

McChord joins new rotation

By Capt. Davina Petermann

— U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany
 — In a coordinated effort between U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Air Mobility Command and the Air Force Reserve Command, USAFE will now have two dedicated C-17s that can provide direct support for strategic airlift requirements in the European and African areas of operation, as well as other world wide missions.

The 446th Airlift Wing joins in this new rotation starting January 2008.

“It’s a different way for us to do missions. It puts us closer to our primary mission, because a good portion of our missions are overseas,” said Col. David Pavey, 446th Operations Group commander.

“This is the first time anything like this has ever been done,” said Tech. Sgt. Cameron Davis, Air and Space Operations Center, Air Mobility Division, Airlift Requirements NCOIC.

Getting the C-17 rotational airlift mission up and running here took a total force effort. The Air Force Reserve Command provided the aircrews, as well as a mission commander, NCOIC, and crew chief on a rotational basis.

“This is an actual deployment with UTCs and a deployment time,” said Colonel Pavey.

“We married up with our sister unit, the 62nd Operations Group’s AEF rotation. They’ll be in the Southwest Asia theater during that rotation and we’ll be in Ramstein,” he said.

According to Sergeant Davis, the biggest advantage to this arrangement is the ability to prioritize using a theater perspective as opposed to a global perspective. “By doing it this way, we ensure the missions that are important to us have a voice and don’t have to compete with worldwide missions.”

“U.S. European Command will prioritize the airlift mission requirements and then give those to us,” Sergeant Davis said. “Then we will work with the Tanker Airlift Control Center and the customer to make the mission happen.”

Reserve support for the mission will not be a result of mobilization orders.

“All of the Reservists are here on a volunteer basis, not as mobilized Reservists,” said Lt. Col. James Fryer, the 732nd Airlift Squadron commander, McGuire AFB, N.J.

For more on this story, visit www.446aw.afrc.af.mil.



Photo by Airman First Class Kenny Holston
A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from McChord reaches its parking spot and is prepared for cargo off load Dec. 13, 2007, at Ramstein AB, Germany. In January 2009, Reservists from the 446th Airlift Wing, will provide direct support from Ramstein AB, for airlift requirements in the European and African areas of operation.

SERE training mandatory for all

By Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle

— Wing Public Affairs

All Airmen are required to have the Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape 100 computer-based training course finished by June 30. It is required to be taken every 20 months.

As the war on terror progresses, all Airmen are vulnerable to harrowing situations.

“As we’ve seen recently, the

capture of military personnel has the potential of exploding into a larger strategic event with global impacts,” said Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff. “Today’s battlefields are non-linear and non-contiguous; their shape and venue change constantly. I worry we’ve not prepared our Airmen for the world we’re operating in.”

The course is on the Advanced Distributed Learning

System at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>. It is about four to six hours long.

“It provides the minimum requirements necessary for deployment and the follow on requirements,” said Tech. Sgt. Kenneth MacArthur, 446th Airlift Wing NCOIC of SERE operations.”

Regardless of a Reservist’s Air Force Specialty Code, this training is necessary.

“No matter what career-field you’re in, this training may be vital to you at some point down the road,” said Maj. Mark Boyd, chief of aircrew training, 446th Operations Group. “SERE 100 is just foundation training via CBT to prepare all Airmen for real-world deployments and responsibilities.”

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Service earns top marks

By Col. Lisa Tank
Vice commander

Air Force Association Outstanding Reserve Wing of the Year, Meritorious Unit Award from AFRC, the top rating earned by the 446th Maintenance Group during a recent inspection, near perfect ratings earned by our medical squadrons during the Health Services Inspections, “stellar performance” noted by the command’s inspector general team during the Unit Compliance Inspection ... the list goes on and could fill this page.

Is it something in the water, or is it the fact that the men and women of the 446th Airlift Wing internalize the concept of Service Before Self, and live it every day. I vote for option two.

