

Joint exercise aims to save lives, limbs

By Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel
 Wing Public Affairs
MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – “Who wants to be dead?”

Several hands shot up, followed with a few emphatic pleas of “Me, me, me!”

With that taken care of, Tech. Sgt. Paul Hall continued. “Forty-two year old with burns to face and arms?”

There was only one taker that time.

“Second-degree burns on the hands? Anyone?” Sergeant Hall begged, trying to fill another volunteer role for the simulated mass casualty accident.

While a training scenario should mimic reality as much as possible, Reservists from the 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron participating in a May 17-20 joint force exercise were allowed one luxury not present in the real world. They could choose their injuries.

About 140 Airmen and Sol-

diers from Fort Lewis participated in the exercise, which was designed to incorporate lessons learned from previous deployments, as well as provide a unique training opportunity for new Airmen, said Lt. Col. Karen Winter, flight training planner for the 446th ASTS.

Working together with their Army counterparts from Fort Lewis, the Reservists from the 446th ASTS practiced like they play by handling mad rushes of patients, coordinating between multiple agencies, and handling surprises ... lots and lots of surprises.

“We’re creative,” Col. Winter said.

Proof of this creativity happened on day three of the four-day exercise, with a simulated mass-casualty scenario that tested the squadron’s ability to respond to a crisis with minimal manpower. A bus packed full of Reservists shuttling simulated patients to a medical center



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel

Senior Airman Anthony Carson provides simulated medical support to fellow 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron member, Senior Airman Ebony Daughtry, during an exercise May 19.

was ordered to stop by Sergeant Hall, who was onboard as an exercise evaluator.

“This bus is now part of the

exercise,” Sergeant Hall’s voice boomed, as he directed the

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Pilot wins Citizen Soldier of the Year

By 1st. Lt. Reed Robertson
 Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – For the second year running, a 446th Airlift Wing Reservist has been named Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce’s Citizen Soldier of the Year.

Maj. Michael Murphy, a pilot in the 728th Airlift Squadron, was chosen as this year’s recipient.

Each year, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce awards one Reservist or Guardsman from this region with the title Citizen Soldier of the Year.

“I’m honored and awed at receiving an award for doing something I’m already passionate about, flying and fixing planes, and being a mentor for the youth in my community,” said Major Murphy.

In addition to being a Reservist, Major Murphy is an engineer with the Boeing

Company and is active in his community. His extensive volunteer activities include serving as a leader for youth groups at local schools, the Boy Scouts of America, and leading his church’s rock and roll band.

Truly modeling the Air Force core values of service before self, excellence in all we do, and integrity first, Major Murphy, according to the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, embodies the ideal citizen soldier.



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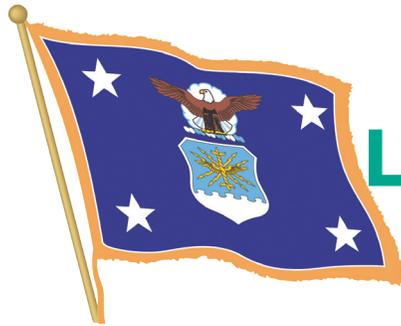
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Letter to Airmen

Honorable Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

Probably the most difficult part of my job as your Secretary is releasing patriotic Americans from serving in our Air Force, but it is a step we nevertheless must take. One of the duties we have as Airmen is assuring future Airmen that they will be as capable and confident to accomplish the mission as we are today. We are faced with the need to ensure ongoing GWOT operations and personnel readiness across the spectrum of conflict around the world; versus the age, health, capacity and capability of our current air and space inventories as we move into an uncertain world future.

Faced with these competing demands, our options are to either let our unmatched capabilities wither or cut our manning to invest in tomorrow's warfighting capabilities. We must accept the latter - as painful as it is - if we are to remain the world's premier air, space and cyberspace force.

I know this means more of our fine Airmen will be departing our service early, and I am not happy about it. But ultimately our duty is to answer our Nation's call, and to fund our readiness requirements means we must also reduce personnel.

The 40,000 Active, Guard, Reserve, and Civilian Full-time Equivalent cuts highlighted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 07 President's Budget freed critical resources. We are using these funds to begin recapitalizing and modernizing our air, space and cyberspace systems to fight the GWOT, and give our future Airmen the tools to dominate all levels of warfare and across the spectrum of conflict.

We cannot continue to merely "get by" with old equipment. Our aging airplanes are increasingly expensive to operate and maintain, and many are on flight restrictions. Meanwhile, our enemies and potential challengers continually upgrade their air defenses, strike and space capabilities, and cyber attack systems.

