes, MXS
TSgt Jared Lydon, MXS
SSgt Markus Beil, AMDS
SSgt Joshua Eckley, SFS
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SSgt Austin Hall, MXS
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September is Suicide Prevention Month

By Vera Ensalaco
445th Airlift Wing Director of Psychological Health

September is Suicide Prevention Month. During this year's wing Family Day Sept. 9, the helping agencies will be present.

There will be a table with information and materials for you to decorate "Kindness Rocks." This activity will allow us to connect with one another, share inspirations and give hope. These rocks will be part of the 445th community garden (location pending).

The two biggest factors in suicide prevention are connectedness and belonging.

When we feel connected to someone, feel that we belong, impart camaraderie, decrease feelings of loneliness, hopelessness, and social isolation, it can increase the number of positive connections and relationships with others.

It is imperative that while we encourage people to seek help, it's as equally important to remove judgment and stigma from those who courageously seek assistance. Through this, we are doing our part to reduce any stigma associated with seeking services. Not

only is it the right thing to do, but it is also protected under the EEOC, or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, that allows for reasonable accommodations for conditions to include mental health.

Sometimes all that is needed is a safe place to talk with someone. Sometimes more is needed. Regardless, it helps to make time for a daily connection with others. The smallest moment can have a big impact on someone who could be feeling down, hopeless or lonely.

Do you know who is going through something right now? Everyone. Each one of us has our own personal crisis, situation, trouble or circumstance that is private to us. Be cognizant of that. Be kind.

You don't even have to care for someone's vibe to extend kindness. Kindness is free, so you know, sprinkle it around. Be part of our "Kindness Rocks" activity during Family Day. Let's connect and care. Looking forward to seeing you there!



MXS conducts annual confined space training



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly

(left) Tech. Sgt. Lucas Pickens, 445th Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuels systems craftsman, helps Senior Airman David Asterino, 445th MXS maintenance aircraft fuels systems journeyman, remove a training dummy used to simulate an unresponsive person from the aircraft underfloor maintenance tunnel of a C-17 Globemaster III during confined space training at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Aug. 6, 2023. During the training scenario, Pickens portrayed a runner, who called the maintenance operation center via radio, notified other shop personnel, procured the automated external defibrillator and assisted the attendant. Asterino portrayed the attendant who entered the confined space to remove the entrant.

(right) Senior Airman David Asterino, 445th MXS aircraft fuels systems journeyman, performs CPR on a training dummy used to simulate an entrant who was found unresponsive in a C-17 underfloor maintenance tunnel during confined spaces training at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Aug. 6, 2023.



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