Service before self tells us that professional duties take precedence over personal desires. At the very least it includes the following behaviors:

• **Rule following**

To serve is to do one’s duty and our duties are most commonly expressed through rules. While it may be the case that professionals are expected to exercise judgment in the performance of their duties, good professionals understand that rules have a reason for being, and the default position must be to follow those rules unless there is a clear, operational reason for refusing to do so.

• **Respect for others**

Service before self tells us also that a good leader places the troops ahead of his or her

personal comfort. We must always act in the certain knowledge that all persons possess fundamental worth as human beings.

• **Discipline, self-control**

Professionals cannot indulge themselves in self-pity, discouragement, anger, frustration, or defeatism. They have a fundamental moral obligation to the persons they lead to strike a tone of confidence and forward-looking optimism. More specifically, they are expected to exercise control.

As members of a joint team, we Airmen are part of a unique profession that is founded on the premise of service before self. We are entrusted with the security of our nation, the protection of its citizens, and the preservation of its way of life. Each of you serves as the guardians of America’s future. No other profession expects its members to lay down their lives for their friends, families, or freedoms. By voluntarily serving in the military profession, each of you accepts unique responsibilities.

In today’s world, service

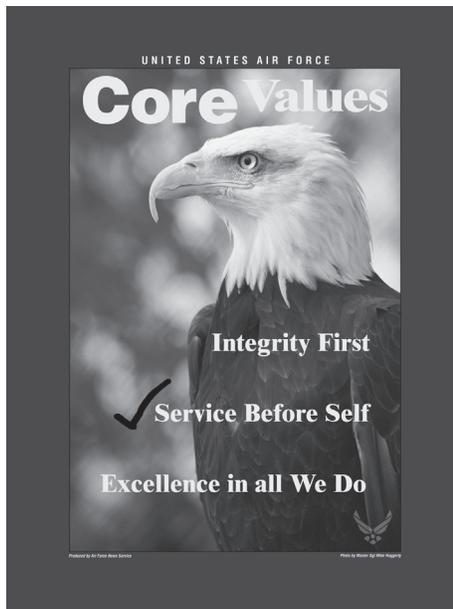


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to country requires not only a high degree of skill, but a willingness to make personal sacrifices. You do this daily. Every time you come here to work and train, you may miss that soccer game on a Saturday morning, or family lunch following your church service. Or the countless times you show up to work on Monday morning, bone tired because you didn’t get back from your TDY until midnight the night before.

So what’s the payoff for placing service before self? It isn’t solely the paycheck or the benefits that keep you going.

You remain because of the intangibles; the satisfaction gained from doing something significant with your life; the pride in being part of a unique organization that lives by high standards; the sense of accomplishment gained from defending our democratic ideals. In my book, it is what makes each of you the world’s greatest Airmen, and it is an honor to serve with each of you.



Reserve celebrates 60th birthday

By Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle
Wing Public Affairs

Last year the Air Force celebrated its 60th Anniversary as a separate service. This year, the Air Force Reserve gets its place in the spotlight, celebrating its 60th birthday.

The presence of the AFRC Reservist in today's Air Force is strong, respected and appreciated.

After World War II, President Harry Truman wanted to create a Reserve program just like the one that was activated during World War I. On April 14, 1948,

President Truman officially created the Air Force Reserve.

"Our diamond anniversary recognizes the Air Force Reserve—military, civilians, and family members—that have made countless and enduring contributions throughout these past sixty years," said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Air Force Reserve Command commander.

Since it was established, the Air Force Reserve has built up a valuable history



with its response to disasters, humanitarian aid, and conflicts. According to General Bradley, Reserve history is also a study of changing, adapting and evolving - from a strategic force held in reserve to an operational Reserve force with the most advanced weapons systems.

AFRC became so heavily manned and crucial to the Air Force mission that it became the ninth major command of the Air Force on Feb. 17, 1997.