We are continuing to pare back our force structure from the 349,000 Airmen on Active Duty at the end of FY 06, to a smaller, leaner and more capable force by FY 13. There are no plans to extend our restructuring beyond the current 40,000 reduction; in fact our drawdown is subject to change as we reap the benefits of productivity-enhancing initiatives and as we evaluate Army and Marine Corps end-strength increases. Land component growth may require our Total Force drawdown to level off, while the size of specific elements within our Air Force might actually need to grow as well.

We're also continuing Force Shaping initiatives that move the right number of Airmen into the right jobs to relieve stress in critically manned AFSCs. Rest assured, we are doing all we can to ensure the Air Force is properly shaped to optimize our contributions to the joint fight, and to ensure our Airmen are equipped to dominate air, space and cyberspace. Thank you for your service, commitment, and dedication to our Air Force and Nation during these challenging times.



Michael W. Wynne
Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force



C-17 aeromedical - Canadian style



Photos by Sandra Pishner

LEFT: Capt. Brenda Thibedeall, front, and Capt. Carol Nicholson, practice turning rollers down on the C-17 in preparation for converting to a medical configuration. **TOP:** Captain Nicholson, (left to right), Petty Officer 2 Lise Boucher, Capt. Shannon Bernardo, and Captain Thibedeall, listen intently as Tech. Sgt. Charlene Taylor, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, goes over the in-flight kits carried on a C-17 aeromedical evacuation flight. The three captains are in the Canadian Air Force, while PO2 Boucher is in the Navy. Canada has purchased four C-17s, and is sending not only flight nurses to McChord for training, but aircrew and maintainers as well.

Mass Casualty

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driver to inch the vehicle next to a van that was pre-positioned in the grass, in order to simulate a vehicle crash.

Those medical professionals onboard were now patients.

Greatly outnumbered, four Airmen who were not on the bus, responded and provided initial medical care to their injured squadron mates. Operating under less-than-ideal conditions is part of ASTS's unpredictable mission.

"We've taken the lessons learned from last year's deployment (to Iraq), and we've been able to come back and build the lessons into our training," Colonel Winter said.

After being bumped earlier in the year from another annual joint agency medical training exercise, 446th ASTS leaders decided to create an exercise here just as beneficial for their Airmen. Putting their heads together with their Army counterparts at Fort Lewis, they designed an exercise that would test the units' abilities to care for personnel injured in the field.

Establishing a medical staging facility on Fort Lewis representing Balad Air Base, Iraq, C-17 missions were generated to transport victims to McChord, which represented Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Using the same patient tracking systems as they do in the field, the ASTS Reservists

triaged and cared for the victims at McChord's staging site before transporting them to permanent medical facilities.

A C-17 mission was also flown to Yakima, Wash., as part of the exercise, to pick up a simulated patient. Onboard was a 446th ASTS critical care air transport team, which provides intensive care to patients.

While Colonel Winter approximates that 70 percent of her squadron has deployed in the past three years, the exercise provided a dress rehearsal of contingency operations for the squadron's newer Reservists.

"It's helped me a lot," said Senior Airman Nicole Hutchison, an Airman new to the 446th ASTS. "I haven't deployed yet,

so the exercise has given me a better idea of what to expect rather than just telling me."

Treating simulated patients alongside her seasoned coworkers, Airman Hutchison benefited from their knowledge gained both in the field and through formal education.

"For the most part, people had extremely positive comments," said Colonel Winter. "If we have to deploy again, our people feel the experience gained from this exercise will benefit them greatly," Colonel Winter said.

It will also benefit the Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors who don't have the luxury of handpicking their injuries.



McCHORD

446th AW RESERVE

RODEO 2007

Aircrew aims to retain C-17 trophy

By Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz
Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — High standards were set at Rodeo 2005 when the 446th Airlift Wing aircrew

won Best C-17 Airdrop Team, Best C-17 Air Refueling Team and Best C-17 Aircrew awards. Training to meet, or even exceed, those standards is the priority of the 446th Airlift Wing's 2007 Rodeo aircrew team.

Preparation for the aircrew consists of

mission planning and getting familiar with the competition rules so decisions can be made on the spot during the competition, said Maj. Mark Boyd, Rodeo co-pilot from the 728th Airlift Squadron.

Training with the aerial port team for engine running onloading and offloading of the aircraft, and flying weekly local missions gives essential practice for the different events in the competition, according to Tech. Sgt. Eric Olson, Rodeo loadmaster from the 313th Airlift Squadron.