The 446th AW has a few milestones of its own embedded in AFRC history. *To read more of this story, visit www.446aw.afrc.af.mil.*

Retention high among those in the know

By Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle
Wing Public Affairs

If you're thinking about separating from the Reserve, make sure you've done your research before making your move.

Consider this number: 96.9 percent. This is the retention percentage for the 446th Airlift Wing from the last quarter. In other words, the 446th AW kept 1,893 enlisted Reservists out of the 1,954 assigned.

But where did the other 61 Airmen go? What factors made them decide to leave? Is it the civilian employer who doesn't quite understand how the Reserve works? Is it that the family requires more of the Airman's time? How does mentoring and communication between leadership and subordinates affect career decisions?

According to the latest retention rates, the answers to those questions are common reasons why Reservists separate. But the 446th AW has solutions to those issues for Reservists who are thinking about separating or re-enlisting.

According to Col. Jon Huguley, 446th Maintenance Group commander, leadership and mentoring are crucial elements

in the decision to stay or go.

"It helps subordinates feel you care about them and their career progression," he said.

The 446th AW Maintenance Group holds a mentoring class once a quarter. The class provides the basic reasons why you mentor and why it is important. The class gives students an opportunity to role play mentoring skills.

"I also encourage the one and two-strippers to attend so they know what is expected of them and to be mentored," said Colonel Huguley. "It gives them a first look on what to expect when they become supervisors."

Supervisors receive great benefits as well.

"It shows supervisors how to formally document their mentoring with their subordinate's goals and expectations," said Colonel Huguley.

Communication between leadership and subordinates is important.

"It helps leadership know that subordinates are aware of what is expected of them, and it keeps everyone on the same page and helps accomplish the mission," said Colonel Huguley. "When everyone knows what their goals are, it makes the mis-

sion go smoother. People are the most important component in the mission."

Communication is also important between Reservists and their civilian employers. A program that's helpful in clear communication between Airmen and civilian bosses is the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

ESGR helps employers understand how crucial the National Guard and Reserve are in today's military. The ESGR has programs that will help employers understand their rights and responsibilities, as it also does for Airmen. All this information is available at the Web site www.esgr.mil.

Employer knowledge of this resource could potentially prolong a Reservist's career. For more information on ESGR, contact 446th AW Public Affairs at (253) 982-3330.

A Reservist's family also might not understand what is required of their Airman and maintaining a healthy relationship is not easy. The 446th Mission Support Squadron Airmen & Family Readiness Flight is here to help.

"We have the Phoenix Spouse program," says Tech.

Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine, family support technician. "Family members can relate to each other, via the volunteers who support this program. Sometimes it is more helpful to have a family member who understands what it is like to have a Reservist deployed for several months to talk to, rather than someone in our office."

A&FR has many programs and services for Reservists and their families. Just a few of them are: couples communication, relational skills, educational services, referral information, bundles for babies and financial consultation and planning. A&FR also has Carl Supplee, A&FR chief, as a licensed counselor.

"Besides having Mr. Supplee, we refer to agencies such as Military OneSource, which can provide free counseling services, and a wealth of useful information," said Sergeant Beauchaine.

The 446th AW has many resources to meet Reservists' needs, all of which are here to aid Airmen, their careers, and their families. One hundred percent is better than 96.9 percent.

Reservists prove to be lifelin

Exercise tests humanitarian, medical res



Photos by Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt
 Master Sgt. Kevin King, 446th Airlift Control Flight, adjusts an innersat antenna during Pacific Lifeline Feb. 4. Pacific Lifeline was a humanitarian assistance disaster response exercise that took place over three Hawaiian Islands Jan. 26 to Feb. 9. More than 900 Department of Defense personnel participated, including 145 Reservists from the 446th Airlift Wing.



Maj. Cynthia Hathaway, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, works on equipment during the Pacific Lifeline exercise at Hickam AFB.