Events the aircrew will compete in include airdrop (bundles, heavy equipment and personnel), navigation, shortfield landings, aerial refueling, backing/combat off load, engine running on and off load and Joint Airborne Inspection.

Maj. Garin Tentschert, 97th Airlift Squadron and Rodeo aircraft commander said, "Flying the C-17 at McChord is unique in that we compete in all seven aircrew events. Most other teams will compete in only (a few, such as) air refueling and navigation. We also do air drop, low level, assault landing and combat offloads."

Although the Reserve aircrew serves their weekends at McChord, they are practicing during the week, which presents challenges they must battle. "Trying to coordinate our training with the (active-duty's) training is a juggling act because there are only so many planes available, and that is a big challenge to us," said Maj. Charles Corrigan, 313th AS pilot and Rodeo co-pilot.

Bringing home all the best C-17 awards for the Air Force Reserve at McChord is motivation to the aircrew for Rodeo 2007. "We're going to do no less than last time," said Major Tentschert.

Also preparing for Rodeo are team alternates, Maj. Thomas Jensen, 97th AS, and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Emmert, 728th AS.



Photo by Kevin Tosh

Lt. Col. Greg Pyke raises the Best C-17 Wing trophy high in celebration of the 446th Airlift Wing's victory at Rodeo 2005. Colonel Pyke was Rodeo Team Chief for the 446th AW in 2005 and will again serve in that role for 2007.

Security forces dive into Rodeo

By 1st. Lt. Reed Robertson
 Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – “We’re gonna knock the old geezer’s trophy out of the trophy case,” said Master Sgt. Lenny Deboma, 446th Security Forces Squadron.

With a smirk on his face, the squadron’s senior Air Reserve Technician is referring to the 1998 Rodeo trophy for the Best Security Forces Team. He believes this year’s 446th Airlift Wing’s Security Forces Rodeo team has a chance to capture a newer version of the trophy.

Training provided by the Marine Corps and the Army will influence this year’s three-member security forces Rodeo team. Each Airman has infantry and small squadron tactics experience from prior military service that will prove valuable to their ability to work together and anticipate each other’s thoughts and actions.

The team will be challenged in its mastery of combat tactics, a four-mile combat challenge

course, and a combat weapons course.

Tech. Sgt. Chris Pierce, prior Army, will lead Staff Sgt. Dave Roberts and Senior Airman Giovanni Garcia, both former Marines, on this year’s Rodeo team. Sergeant Pierce, a repeat competitor from the last Rodeo team, is looking to share his experience and knowledge gained in Rodeo 2005 and other security forces competitions. Sergeant Pierce has twice been selected for the Air Force Reserve security forces competition team.

Rodeo rules say that only half of the team from the last Rodeo competition may return to compete in the upcoming competition, and two members must be in the grades E-5 and below. This year two new competitors have joined the team.

“My job is to train our team and pass down knowledge of the different scenarios I’ve been tested on,” Sergeant Pierce said. “Leading these guys is the easy part. They are excellent marksmen and are already in great physical shape.”



Photo by 1st Lt. Reed Robertson

Tech. Sgt. Chris Pierce (left to right), Senior Airman Giovanni Garcia, and Staff Sgt. Dave Roberts, tread water holding heavy objects to build endurance. The 446th Airlift Wing’s Security Forces Rodeo team will compete in three events during Air Mobility Command’s Rodeo, July 21-28.

Having watched the Rodeo team in 2005, Sergeant Roberts knew he had to find a way onto the next Rodeo team.

“I’m really excited to be on the team and prove we have what it takes to win this competition,” he said. “I’ve been training hard for six months

already and look forward to training with my team.”

Rounding out the team is Airman Garcia. Affectionately referred to as the “PT stud,” he brings motivation and youthful

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Maintainers gear up for Rodeo

By Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel
 Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – With Air Mobility Rodeo 2007 still a few weeks away, the 446th Airlift Wing’s maintainers are busy ensuring this year’s aircrew has the best bird available to sweep the competition.

“We’ve taken on an aircraft that’s been out in the system flying hard,” said Senior Master Sgt. Cameron Pence, regarding the C-17 Globemaster III he and his fellow teammates are busting their knuckles on, in preparation for this year’s Rodeo.

The 446th AW Rodeo maintenance team is made up of Airmen from the 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and one

from the 446th Maintenance Squadron.

Sergeant Pence and his team have three primary duties when it comes to the airlift competition. It’s their job to have an aircraft ready for the aircrew to fly for practice, prepare the most airworthy aircraft for

“We’ve taken on an aircraft that’s been out in the system flying hard.”

– Senior Master Sgt. Cameron Pence

the competition, and to work as a team to show the world what McChord Reservists are made of, he said.

This will be the third Rodeo Sergeant Pence has participated in during his ca-

reer as an aircraft maintainer.

“(Rodeo) is a chance to enhance our professional abilities and knowledge,” he said. “It’s a great growth opportunity for everyone involved.”

Four other Reservists of the Rodeo team have previous experience. Since Rodeo rules mandate that five Airmen from each 10-member team be comprised of competition rookies, the team is half veterans and half newbies.

However, there was no problem getting new blood into the line-up.

“The majority of the people who work here realize the benefits involved,” Sergeant Pence said.

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AES: joint practice makes perfect

By Sandra Pishner
—Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — Low crawling, inserting an IV and carrying a litter a mile or more are just a few of the tasks medical Airmen must do, and do well, in order to score a trophy at the 2007 Air Mobility Rodeo July 21-28 here.

The 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron will field a five-person Rodeo team, which has been preparing for Rodeo through daily practices and a string of joint exercises, such as Golden Medic this month in Augusta, Ga.

During Rodeo, the team will demonstrate its skill during an in-flight aeromedical event on a C-130 Hercules, static aeromedical events on a KC-135 and C-17, as well as a challenge course. The challenge course is a 1.5-mile timed event requiring the team to conduct a patient assessment, treat an unconscious patient, and perform a four-person litter carry. Along the way, they also need to knock out a team total of 150 pushups. (That's 25 pushups minimum per team member).

While well versed in operating aeromedical evacuation on a C-17, the team faces the challenge of demonstrating those same skills on different airframes. Tech. Sgt. Kristy Wellman, a medical

technician said, "We try to practice scenarios we might come across in the competition, but it is challenging when we don't have all the different aircraft to practice on."

That's where joint exercises such as Golden Medic become golden opportunities.

Golden Medic is now the largest joint medical exercise the Air Force Reserve Command participates in, with approximately 500 Air Force and 3,000 Army personnel participating in various capacities, according to Col. Jan Moore-Harbert, 446th AES commander. "We had multiple airframes (KC-135, C-130, C-17) to train on, plus various specialty skills."

Since winning all the aeromedical trophies during the inaugural AE competition at Rodeo 1998, the team has had its eye on a repeat performance. With Rodeo veteran Master Sgt. Saudi McVea as their team chief, the team of Sergeant Wellman, Capt. Joe Foss, Lt. Col. Sharon Carlson, and Tech. Sgt. Dave Allen may well be on their way.

In the event a team member falls out before the competition, Senior Airman Larry Jones and Rodeo veteran Maj. Esther Aubert, are ready to step in.



Photo by Sandra Pishner

Capt. Joe Foss, a flight nurse, climbs a stanchion on a C-130 in order to break down the litters after a patient off-load. The opportunity to practice on a C-130 came during a joint medical exercise in May.

Maintenance

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Tech. Sgt. Keith Chase is one of the fresh faces on the team and the only member from 446th MXS. He said fitting in with the team has been easy, since he already knows and works with most of the other Reservists regularly.

"It's been fun, but a lot of work," he said. "We're mostly getting the aircraft ready to make sure it's in good shape for

the competition."

Aside from being an excellent career-growth opportunity, there is a bit of friendly competition involved in Rodeo. The events comprising the maintenance competition are pre-flight inspection, basic post-operation inspection, overall maintenance, and daily safety observations. Additionally, there is a Knuckle-Buster Award up for grabs.

The Knuckle-Buster Award is given to the team that shows

exceptional camaraderie to the other teams by sharing tools or providing help to keep the competition alive. The winner of it is determined by subjective consensus among the umpires.

"The Knuckle-Buster Award was a good addition to the Rodeo 2005 competition," said Sgt. Kevin Smith, a team member from the 446th AMXS. "To see teams helping each other out demonstrates team building and enhances the spirit of competition." Sergeant Smith was a

Rodeo umpire in 2005.

At the competition in 2005, the 446th AW maintenance team won the Best Pre-Flight Team award. The 62nd Airlift Wing, however, walked away with the prize for best C-17 maintenance team. It will be up to this year's Reserve Rodeo team to snatch the maintenance bragging rights away from its active-duty counterparts.