Reservists from the 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron work to create patients for the Pacific Lifeline exercise.

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uation Squadron flight nurse, practices strapping down litters on a C-130
B, Hawaii.



Staff Sgt. Heidi Hancock, 446th Services Flight, prepares salad for the 300 people at Kauai for Pacific Lifeline.



quadron and 446th Aerospace Medi-
cific Lifeline exercise.



A Reserve crew with the 313th Airlift Squadron on a C-17 Globemaster from McChord
Air Force Base, Wash., begins taxiing for take-off at Barking Sands Naval Air Sta-
tion, in Kauai. The C-17 was used to transport simulated medical patients during the
Pacific Lifeline exercise.

SOARS



Days to remember

March 25, 1968

The 446th Tactical Airlift Wing, Ellington AFB, Texas, began conversion from the C-119 Flying Boxcars to the C-130 Hercules.

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Robert Bodin, 446th AMXS
 Mary Clouse, 446th AMXS
 Scott Mock, 446th AMXS
 Edgar Reinfeld, 446th AMXS

Master Sergeant

Timothy Haag, 86th APS
 Kristina Kelpis, 446th AES
 Scott Lege, 446th AMXS
 Roy Osman, 446th MXS
 Brian Rivards, 446th AMXS
 John Stimer, 86th APS
 Cory Tsark, 86th APS

Technical Sergeant

Jeremy Burlingame, 36th APS
 Brent George, 446th MXS
 Delena Jones, 446th AMDS
 Jeremy York, 446th AMXS

Staff Sergeant

Nichole Dakin, 86th APS
 Kate Dory, 446th ASTS
 Faye Escobedo, 86th APS
 Christopher Rafko, 446th LRF
 Cameron Raspet, 446th AMXS
 Robert Reinarts, 446th AMXS
 Brendan Riley, 446th ASTS

Senior Airman

Karrie Conway, 446th AW
 Tiffany Koerner, 446th MSS
 Grace Perez, 446th SFS

Airman First Class

Tyler Akers, 86th APS
 Latrice Greenwood, 86th APS
 Cesar Morales, 86th APS
 Christopher Reyes, 446th AMDS
 Annie Schuler, 446th ASTS

Airman

Michael Glover, 446th CES

Newcomers

Senior Master Sergeant

Philip Kollas, 446th AMDS

Master Sergeant

Barry Jones, 446th AW

Technical Sergeant

Michelle Belkot, 446th MSS
 Darric Delmonico, 446th AMXS
 Jeremy Housley, 446th CES
 Allen Murray, 446th CES

Staff Sergeant

Nicholas Deleon, 86th APS
 Chad Eastwood, 86th APS
 Sara Ann Gaddis, 446th MOF
 Jeffery Hood, 446th CES
 Alynn Jones, 446th AMDS
 Alexander Nishikawa, 446th AMXS
 Jeffrey Shropshire, 36th APS
 Ashley Vanegas, 446th AES
 Tara Welch, 86th APS

Senior Airman

Austin Ginter, 446th CES
 Scott Harrison, 446th CES

Randi Marble, 446th MSS
 Zachary Orlosky, 313th AS
 Michael Porter, 446th AMXS
 Andrew Silvis, 446th AMXS

Airman First Class

Jace Kennedy, 446th CES

Airman

Annie Schuler, 446th ASTS

Retirements

Lieutenant Colonel

Beth Drake, 446th ASTS
 William Musgrove, 728th AS

Major

Howard Nelson, 728th AS

Senior Master Sergeant

Stanly Fisk, 313th AS
 Travis Pritchett, 446th MXS

Master Sergeant

Bruce Carter, 36th APS
 Ronny Davis, 446th AMXS
 Milon High, 446th AMDS
 Jamie Kessel, 446th AMXS
 Scot Sherbert, 446th MXG

Technical Sergeant

James Erban, 446th AMXS
 Daniel Sanford, 446th AMXS

Staff Sergeant

Mark Bennett, 446th MSS



U.S. Army photo by Spec. Derek Niccolson

Special delivery

A McChord C-17 drops supplies for U.S. Army Soldiers Feb. 6, for construction of a new forward operating base in the Nangahar province of Afghanistan.