(Staff Sergeant Paul Haley, 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this story)

Aerial ports compete in diverse tasks

By 1st. Lt. Reed Robertson
Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – Returning to defend their title, two members of the 2005 aerial port Rodeo team have joined five first timers to form this year’s 446th Airlift Wing’s aerial port team. The team is made up with Reservists from

the 86th and 36th Aerial Port Squadrons. The 446th AW Aerial Port Rodeo team garnered the prize for Best C-17 Engine Running On/Offloads during the 2005 Air Mobility Command Rodeo competition and is anxious to prove its mettle once again. Master Sgt. Ron Cargill is this year’s team manager and knows the importance of defending the title and keeping the trophy.

“The team is really excited, they know their goal and are ready to compete,” he said. “Our competitors have all sacrificed their own time, coming in two evenings each week and performing both the A and B weekends to accomplish training and meld as a team.”

The team is working closely with the aircrew to coordinate all the finer points of performing an engine running on/offload.

“Leading up to the Rodeo, we will be doing EROs three to four times a week, each time trying to shave seconds off of the total time to load and unload,” Sergeant Cargill said.

The team will also be judged on its accuracy in passenger and cargo manifests, and documentation for in transit visibility of cargo. The team will also be judged on the cargo inspection portion of the competition, known as the joint inspection.

In place of the obstacle course seen in past Rodeos, this year teams will run a four-mile course, with check points along the way posing challenges in a variety of combat skills, such as assembling the M-16 rifle and searching for unexploded ordnance. There will be 15 skill categories.

Another challenge they will face is maneuvering a forklift through an obstacle course while carrying a full pitcher of water on the end of the forks. Through their mastery of the forklift, the team must avoid touching the cones placed on the obstacle and must not lose any water from the pitcher. Judges will also grade them on the safe use of the forklift and proper backing technique.

One returning competitor from the last Rodeo team, Tech. Sgt. Josh Warbiany brings experience to the team. “In 2005 we didn’t have any prior competitors on the team, so we had to learn as we went,” he said. “This year, two of us are returning with experience and can share with our team the skills and scenarios we experienced previously.”

Sergeant Warbiany also has a special reason for volunteering for the 2007 Rodeo team. His dad, Master Sgt. Jim Warbiany, a 446th AW Rodeo maintenance team veteran, recently passed away. At the memorial in May, the family asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Jim’s name to help support the 446th AW 2007 Rodeo team.



Photo by 1st Lt. Reed Robertson

The 446th Airlift Wing’s aerial port Rodeo team practices one of the many tasks they’ll face during a challenge course planned for Rodeo 2007.

Security Forces

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exuberance to the team.

“We have a really well-rounded team, with a variety of backgrounds. We’re eager to show off what we can do and win the trophy,” Airman Garcia said.

These men are sure to be in the best physical shape of their lives by the time Rodeo begins, and with Sergeant Pierce sharing his experiences from past competitions, the team is poised to compete well, said Sergeant Deboma.

To hone their skill in the combat weapons category, the

team will spend time over at nearby Fort Lewis training on the firing ranges and practicing responses to the different scenarios they might face during Rodeo 2007.

One such scenario is a swinging pendulum with a balloon tied to the top. After engaging targets while running through the course, the team must shoot the balloon with one shot, thus ending that portion of the competition.

For this team, the Rodeo 2007 competition is over only when they replace the 1998 Best Security Forces Team trophy with a shiny new one.

Go Team



S a f e t y



June 25, 1996
– Terrorists bomb the Khobar Towers near King Abdul-Aziz AB in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 Air Force personnel and injuring some 300 other Americans.

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel

Jeffrey Drake, 728th AS
Karen Pastoret, 728th AS

Captain

Michael Morin, 313th AS

Chief Master Sergeant

Chandra Gamble, 446th ASTS

Senior Master Sergeant

Mark Cherrix, 446th AMXS
Patricia Kawaa, 446th ASTS

Master Sergeant

Rebecca Cantrell, 446th AES
Brian Goodin, 446th AMXS
Bryan Harris, 446th AES
Leslie Pellegrini, 446th AES

Technical Sergeant

Cheryl Becker, 446th MXS
Donald Ducay, 446th ASTS
Sean Koonce, 36th APS
Debra Levene, 446th ASTS
Thersha Lewis, 446th CES
Brian Nichols, 313th AS
Andrew Parkhill, 446th AMXS
Michael Reed, 446th ASTS

Staff Sergeant

Ian Antons, 446th CES

Beatrix Beaver, 446th ASTS
Jeremy Biddle, 446th AMXS
Joseph Fairchild, 728th AS
Melanie Hawkins, 446th ASTS
Stephanie King, 728th AS
Raymond Meyers, 97th AS
Shawn Walker 446th CES
Franklin Warner, 446th MXS
Lyn Yin, 728th AS

Senior Airman

Lindsay Call, 446th AMXS
Angela Carpenter, 446th AMXS
Leslie Garrison, 446th CES
Joshua Johnson, 446th MXS
Larry Kaneshiro, 446th MXS
Michael Murphy, 446th AMXS
Lori Swan, 446th MXS

Airman First Class

Karrie Conway, 446th AW

Newcomers

Lieutenant Colonel

Keith Brown, 446th ASTS

Major

Melanie Breitner, 446th AES
Mary Hawkins, 446th AMDS
Steven Lee, 446th ALCF

Master Sergeant

Thomas Gambill, 86th APS
Reginald Liggins, 86th APS

Technical Sergeant

Cherie Davis-Deitrich, 446th AMDS
David Crabtree, 36th APS
Monica Forrest, 446th AMDS
Irene Noyes, 446th LRF
Chester Oleary, 446th OSF
Christopher Owen, 86th APS
Randy Pantle, 86th APS
Marc Thomas, 86th APS

Staff Sergeant

Justin Ashburn, 446th MSS
Brett Bussell, 446th CES
Geoffrey Corey, 446th MXS
Arvin Dulay, 86th APS
Shaun Feero, 446th SFS
Charles Fields, 86th APS
Heather Isaac, 36th APS
Brian Kelley, 446th AMXS
John Klampe, 86th APS
Brian Reed, 446th MSS
Amy Till, 446th AES
James Woodward, 446th AES

Senior Airman

Amy Anderson, 86th APS
Patrick Collard, 446th CES
Lawrence Denis, 446th LRF
Faye Escobedo, 86th APS
Jordan Ewert, 36th APS
Michael Manske, 446th OSF
Joseph Neier, 446th MXS
Raquel Onedera, 446th MG
Chad Rasmussen, 728th AS
Joseph Stott, 446th SFS
Eric Walker, 446th MXS

Airman First Class

David Chargualaf, 446th AMXS
Karri Conway, 446th AW
Aaron Pae, 446th AMXS
Grace Perez, 446th SFS
Alene Yath, 446th MXS

Retirements

Lieutenant Colonel

Paul Moe, 446th ASTS
Dean Wagner, 446th ASTS

Major

Carol Ridenhour, 446th ASTS

Master Sergeant

Robert Allen, 446th MXS
Cabot Fuqua, 446th ASTS
Steven Waltari, 446th ASTS

Technical Sergeant

Gregory Amidon, 446th MXS



Photo by Lt. Col. James McGann

Airdrop effort earns award

The 446th Operations Group will receive the Thomas E. Marchbanks Jr. Memorial Award in San Francisco June 29 for their role in the first C-17 airdrop to the South Pole Dec. 20. Reserve Airmen from 446th Airlift Wing and active-duty Airmen from the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord, delivered 70 tons of supplies to the National Science Foundation team wintering there. The mission was a "proof of concept" flight for the C-17 and was part of Joint Task Force-Support Forces Antarctica's Operation Deep Freeze.

Just Briefly

What is your ideal summer vacation?

On the cheap

I haven't had a summer vacation in years! It would probably be somewhere nice and free, where I wouldn't have to spend any money.



◆ Staff Sgt. Michelle Jemmott
446th Airlift Wing

Let loose

I wouldn't know that – I've been on orders too long. Probably on the beach in Hawaii.



◆ Lt. Col. Randy Miller
446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Hot Cars

A week down in Reno at a car show. More specifically, "Hot August Nights."



◆ Tech. Sgt. Daniel Ivey
446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

On The Fly

Fly fishing in Alaska. There's the ultimate vacation right there.



◆ Tech. Sgt. Mark Matheny
446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Rodeo coming to McChord in July

More than 1,000 competitors will arrive at McChord July 22 and compete through July 28 in dozens of events testing their professional mobility skills during Air Mobility Command's Rodeo '07.

International teams will arrive July 17 and practice the week before the competition. The 446th Airlift Wing team, headed by Lt. Col. Greg Pyke, will compete to defend the title of Best C-17 Wing in the Air Force. Reservists will have a chance to attend aerial port, maintenance, security forces, and aeromedical evacuation ground competitions. The schedule will be posted on the wing's Rodeo Sharepoint site.