Just Briefly

Who has been the most influential woman in your life? How?

Church

A family friend from church gave me guidance and support when I needed it. Her and my mom were extraordinary examples for me.



◆ *Tech. Sgt. Melissa Boos*
446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Nurse

My mom. She instilled strong values in me with a religious upbringing. She was a nurse and now I'm a med tech, thanks in large part to her.



◆ *Staff Sgt. Ralph Fowler*
446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Chief

Chief Bennett. Her accomplishments make her an excellent role model. When I started my career there weren't too many female chiefs.



◆ *Tech. Sgt. Mila Mercado*
446th Maintenance Squadron

Mother

My mother. She's always been in a supportive role, someone to talk to. She got her college degree after raising three kids pushed me to get mine.



◆ *Staff Sgt. Brendan Riley*
446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

McChord hosts Thunderbirds at Air Expo 2008, July 19-20

McChord officials recently confirmed the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will participate in Air Expo 2008 here July 19-20.

"We're extremely pleased to have the Thunderbirds be a part of our McChord Air Expo 2008," said Maj. Doug Edwards, McChord Air Expo Director. "We plan on making this summer's air expo an outstanding show to commemorate the history of air power and to showcase the aircraft currently engaged in the Global War on Terrorism."

This summer's air expo marks the first hosted by McChord in three years due to high operations tempos. More information on the expo's other featured flying demonstrations will be released closer to the date of the event.

Award-winning spouse is maintenance commander's wife

Mrs. Susan Huguley, wife of 446th Maintenance Group commander, Col. Jon Huguley, is the AFRC Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year. Mrs. Huguley is active in the McChord Spouses Club and the 446th Phoenix Spouse Program.

Flying squadron to represent 4th Air Force for Verne Orr award

The 97th Airlift Squadron is the 4th Air Force nominee for the Verne Orr Award. The unit will represent 4th Air Force at Air Force Reserve Command.

Airman earns Leo Marquez award for maintenance

Senior Airman Christopher Kaplan is the 2007 Air Force Reserve Command's winner of the Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award. The Marquez award is presented for base-level military and civil service aircraft, munitions, and missile maintenance personnel who perform hands-on maintenance or manage a maintenance function. Airman Kaplan, 446th Maintenance Squadron, will now compete at the Air Force-level competition.

Local waitress accused of skimming customer credit cards

According to Lakewood, Wash., police, a server at the Applebee's restaurant in Town Center is accused of using an electric skimmer to gather information from customers' credit cards and then turning the information over to accomplices.

Police said the woman and her accomplices were using the information to create counterfeit cards to use for purchasing high-end electronics.

The skimming took place between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31, police said.

Anyone who used a credit card at the Applebee's in Town Center is encouraged to check their bank statements for fraudulent activity and if they find any they can report it to the Lakewood police.

Armed Forces Night is April 1 with the Seattle Mariners

The Seattle Mariners will take on the Texas Rangers April 1, at the annual Armed Forces Night baseball game. Tickets are available online, or may be ordered through the 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office. Deadline for ordering through the PA office is March 17. Pre-payment for tickets is required. Call PA at 982-3330 for more information.

Tax assistance available through Military OneSource Web site

In 2008, Military OneSource is offering free tax preparation services through the H&R Block TaxCut program.

Users can access the program through the Military OneSource Web site. The program is intended for servicemembers to complete their own tax returns online and it also provides telephonic tax support for those with questions.

Those eligible for the program are active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status), spouses and dependent children (authorized in DEERS), family members handling the affairs of a deployed servicemember, and severely injured servicemembers or family members handling their affairs.