Take time to visit veterans

A group from the 446th Airlift Wing will visit veterans at American Lake Veterans Administration Hospital July 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. All Reservists are invited to join in the visit. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with some very engaging and interesting veterans. Please contact your first sergeant or Master Sgt. Joell Teal at joell.teal@mcchord.af.mil or 982-3457, for more information and to sign up.

Volunteers needed to plan Hispanic Heritage celebration

The 446th Mission Support Group is looking for volunteers who would like to be

involved with Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month, Sept. 15 - Oct 15. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Hispanic Heritage and to become a part of it.

For more information contact the 446th MSG office at 982-2446.

Public Affairs earns crisis award

The 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office won the 2006 Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs Achievement Award for Crisis Situation. Kudos especially go to Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel for his outstanding work supporting the international media attention on a joint-force rescue operation on Mount Hood in December 2006.

Wing Airman one of 10

Outstanding Young Americans

Senior Airman Nicole Cyrus, 728th Airlift Squadron, is one of the Air Force Reserve Command's 2007 Ten Outstanding Young Americans.

Nurse earns award from

Association of Military Surgeons

Lt. Col. Stacia Deshon, 446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, was named as the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States 2007 Outstanding Reserve Officer Assigned to a Non-Deployable Medical Unit.



Photo by Sandra Pishner

Shaking things up

Capt. Jennifer Murphy, 10th Airlift Squadron, left, and Lt. Col. Rainie Myr, 446th Mission Support Squadron commander, learn a few hula moves during the Asian-Pacific Heritage Celebration May 19.

Checklist shortens C-17 preflight

By Staff Sgt. April Quintanilla

437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFP) – A team here has developed a way to shorten C-17 Globemaster III preflight time by one hour and 30 minutes by reducing redundancies and eliminating overlap during the aircraft preflight procedures.

The plan is to implement checklist changes at all bases flying the C-17s, which include C-17 Air Force Reserve wings and the C-17 Air National Guard unit in Jackson, Miss.

“These changes will make aircrews more efficient with the time they have,” said Col. Joseph Mancy, 437th Operations Group deputy commander. “It will increase time available to fly by 10 percent per duty day.”

Earlier this year, the sequence-of-events, or SOE, team held an Air Force

Smart Operations for the 21st century meeting to discuss improvements around the base. Col. Steven Harrison, former 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, suggested focusing on the C-17 checklist and reducing redundancy prior to takeoff.

The team reviewed the checklist and found that the 35 steps the pilots were completing in their interior safety inspection checklist could be reduced to 18 steps with the help of the aircraft maintainers; this would allow the current aircraft SOE to be shortened and push towards the goal of reducing the process by an hour and 30 minutes.

Previously, maintainers would go through their checklist to put power on the aircraft. The pilots would then arrive at the aircraft and go through their checklist which included some of the same checklist items that were already checked by the maintainers. This wasted time that could have been used flying.

“By reducing the redundant steps, we will eliminate wasted time and increase productivity,” said Lt. Col. Paul Wittsack, 437th Operations Group chief of standards and evaluation. “Since aircraft systems on the C-17 are designed to flag when items fail, do aircraft systems really need to be checked as often as we check them? This is what we’re aiming to minimize.”

Charleston officials presented this idea at a recent Flight Manual Review Conference in Long Beach, Calif. The FMRC involved members from Boeing, members from the Systems Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, standardization and evaluation experts from all C-17 Air Force bases, Reservists from different wings and Air National Guard members from Jackson, Miss.

The next FMRC meeting is scheduled to be held in August to discuss possible implementation of the changes.

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At A Glance

New show coming to Pentagon Channel helps troops get ‘Fit for Duty’

by David Mays

The Pentagon Channel

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Hosts of a new show coming to the Pentagon Channel want to make troops hurt, sweat and push them to their limits, but most of all the new show aims to ensure members of the U.S. military are “Fit for Duty.”

“Fitness is as much a part of the military as the uniform,” said retired Master Sgt. Jim Langdon, who serves as the Pentagon Channel’s director of operations and programming as well as executive producer of “Fit for Duty.” <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123055778>

MegaPub offers one-stop for Air Force doctrine

by Lt. Col. M.C. McCarthy

Air Force Doctrine Center Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFP) – The Air Force Doctrine Center has unveiled a new tool, making it easier than ever to reference and search operational-level doctrine. Known as MegaPub, the one-stop shopping solution offers easy access to the complete library of Air Force Doctrine Documents, or AFDDs.

“As Airmen, we should advocate the proper use of air power based on our most current doctrine,” said Maj. Gen. Allen G. Peck, commander of AFDC and vice commander of Air University. “The new MegaPub allows us to have quick access to the latest Air Force doctrine allowing us to be more precise about, and better articulate, what air power brings to the fight.” <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123056050>

Life skills renamed mental health

by Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) – All Air Force “life skills support centers” will be renamed “mental health clinics” effective immediately.

After a poll of subject matter experts, first sergeants, command chief master sergeants and mental health patients, it was determined that the name “life skills” was confusing and did not appropriately reflect the mission of providing mental health services. <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123055948>

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Army Reserve medical exercise sees increase in Air Force play

By Capt. Hien Vu
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AUGUSTA, Ga. – The 706th Provisional Wing stood up here June 10 at the Augusta Regional Airport in preparation for “Golden Medic 2007” June 12-19.

About 50 Reservists from the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at McChord AFB, Wash., are participating, to include the commander.

The Army Reserve’s largest annual exercise began its 13th year of operation June 12. Known as Golden Medic, the exercise integrates several armed services’ medical components in response to wartime medical evacuation contingencies. Golden Medic will run June 12-19.

This year’s exercise brings together more than 500 Airmen, a 33 percent increase compared to last year’s Air Force participation.

“Golden Medic seamlessly integrates the air and ground components in transporting patients expeditiously and efficiently to appropriate medical facilities for treatment,” said Col. Janet Moore-Harbert, 706th Provisional Wing commander for the exercise. “Our motto is, ‘Planes will fly; patients will move.’” Colonel Moore-Harbert is the commander of the 446th AES at McChord.

Dubbed the “greatest peacetime collection of joint medical-service personnel,” Golden Medic has continually grown year after year, said Col. Mike Dankosky, exercise director and Air Force Reserve Command’s chief of aeromedical evacuation at Robins AFB, Ga.

When it first began, the Air

Force was primarily involved in airlift but that has evolved into much more over the years, according to Colonel Dankosky.

“We started with 25 Air Force members,” he said. “Now, we’ve grown to over 500 participants and continue to grow more each and every year.

“The immediate and direct recipient of all of this training will be the wounded warriors,” the colonel said. “It isn’t limited to those who are actual battle casualties, but also to those who comprise non-battle patients who move through the expeditionary medical systems and to the global joint patient movement process.”

More than 3,000 Soldiers will participate in this year’s exercise at five locations. In addition to the Augusta Regional Airport, the exercise will take place at nearby Fort Gordon; Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.; Pope AFB, N.C.; and Camp Parks, Calif.

“This is a premier joint medical training platform between the Army and Air Force,” Colonel Dankosky said. “It will soon be expanded to encompass all the U.S. armed services and coalition forces.”

Representatives from the U.S. Navy as well as foreign armed forces are this year’s observers.

The 706th Provisional Wing, which combines active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard people, will simulate the entire aeromedical evacuation process, according to Colonel Dankosky.

“To move a single patient, several components will have to be in place,” he said.

The two major components of this exercise are the expe-



Photo by Senior Airman Erica J. Knight
Col. Janet Moore-Harbert, 706th Provisional Wing commander, Fort Gordon, Ga., briefs hundreds of medical personnel regarding their upcoming training in Hangar 1 at Augusta Regional Airport during Golden Medic 2007. Golden Medic is a yearly medical exercise sponsored by the U.S. Army Reserve and is designed to provide a realistic training experience to participating combat support and service support units. The goal is to enhance the overall training and readiness of Army and Air Force medical units. Colonel Moore-Harbert is permanently assigned as commander, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

ditionary medical support and contingency aeromedical staging facility.

The expeditionary medical support element is set up on Fort Gordon to receive patients from the Army’s combat support hospital.

“Our role is to stabilize the wounded patients transported from the field,” said Lt. Col. Edith Rivera-Morillo, EMEDS mission commander. “We have medics, public health and biomedical personnel, doctors and nurses on hand to take care of our patients. Some of the facilities, housed in small-shelter tents, include a dental unit, intensive care unit, ward, operating room, emergency room, lab, and pharmacy.”

Once stabilized and vali-

dated for transportation, medics will move patients to the contingency aeromedical staging facility at Augusta Regional Airport, so they can be airlifted to a regional medical center.

“CASF organizes and coordinates aeromedical evacuation, as well as prepares patients for flights,” said Lt. Col. Christine Hassen, aeromedical evacuation mission commander. “The moment a patient is validated to endure the trip, we immediately move that patient to an appropriate medical facility for further treatment.” (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service - Captain Vu is with the 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office, Edwards AFB, Calif.*)