To access the free tax services provided by the Department of Defense, you must be registered and logged in to the Military OneSource Web site.

Participants will have free access to the H&R Block Basic TaxCut program. Those with more complicated returns may incur charges if they upgrade to the H&R Block TaxCut Premium program.

Participants can e-file one state resident return for each federal return that they e-file with TaxCut Online.

Military OneSource tax consultants are available 24/7 by phone at 1-800-730-3802 and by e-mail to help with personal tax-related questions and financial planning.

Best new writer in command works for 446th Airlift Wing

Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz, 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, is the best new writer in Air Force Reserve Command, according to the AFRC Media Competition results.

Airman Kiliz also earned first place in news writing, and second place in sports writing.

Tech. Sgt. Nick Przybyciel took third place in the feature writing category.

Airman Kiliz will now compete at the Air Force Media Competition.

Harsh penalties for GTC misuse

By Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon
Wing Public Affairs

Searching for fallacies in the math, holes in the numbers and keeping financial paperwork in order is the purview of the 446th Airlift Wing's financial management office.

They also keep tabs on how Reservists use their government travel cards and how accurately they file their travel vouchers. Both items seem to spawn a few problems for some Reservists.

There have been instances of government travel card abuse by Airmen using it for their own personal interest and also failing to turn in their travel vouchers in a timely manner. Some past incidents of misuse included cash withdrawals from casinos and gentlemen's clubs, said Tania Otto, 446th Airlift Wing Financial Management and Comptroller, budget analyst.

For those Reservists who don't know, the use of the GTC is severely limited.

Airmen are allowed to use the GTC only when it pertains to their job while on temporary duty. If use of the GTC is found to be of a personal nature, it will not go unseen or unpunished. Personal use of the GTC can lead to getting the card revoked permanently, with no way to have it reissued, said Ms. Otto. Misuse can also lead to more serious military action against the Airman who misused the GTC.

Often times, a lack of knowledge can lead to mistakes.

"The most common errors (in use of the GTC) I notice are the younger Airmen not knowing what the per diem rate is for the duty station they are assigned," said Master Sgt. Patricia Martin, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Support Flight superintendent.

Per diem rate is a daily allowance for living expenses while on TDY.

"I tell (the Airmen) 'Don't use (the GTC) unless it's for official government travel. If you can't be reimbursed for it, don't use it,'" said Senior Master Sgt. Mary Smith, 97th Airlift Squadron, chief of aviation resource management.

Remember, the GTC program is constantly being monitored for any problems.

"There are lots of different reports that the Air Force Auditing Agency conducts on the GTC," said Pamela Batayola, 446th FM, financial analysis officer.

Supervisors keep track of GTC use to make sure Airmen aren't abusing it and review Airmen's travel vouchers regularly.

"I'll look over the travel voucher when the Airman does it for the first time to make sure there are no mistakes and that the voucher is filled out correctly," said Sergeant Martin.

The travel voucher must be filled out accurately in order for accurate reimbursement. Even if an Airman is on vacation, he or she must pay the government travel card bill in full and on time.

To read more of this story, visit www.446aw.afrc.af.mil.

Career workshop set for May 5-6

By Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon
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Reserve enlisted and junior officers are invited to the 446th Airlift Wing career workshop May 5-6 in Hangar 9 here.

Registration forms are available on the 446th AW SharePoint page. Registration ends April 20.

Dress code for the workshop is the uniform of the day. The workshop gives Reservists an opportunity to learn about management and organization, and meet other Reservists in a fun environment.

This will be the fifth annual career workshop hosted by the 446th AW. The theme for this year's workshop is: "Developing Today's Wingman." Topics for the work-

shop include leadership, stress management, financial planning and team building.

The workshop is used to inform and train Airmen with subjects that cannot be covered over a drill weekend. The workshop is an opportunity for Reservists to better themselves as an Airman as well as civilian employees. Read more of this story at www.446aw.afrc.af.mil.

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